



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
Wallkill High School – 9:30 am**

## Minutes

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom  
All members present except: Joe Phelan, Brian Monahan, Ivan Katz, Dave Coates, and Michael Bellarosa.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom  
At this time Greg Ransom congratulated Michael Kroemer for his 10 years of service.
3. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
4. Approval of June 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve Tom Cassata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe.  
Review of NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting Highlights with emphasis on the Action Items that were approved, defeated and those that no action were taken on.  
Robbie Greene reviewed the “Discussion” Items that will be Voting Items at the October NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting. Items were sent back to the leagues.  
Robbie Greene reported that at the Summer NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting Section IX was 1 Voting Member short. Section IX is entitled to 4 votes at the Summer Meeting and it is important that we have 4 Voting Members present. Greg Ransom stated that he will be speaking to the Superintendents at the next Section IX meeting. Tom Bongiovi, Ulster Superintendent Representative, stated he was interested in filling that position.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report- Assistant Director Kristen Jadin:  
A review of the Sportsmanship Committee and the new Transfer Rule.
8. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer  
Motion by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbie Greene to approve the merger of:  
Girls Varsity Lacrosse Highland-Marlboro for Spring 2020  
Boys Varsity Lacrosse Highland-Marlboro for Spring 2020  
Varsity Wrestling Fallsburg –Tri Valley for Winter 2019-2020  
Modified Wrestling Fallsburg – Tri Valley for Winter 2019 – 2020  
All in favor. Motion carried.  
The Section IX Athletic Council voted to approve Varsity Football 8– man, Sullivan West-Eldred for Fall 2019. It was also noted with the closing of John Coleman and Wawarsing Christian all merges are voided.
9. Back from the Leagues:
  - a. Girls Golf – Team Championship Format -Leagues will formalize their position at their Meetings next week for the October 8, 2019 Athletic Council Meeting. Back to the Leagues
10. Fall Chair Reports:  
Reports were forwarded to the Athletic Council. Pat Ryan asked about the 11 dive format. Dennis reported that he was working with the Officials Association to get a supplemental agreement to the Section IX Contract. Robbie Greene and Kristen Jadin spoke about the number of judges required to qualify for the State Championship. It is an Action Item at the October NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting. It was also discussed that the Action Item should not be for the Fall 2019 season.  
Steve Boucher, Volleyball Chairperson, requested help from the Athletic Directors regarding a site for hosting the Volleyball Regionals for 2019. Jim Glover discussed the bid process for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship.
11. Chair Reports:  
Updated reports were sent to the Athletic Council.
12. New Business:
  - a. Michelle Henn – Modified Sports Committee  
Greg Ransom reported that Michelle unfortunately has to resign from the Modified Sports Committee due to her administrative responsibilities. Motion to accept with regret Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried. Those interested in the Section IX Modified Sports position please contact Greg Ransom.

- b. David Coates – Neutral Site Policy – Back to the Leagues  
Tom Cassata reviewed the Proposed Neutral Site Policy. Several members of the Athletic Council commented on the problems with the current policy.
  - c. Section IX Treasurer Position:  
Jim Osborne reviewed the Duties & Responsibilities. It was requested to adopt a separate Treasurer position for 2020-2021. Back to the Leagues
  - d. Competitive Cheerleading:  
2019-2020 Coaches and Judges Trainings refer to Handout distributed to Athletic Directors
  - e. Game Day Cheerleading - Back to the Leagues
    - (1) Handout regarding Game Day Skill Restrictions
    - (2) Handout regarding Section IX & I Game Day Cheerleading Competitions
    - (3) Section IX Game Day Cheerleading Handbook. The Coaches would like a Section IX Championship. Dominic Zarrella Athletic Director Saugerties has stated that Saugerties would host a Sectional Championship. He would be the administrator for the event.

Kristen Jadin reported that NYSPHSAA sees Game Day as an Emerging Sport with a possible 2020 East and West Region Contest.
13. Old Business:
- a. BSN Sports Award Program  
Section IX & BSN Sports have signed a three year agreement with BSN Sports becoming a sponsor of Section IX Sports.
14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting:  
Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, proxy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hans Sebald. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9:30 am at Orange-Ulster BOCES

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer