



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020
Zoom Meeting – 9:30 am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom- All members present except Raymond Castellani.
Greg asked for a moment of silence because of the passing of Fred Ahart, Roscoe CSD Athletic Director, Coach and Section IX Eligibility Chairperson. Section IX has dedicated the 2020-2021 Section IX Directory in Fred’s name.
2. Review of Meeting Materials- Jim Osborne
3. Approval of June 17, 2020 Minutes
Motion to approve by Jim Wolfe, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Section IX Task Force – Greg Ransom
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Robbie Greene.
The Section IX Athletic Council accepts the recommendation of the Section IX COVID-19 Task Force to implement Scenario Three as Section IX returns to an athletic competition plan. It states the following:
Winter Sports begin November 30, 2020
Fall Sports to begin March 2021 – Date TBA
Spring Sports to begin May 2021 – Date TBA
16 yes votes 1 no vote 1 absent
Greg Ransom thanked the committee for all their hard work especially Chris Ericson, Department of Health and Joe Phelan who retired as Superintendent but has stayed on the Committee providing leadership to the group.
Greg reviewed the voting process of the Section IX Athletic Council.
The four Superintendent Representatives vote is based on their representative group of Superintendents.
The MHAL and OCIAA Representatives vote is based on their League Meetings.
The Principal vote is based on the four groups represented.
The Officers and Executive Director of Section IX vote their conscience.
Greg talked about moving forward and reviewed the determining factors of this decision.
 - a. Safety of the students
 - b. So many of the Section IX school districts are conducting all classes via remote learning.
It should be noted that Section IX will monitor developments and can make changes when needed.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
The NYSPHSAA Representatives will need direction from the Leagues on possible voting items.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director
Robert reported on the “Return to Interscholastic Athletics” and the press release of NYSPHSAA moving Football, Volleyball, and Competitive Cheerleading to a start date of March 1, 2021.
Robert stated that we have to look ahead and that NYSPHSAA has struggled to get answers.
Robert was asked about the reconditioning of Athletic equipment. It will be looked into and reported back to the Section.
8. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer – No action at this time.
9. Section IX Eligibility Chairperson – Greg Ransom
Motion by David Coates, seconded by Steve Boucher to appoint Tom Cassata as Eligibility Chairperson.
All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Back from the Leagues – NYSPHSAA Items
The Leagues will be discussing Items at their next meeting.
11. Fall Chair Reports – No reports at this time.
12. Chair Reports – No reports at this time.
13. Old Business – None at this time.

14. New Business:

- a. Greg Ransom Congratulated NYSPHSAA School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award Winners

School of Distinction

Monroe Woodbury H.S
Port Jervis H.S
Stissing Mountain H.S
Valley Central H.S

School of Excellence

Goshen Central H.S
James I. O'Neill H.S
Marlboro Central H.S
Minisink Valley H.S
Rhinebeck H.S
Spackenkill H.S
Wallkill H.S

- b. Greg Ransom stated he was going to set up a Meeting with the Section IX Sports Chairpersons
c. NYSPHSAA – Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
i. Dolce McPherson – Fallsburg
ii. Alex Boucher – Red Hook
Section IX would like to thank these student athletes for their commitment to promote safety, sportsmanship and leadership.
d. Chris Mayo stated that Indoor Track at West Point is being reviewed. West Point has asked for a plan of attack if Section IX used Gillis Field House.
e. The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley sent a letter to Section IX thanking Maureen Ryan and Scott Warner for their support of food and donations to the Food Bank. The Section IX Boys Swimming Section IX Championship supported the “Stuff the Pool” event.

15. The NYSPHSAA Mandated Athletic Director Workshop scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020 has been **CANCELLED**. NYSPHSAA will schedule a workshop online at a later date.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at Orange-Ulster BOCES or via conference call at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer