



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018
Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
Greg asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the passing of Nick Mancuso, Section IX Nordic Ski Chairperson.
All Athletic Council Member present except Mr. Thomas Bongiovi.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne – Agenda and meeting documents are listed online.
4. Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes
Motion to approve by David Coates, 2nd by Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne – Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd by Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe. NYSPHSAA next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October, 16, 2018. Action and Discussion Items will be reviewed by the Athletic Council.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Dr. Robert Zayas
Review of the letter from Dr. Jeff Rabey and Dr. Lori Caplan NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Co-Chair. The letter addressed “Increased Contest Opportunities.” The Committee supported the conversations and process to bring back the contests pre 2009-2010 school year level. The Athletic Council expressed Fiscal Concerns about bringing back the contests. The Athletic Council also expressed concerns of the Action Item that NYSPHSAA recommend every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full time coverage to their athletic programs. Motion by Mike Bellarossa, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve the Safety Committee proposal. 9 yes and 7 no votes. Motion defeated. This action item seemed like other Unfunded Mandates. Dr. Zayas also discussed the new agreement with the NFHS streaming athletic contests.
8. Combining of Teams Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer – No report at this time.
9. Back from the Leagues:
Greg Ransom will send Chris Mayo and Dennis Burkett the names of the people interested in the Boys Lacrosse and Nordic Ski Chairperson positions - November Agenda.
NYSPHSAA Action and Discussion Items – Back from the Leagues.
 1. Motion by Dr. Katz, 2nd by John Landro to consider approval of the 2019-2020 classification numbers. All in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Previously approved by the Athletic Council.
 3. Motion by Tom Cassata, 2nd by David Coates to consider NYSPHSAA endorsing LTC 631. 9 yes votes, and 8 no votes. Motion defeated.
 - 4,5,6. Action Items will be reviewed by Robbie Greene and Jim Wolfe at the NYSPHSAA Meeting.
 7. Back to the Leagues – Revision to the classifications.
 8. Back to the Leagues- Proposal to address receivership situations.
 9. Back to the Leagues – Proposal to address an influx or decrease in enrollment numbers.
 10. Motion by Mike Bellarossa, 2nd by Marco Lanzoni to use NFHS Playing Rules when available. 14 yes votes, 2 no votes. Motion approved.

11. Motion by Mike Bellarossa, 2nd by David Coates to revise the Practice Requirements for all sports. All in favor. Motion carried.
 12. Motion by Tom Cassata, 2nd by Steve Boucher to revise the Fall, Winter and Spring Sport Seasons. All in favor. Motion carried.
 13. Back to the leagues – future implementation/exploration of e-sports.
 14. Motion by David Coates, 2nd by Hans Sebald to revise football nights rest and maximum contest rules. Motion defeated.
 15. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Sean Michel to approve sites proposed for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships. All in favor. Motion carried.
 16. Motion by Sean Michel, 2nd by Joe Phelan to approve Girls Volleyball Regular Season SOP. Motion defeated.
 17. Motion by Mike Bellarossa, 2nd by John Landro to require Wrestling teams to finalize their schedule no later than the Saturday of Week #28. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - 18/19. Motion by Tom Cassata, 2nd by Ken Hauck to approve (18) a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional Tournmanet when schools are closed due to a weather emergency. (19) When a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment. All in favor. Motion carried.
 20. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by John Landro to approve Ocean Breeze to host the State Indoor Track & Field Championships. All in favor. Motion carried.
 21. Back to the Leagues- Section IX Girls Wrestling Proposal.
 22. Back to the Leagues – Boys Ice Hockey adoption of a video replay protocol.
 23. Motion by Tom Cassata, 2nd by Tim Bult to require Softball regionals to be scheduled Thursday- Monday only, prior to the State Tournament. All in favor. Motion carried.
 24. Motion by Marco Lanzoni, 2nd by David Coates to revise the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Championship format for a separate NYS Federation Championship. All in favor. Motion carried.
 25. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Jim Wolfe to consider approval of Track and Field wheelchair procedures. All in favor. Motion carried.
 26. Back to the Leagues- consider approval to adopt a Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule.
10. Fall Chair Reports:
- Greg Ransom stated school teams must work to play their League contests in order for the Sport Committees to have their Seed Meeting, even if that means playing Back-Back-Back or giving up your home contest to get your athletic contests in. All reports were e-mailed to the Athletic Council.
- Field Hockey – Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Joe Phelan to approve Senior All-Star Contest. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Chair Reports:
- Safety – Janet Carey reported that Section I Athletics has an issue with the Lightning Policy.
- Sportsmanship – Adam Kless – A Spring Coaches Appreciation Day is being planned and an Officials Appreciation Day is being discussed.
12. New Business:
- Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Steve Boucher to approve the waiver of the Representation Rule for 6-4 contests in the following Section IX sports- Alpine/Nordic Skiing, Gymnastics, and Indoor Track. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Section IX Investment Committee: Greg reported the Committee met and recommends that Section IX Athletics invest \$50,000 in their current account. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- NFHS Streaming Section IX Contests. Greg reported that the NFHS will begin streaming some of the Fall Sports.
- Greg Ransom congratulated Robbie Greene on being inducted into the Slippery Rock Hall of Fame.

Steve Boucher requested the OCIAA/MHAL and Section IX to review the jewelry Rule in regards to practice. A proposal will be submitted for review.

Steve Boucher asked if the Leagues – OCIAA/MHAL and Section IX would be interested in Crew as an emerging sport.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Katz, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 9:30 am at John Coleman Catholic High School

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer