



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Orange-Ulster Boces 9:30 AM
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
All Members present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. UCS Spirit: Mark Phillips
Greg Ransom introduced Mark Phillips who spoke about Track and Field equipment and how he could help School Districts, Athletic Directors and Coaches with the equipment they need for the sport. David Coates thanked Mark Phillips for the help and support that he has been to the Middletown School District.
4. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
5. Approval of September 12, 2017 Minutes:
Motion by Sean Michael, 2nd by David Coates to approve.
All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
Motion by Joe Phelan, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve. All in favor. Motion carried.
Greg Ransom read a letter to the Athletic Council from Nugent and Haeussler.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
A review of the Meeting Highlights from October 12, 2017 with an emphasis on the NYSPHSAA Drone Policy, Membership Dues for 2018-2019, Representation Rule, Modified Track and Wrestling, Standing Committees and Action Items.
Back to the Leagues:
 1. Consideration of approval to revise the minimum time between contests for modified Softball pitchers from 2 nights rest to 1 night rest
 2. Consideration of game ending procedure in Baseball Run Rule
 3. Consideration to adjust Regional Rotation when byes allow direct berth to States in Baseball
 4. Consideration to revise the five classification cutoff numbersGreg Ransom discussed the Regional Rotation in Baseball. Chris Mayo asked about the change in the five classification cut off numbers.
8. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Joe Altieri
Joe reviewed the NYSPHSAA Handbook with the friendlier user format, and The Video interpretations. He discussed upcoming Championship Site selections, The Hazing Prevention Program and Unified Sports.
9. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer:
Motion by Tim Bult, second by Dave Coates to approve the combining of teams for the Ellenville and Wawarsing Schools for Baseball (mod, jv and varsity), Softball (mod, jv, and varsity) and Tennis for 2018.
All in favor. Motion approved.
10. Back from the leagues:
 - (a) Section IX to pay for certified Athletic Trainer to attend the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championship.
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Mike Bellarosa – 7 yes votes, 8 no votes, 1 abstain - the motion was not approved.
 - (b) Volleyball Senior All Star Contest
No motion to approve. The issue needs more discussion.

12. Fall Chair Reports:

(a) Cross Country – James Glover and Joe Cahill

No report at this time.

(b) Football – David Coates

Dave thanked the committee for all their hard work. Dave reviewed the upcoming Tournament.

(c/d) Boys Soccer/Girls Soccer –

Jim Osborne reported that the Boys Soccer Committee needs Field Marshalls for the NYSPHSAA Tournament All Star Team information is needed immediately.

Seed Meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

(e) Field Hockey – Deborah Beam

End of season meeting is Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm, Red Hook High School to discuss and review League All Stars and Senior All Star Forms.

Section IX A Championship game 10/23/17 at 4:15 pm, Vassar College

Section IX B Champion – Red Hook

Section IX Class C Tournament:

Onteora host Spackenkill 10/20/17 at 4:30 pm

Class C Semi Final at Dietz 10/24/17 at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Class C Final at Dietz 10/26/17 at 4:00 pm

Regional Finals for Class A-B-C at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm

(f) Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

No report at this time

(g) Volleyball – Stephen Boucher

Seed Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25. The Point card has been sent to the Athletic Directors. All information is online for the Tournament.

(h) Swimming – Pat Ryan

Reviewed the Section IX Championship Tournament

11. Chair Reports:

(a) Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Greg Warren and Michelle Henn

The report is online and distributed to the Athletic Council

The Modified Representatives would like feedback from The Leagues regarding:

1. Consideration for increasing modified playing time to mirror High School rules by the 2018-2019 year
2. Consideration to have the “option” for more games by 2018-2019
3. Consideration for changing “modified” to another name- rebrand
4. Consideration for reformatting of online rules.

(b) Safety – Janet Carey

Janet reviewed the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee with emphasis on the Concussion Management, Tommy Tough Standards, Athletic Trainers, and Anyone Can Save a Life.

(c) Chemical Health – Kermit Moyer

Kermit reviewed the Committee Meeting. Section IX Representatives to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee are:

Andrew Strobach – Wallkill High School

Deeya Modhwadiya – Newburgh Free Academy

SAAC will be having a summit meeting at the NYSPHSAA Football Championship.

(d) Eligibility – Fred Ahart

Eligibility Meeting after the meeting.

(e) Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Clock issues with the Football Officials.

Tim Bult thanked Dennis for his help.

Dennis stated that maybe school districts should look to train school personnel.

(f) Sportsmanship – Adam Kless

The Committee met on September 25, 2017 (Report is in the folder)

The Committee is looking for Sportsmanship Program Ideas. Adam discussed The Uncommon Athlete Program.

(g) Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein

Basketball and Bowling programs are being developed. If you are interested in starting a program, contact Rich.

12. New Business:

- (a) Robbie Greene discussed the upcoming Conferences/Workshop presented by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council.

October 25, 2017 @ 5:00 pm, Location Mt. St. Mary College
Managing Risk Transfer and Student Travel

November 7, 2017 @ 9:15 am, Location Monroe Woodbury High School
Current Legal Issues in Athletics

- (b) Cherie Ramsey – Cheerleading

The 2017-2018 Handbook is online. The Judges Request Form will be sent to the schools hosting Tournaments. Athletic Directors were asked to make sure their coaches attended The Winter Rules Interpretation Meeting Thursday, November 16, 2017- 7:30 pm at Goshen Middle School.

The Section IX Championship is scheduled for February 17, 2018 at Sullivan County Community College. The NYSPHSAA Championship is scheduled for March 3, 2018 in Syracuse, New York.

- (c) Michelle Henn – NYS AHPERD

2017 Catskill Zone Conference

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:45 am to 1:00 pm

The Annual Conference is being held at Monroe Woodbury High School.

- (d) Greg Warren – Council of Administrators

Annual Conference November 15-16, 2017 at the Turning Stone Convention Center

- (e) Tom Cassata – Non Public School Classification

The Committee voted unanimously to move the Boys' and Girls' Basketball programs at John Coleman H.S to Class D for 2017-2018 season.

Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, 2nd by Tim Bult.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Landro, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9:30 am at John Coleman High School

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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Section IX Secretary/Treasurer