



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Wednesday, June 16, 2021

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom  
All members present except Steve Boucher.
2. Review of Meeting Materials  
All information was sent to the Athletic Council
3. Approval of May 11, 2021 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Jim Wolfe, seconded by Ken Hauck. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani  
Motion to approve Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Crown Awards – Presentation by Scott Weinsfield  
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6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
  - a. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by John Landro to approve “Revising the Language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding TASC (GED)”. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Ken Hack to approve Girls/Boys Volleyball: Modified the Selection process of officials. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - c. Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve “NYSPHSAA allow use of a School Based Official”. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - d. Motion by John Landro, seconded by Sue Lenzian to approve revising the Friends and Neighbors application process. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - e. Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve “adopting a new Line up Rule for Girls and Boys Tennis Team Championship at the Regional and NYSPHSAA Tournament.  
Also as a voting Item overtime for Modified Field Hockey will be supported by Section IX as long as it is with League/Section approval.
7. Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director  
Fall Sports for 2021 will begin on August 23, 2021 with no COVID restrictions for Athletic Teams. At this time masks are still required indoors. Digital Ticketing will be used for all NYSPHSAA Championships. Monday, September 13, 2021 is the scheduled date for the Mandated AD Workshop.
8. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer  
Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan – change the Section IX Combining of Teams policy to reflect the qualifying number of 7 weight classes from 8 weight classes. All in favor. Motion carried. This change is due to NYSPHSAA changes from 15 weight classes to 13.  
Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by John Landro to approve the combining of Teams Report. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Spring Chair Reports  
Greg Ransom thanked the Chairpersons for their hard work and dedication. Greg has sent to the Athletic Council the written reports he has received.
10. Fall Chair Reports: The Chairpersons have been submitting their Handbooks for review and they will be posted online as soon as possible.
11. Chair Reports
- f. Sportsmanship – Greg Ransom announced that Mount Academy and Washingtonville High School would receive Section IX Sportsmanship plaques
12. Old Business:
  - a. Girls Tennis Chairperson – Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Robbie Greene to appoint Urvashi Gupta as Section IX Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Bowling Chairperson – Section IX is looking for a Chairperson to work with Sean Collins. Anyone interested please contact Greg Ransom.
  - c. Boys Golf Chairperson – Section IX has an applicant for the position: Jorma Tompuri, James I. O’Neill High School.

d. Protocol Committee – Greg Ransom will be getting the Committee together this summer to review any new guidance from NYSDOH.

13. New Business:

a. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan to approve the Officers and Staff of Section IX for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

President – Tom Cassata

Executive Director – Greg Ransom

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Tim Bult

Secretary – Asst. Treasurer – Jim Osborne

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Steve Boucher

Treasurer – Asst. Secretary – Linda Trapani

Past President – John Landro

Eligibility Chairperson – Tom Cassata

MHAL Coordinator/Officials Negotiator – Dennis Burkett

All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Senior All Star Game – Field Hockey and Football

Motion to approve David Coates, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Resignation of Tom Cassata as Chairperson of Non-Public school classification committee.

Motion to approve with regrets Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried. Greg thanked Tom for his service.

d. Tom Cassata – Non-Public School Classification Committee.

Motion to approve report by David Coates, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. Motion carried.

e. Classification and Philosophy Committee Report – Greg Ransom

Greg Ransom reported that information and details will be sent to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

Greg stated that 6 Classifications starting 2023-2024 looks like a reality. The number presented will be the 75 largest schools in the top Classification and 100 schools in the smallest Classification with the middle four classifications divided equally.

f. Application of the Homestead School as a Member of Section IX and NYSPHSAA for 2021. Greg Ransom and Dennis Burkett did a site visit and discussed Membership with their Administration. The Homestead School Administration is aware of the responsibilities of becoming a Member School District. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. Contract negotiator – Dennis Burkett

Motion to approve Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Robbie Greene to extend the official contract for an additional three years starting 2022-2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

h. Kermit Moyer – NYSAAA

Please send new Athletic Director information.

i. Chris Mayo announced that if any of the Sports Chairpersons need help in setting up their Rules Interpretation Meeting to contact the Athletic Coordinator's Office.

Motion to adjourn – Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Have a great summer!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Osborne

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