



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to order – Greg Ransom – All members present.
Greg welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year. Greg recognized David Franskevicz, former Athletic Director at Sullivan West School District as the 2020-2021 Dr. William Moran recipient. Congratulations Dave. David was presented with a plaque and the school district was presented with a plaque honoring David.
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of the November 10, 2020, November 23, 2020 and the November 25, 2020 Athletic Council Minutes. Motion was made by Robbie Greene, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report was given by Linda Trapani. Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Steve Boucher to approve. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX budget for 2021-2022 was presented to the Athletic Council. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan to approve. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Section IX representatives to NYSPHSAA need information from today's meeting. Back from the leagues.
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
At this time there is no new information/details from the Governor's Office. No timeline for High Risk Sports to start have been announced, updates will be provided as soon as possible.
The Athletic Council had discussion on starting High Risk Sports. Greg reminded everyone that Low/Moderate sports could begin January 4, 2021 for the MHAL schools and January 19, 2021 for the OCIAA schools. Starting sports is a school decision based on the MHAL/OCIAA Leagues.
7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer – No report at this time.
8. Back from the Leagues.
 - a. Motion to use the Cohort Numbers for NYSPHSAA Classification was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. Motion was defeated.
 - b. Motion to approve School of Distinction/Excellence No Merged Team Requirement was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Motion to approve the elimination "private school within that district's boundaries" from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. Motion was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Motion to approve addition to the Sportsmanship Officials Card was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Motion to modify in Wrestling the current appeals procedure was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Motion to approve the change in the Classification Cut-Off Numbers in General 2 Divisions was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by David Coates. Motion was defeated. Discussion followed regarding looking at the future classification cut off numbers.
 - g. Motion to approve the change in the Classification Cut-Off Numbers in General 5 Sport was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Ken Hauck. Motion was defeated.
Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Ray Castellani to approve:
 - i. NYSPHSAA Representatives request a freeze to the Classification Cut Off Numbers for 2021, for one year.
 - ii. Request NYSPHSAA to convene a committee to review the classification cut off numbers.
 - iii. Section IX to appoint a committee, Executive Director would appoint, that would propose for discussion. Classification Cut Off Numbers. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - h. Section IX Contest Guidelines Winter 2020-2021 were revised to be presented to the Athletic Council. Greg Ransom will send this to the Athletic Council and Leagues.
9. Winter Chair Reports:
Section IX Athletics Winter Sports Season Championships. Information was sent to the Athletic Council regarding the Sport Chairpersons proposals on culminating events. Discussion followed.
10. Chair Reports:
Safety – Janet Carey reported that Athletic Directors and Coaches interested in Professional Development related to injuries could contact her for information.
11. Old Business: No report

12. New Business:

- a. Greg Ransom will be setting up a Fall 2 Sports Chairperson meeting after January 19, 2021.
- b. Motion to approve the sponsorship rights sales agreement with TPG and Section IX was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Greg announced NYSPHSAA is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Foundation Committee of NYSPHSAA. Please contact Greg if you are interested.
- d. Kermit Moyer announced that the NYSAAA Conference will be held February 22-26, 2021.
- e. David Coates announced the two students representing Chapter 9 for the NIAAA/NYSAAA Scholarship at the New York State level are:

Sarah Stevens – Ellenville

Ethan Alexander- Ellenville

- f. Chris Mayo announced that the new program and website for the ROIA will be up and operational soon. Chris thanked Dan Morse for all his hard work in getting this challenging task up and running.

13. Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – Zoom Conference

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer