



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Meeting Minutes Video Conference Call**

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
All Members present except Jim Wolfe and Michael Bellarosa.
2. Review of Meeting Materials: All documents are online.
3. Approval of May 12, 2020 Minutes:
Motion to approve Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report: Motion to approve Brian Monahan, seconded by Thomas Bongiovi. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe. Section IX Voting Items attached.
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Robert Zayas, Executive Director
Robert updated the Athletic Council on the NYSPHSAA Task Force. The Governor Office, SED and the DOH were on the Video Conference Meeting. At this time there are no answers. The plans are to begin Fall Sports on August 24, 2020. NYSPHSAA has provided guidance regarding On Campus Activities. NYSPHSAA will provide more information as it develops. Chris Mayo asked about Coaching Certification updates. Robert reported there are no changes at this time.
7. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Ken Hauck to approve Warwick, as the Host, with S.S Seward in Football on the Modified, Freshmen and JV levels. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Joe Phelan, seconded by Robbie Greene to approve Downsville, Section IV, as the Host, with Roscoe and Livingston Manor in Boys Soccer on the Modified and Varsity levels. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Back from the Leagues:
NYSPHSAA Action Items attached:
9. Fall Chair Reports:
Greg Ransom announced that all Fall Sport Handbooks need to be submitted this week. Greg, Dennis, Chris and Jim will meet to review the Booklets.
Steve Boucher and Robert Zayas discussed that Volleyball is reviewing the protocols that the sport follows. Volleyball Regional Rotations will be discussed in the future. NYSPHSAA will be providing guidance regarding protocols for the Fall Sports Season.
10. New Business:
 - a. Field Hockey Senior All-Star Contest.
Motion to approve David Coates, seconded by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Section IX Task Force – Greg is working on providing direction and guidance from the Group to the Section IX School Districts.
 - c. Greg Ransom asked the Superintendents about the School Districts Budgets. At this time some School Districts are still counting votes but the results look positive. Greg talked about all Sports Chairpersons needing to hold the line on expenses. He stated savings are necessary to keep costs down.
11. Old Business:
 - a. Section IX Sports Dues Form
Greg Ransom has received a request from a School District to delay payment of their Section IX Dues until School Districts know if they will have their State Aid cut for 2020-2021. After much discussion from the Superintendents in a motion by Joe Phelan, seconded by Thomas Bongiovi the following was approved by the Athletic Council.
By written request from the Superintendent of Schools to the Section IX Executive Director payment of Section IX Dues could be delayed by thirty days from September 1st to October 1st, without a penalty. All Section IX Dues Form, notice of intent to

participate, shall be returned by the written date on the form. The due date for 2020-2021 is June 19, 2020.

- b. Greg Ransom discussed the need for Section IX to provide guidance to the school districts regarding “off season” practices. The Athletic Council stated that everyone should be following the Phase directive announced by the Governor’s Office. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Joe Phelan for Executive Director Greg Ransom to provide guidance through a document to the school districts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Wrestling information from Jeff Culty was provided to the Athletic Directors and Leagues for discussion and review.
- d. Cheerleading – Game Day could be proposing a NYSPHSAA Championship for the Fall of 2021.
- e. Chris Mayo asked Greg Ransom about the Fall Rules Interpretation Meetings and using Zoom on Google to reach the Coaches.
- f. Steve Boucher announced that Superintendent Joe Phelan is retiring June 30, 2020. Section IX Congratulates Joe on his retirement and thanks him for his hard work and dedication.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Phelan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, September 10, 2020 at Orange-Ulster BOCES

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer

Section IX Voting Items

1. Motion by Steve Boucher, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to: Consider approval to expand the current Officials and Appreciation Day to include all three seasons. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Robbie Greene, seconded by Brian Monahan to: Amend the current NYSPHSAA Lightning and Thunder Policy. Motion defeated.
3. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan to: Approve to only present NYSPHSAA awards during the NYSPHSAA State Championships award ceremonies. Motion defeated.
4. Motion by Tom Cassata, seconded by Steve Boucher for:
Field Hockey – approve to revise Rule 4.22 – Game Clock. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by David Coates for: Football to approve a waiver of the nights rest rule and the maximum number of contests for JV Football players. Motion defeated.
6. Motion by John Landro, seconded by Ken Hauck for: Ice Hockey to adopt 17 minute periods. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by David Coates, seconded by Thomas Bongiovi for:
Ice Hockey to adopt 2 referees and 1 linesman for all regional and state final four games. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tim Bult for: Wrestling to utilize 13 Wrestling weight classes there are currently 15. Motion defeated.
9. Motion by John Landro, seconded by Steve Boucher for: Wrestling to approve changes in the Wrestling Handbook. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Ken Hauck for: Indoor Track – Allow a maximum of 1 Relay Team per school at the NYSPHSAA Championship. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by David Coates, seconded by Tim Bult for: Bowling to amend Rule #5.01 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Joe Phelan, seconded by Tom Cassata for: Baseball to revise the baseball pitch count. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by David Coates, seconded by Brian Monahan to: approve Section I proposal-penalty for exceeding maximum number of contests. Motion defeated.
14. Motion by Joe Phelan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve Handbook Committee-Sportsmanship Rule – Player at the same level. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Robbie Greene to approve Handbook Committee – Indoor Track and Field Handbook Language. All in favor. Motion carried.