



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Meeting Minutes Video Conference Call**

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
All Members present except Michael Bellarosa.
2. Approval of April 21, 2020 Minutes:
Amend the April 21, 2020 Minutes to include:
Combining of Teams – Mod/Var Girls Cross Country the Host School Livingston Manor with Roscoe/Downsville for the Fall of 2020. Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2020. Motion made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion carried.
Greg Ransom introduced Linda Trapani as the Section IX Treasurer beginning July 1, 2020.
3. Financial Report – Greg discussed Section IX approval by the US Small Business Administration to receive \$27,534.35. The Paycheck Protection Program Application was approved by Orange Bank and Trust. The funds will be used to retain workers and maintain payroll. Motion to approve by Joe Phelan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried. Jim Osborne stated a special thanks to Ed Estrada for his help in the application process.
4. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting will be held May 26, 2020.
5. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Dr. Robert Zayas
Dr. Zayas discussed Governor Cuomo’s Phase in Policy and NYSPHSAA recently released Frequently Asked Questions. The following topics were also reviewed: August 24, 2020 Fall Start Date and NYSPHSAA Task Force.
SED is looking into and NYSPHSAA is having a discussion with the Department of Education relating to: Fall Physicals, CPR/AED and First Aid Training, DASA Training and Extended Eligibility.
6. Greg Ransom stated that he will invite all Athletic Directors and Sport Chairpersons to the June 17, 2020 Section IX Meeting.
7. New Business:
 - a. Application for NYSPHSAA Friends and Neighbors Status has been received from:
 - (1) Faith Christian Academy
 - (2) West Point Middle School
 - (3) John Flannery High SchoolMotion to approve by John Landro, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Section IX Gold Card Policy:
Greg introduced to the Athletic Council the Section IX Gold Card Policy. Motion to approve by David Coates, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Medals and Plaques – Spring 2020
Robbie Greene asked about the awards the Spring Chairpersons have in their possession that will not be distributed due to the cancellation of the Spring 2020 Section IX Championships. Jim Osborne will contact the Spring Chairpersons to discuss the issue.
 - d. Dr. Robert Zayas stated a bill was being introduced in the New York State Assembly that would grant one more year of Athletic Eligibility by all School Districts. This bill does not have a Senate sponsor yet nor has it gone through the full process to become a law. It is something that needs all Athletic Directors and School Districts attention.
 - e. The Athletic Council discussed the School District Budget vote to take place in June and the concerns that many of the Council expressed regarding education and athletics.

- f. Greg Ransom has contacted Superintendents, Athletic Directors and League Representatives to serve on a COVID Task Force Committee for Section IX.

The following people have agreed to serve on the Section IX Covid-19 Task Force:

Tom Cassata
Roberta Greene
Ken Hauck
Joe Phelan
Michael Bellarosa
Sue Lenzian
Lori Hock
Dominic Zarrella
Dennis Burkett
Christopher Mayo
Linda Trapani
Jim Osborne

Greg Ransom will contact members on the date and time of the first meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Bult, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, June 17, 2020 – TBA

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Osborne
Section IX Secretary/Treasurer