



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 15, 2022

### 1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Michael Bellarosa, Roberta Greene, Ken Hauck, and Suzanne Lenzian.

### 2. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne, Secretary

All materials were sent to the Athletic Council, Athletic Chairpersons, Athletic Directors, and posted on the Section IX website.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2022

*Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### 4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani, Treasurer

*Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Linda also reminded the Athletic Directors that the Winter Invoices were sent out and a copy of the Section IX Dues Form for 2022-23 was included in the packet of information.

At this point in the meeting, Greg Ransom, Executive Director, presented to John Landro a plaque and Section IX Gold Card in appreciation of his hard work and dedication as a member of the Athletic Council.

Also, Greg Ransom asked the Athletic Council to support the Nomination of James Osborne to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

*Motion to approve by Jim Wolfe, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### 5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Robbie Greene and Jim Wolfe

- a. Section III – Cheerleading Classifications: Section IX is waiting for more information.
- b. Safety Committee – Tornado Policy  
*Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan 2022-2027  
*Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- d. BEDS Enrollment used for NYSPHSAA Classification – Section III  
*Motion to approve by David Coates, seconded by Ray Castellani. Motion defeated.*
- e. Girls Soccer – Revise Overtime Procedure  
*Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, seconded by Marco Lanzoni. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- f. Football – Adopt NFHS Rules for 8-Man Football  
*Motion to approve by Marco Lanzoni, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- g. Football – Adopt Revised Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2023-2024  
*Motion to approve by David Coates, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- h. Boys & Girls Tennis – Eliminate Consolation Matches and Add Only Medal Playoffs at the NYSPHSAA State Tournament  
*Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- i. Ice Hockey – Revise Post-Season Overtime Procedure
- j. Ice Hockey – Revise Language in NYSPHSAA Handbook on Goalie Warmup Time  
*Motion to approve both Ice Hockey items by Brian Monahan, seconded by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.*

- k. Gymnastics – Allow Competitors the Option to Wear Spandex/Lycra Shorts During Competition
- l. Gymnastics – Approval to Make Three (3) Scoring Changes in the Technical Handbook  
*Motion to approve both items by Brian Monahan and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- m. Championship Advisory Committee
  - i. Officials Fees and Policies Revision for Football  
*Motion to approve by David Coates and seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - ii. Officials Submission Procedures at State Semi-Finals and Finals  
*Motion to approve both items by David Coates and seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - iii. Use of Stand By Official on the Field for State Semi-Finals and Finals  
*Motion to approve by David Coates and seconded by Tim Bult. Motion defeated.*

6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

- a. Dr. Zayas discussed the recently completed NYSPHSAA Spring Championships. Greg Ransom congratulated all the Section IX Champions and NYSPHSAA participants.
- b. NYSPHSAA will recommend to the Executive Committee that all sports abide by the NFHS Jewelry Rule.
- c. Dr. Zayas reviewed the Bona Fide Student rule.
- d. Further review of the Name, Image and Likeness Rule needs to take place, so Athletic Directors and athletes understand the policy.

7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella

*Motion to approve 2022-23 Combining of Teams as presented to the Athletic Council was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.*

8. Spring Chair Reports

Greg Ransom congratulated all the Spring Sport Chairpersons on a great job under difficult circumstances.

9. Fall Chair Reports

Greg Ransom emailed to the Athletic Council the Fall reports submitted ~ Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, and Game Day Cheerleading. Football will be discussed by David Coates under New Business.

10. Chair Reports

- a. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless discussed the potential of a proposal to be voted on by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee possibly at the summer meeting. There was concern by the Athletic Council and Greg Ransom about the Leagues and The Athletic Council not reviewing the proposal before a vote would take place.
- b. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein discussed the growth of the sport with more schools starting programs and with more sports being added. Rich thanked the Athletic Council for the support given. Greg wanted to thank Rich for leading the way and helping school districts develop programs.

11. Old Business – None reported.

12. New Business

- a. *Motion by Tim Bult and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Senior All-Star Contest for Field Hockey. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. *Motion to approve the resignation of Softball Chairpersons, Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher, with regret was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.*

- c. BSN Sports Contract Agreement for three (3) years, July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Annually, BSN will provide 1,200 short-sleeve t-shirts with the Section IX Championship logo for the athletes. BSN will give a one-time credit of \$5,000 to the Section for Campus Branding. In return, Section IX agrees to allow BSN Sports to present at the Section IX Athletic Directors meeting twice annually and to prominently display the BSN Sports logo on the Section IX website.  
*Motion to approve by Ray Castellani and seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- d. The NFHS would like to offer two (2) free Pixellot units, including equipment, software, installation, and maintenance. The NFHS will contact the Athletic Directors regarding this proposal.  
*Motion to approve sending the contact information of the Athletic Directors to the NFHS was made by Jim Wolfe and seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*  
Jim Osborne will ask about the cost for extra cameras for “Legacy Schools” and a NFHS portable kit for Section IX Athletics.
- e. *Motion by David Coates and seconded by Brian Monahan to Eliminate the COVID Seeding/Qualifications Procedure currently being followed by all sports in Section IX. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- f. *Motion by Ray Castellani and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve the sites for 2022 Football Playoff Schedule:*
- November 11, 2022 – 8-Man – 6 pm at Spackenkill HS*
  - November 11, 2022 – Class A – 6 pm at Goshen HS*
  - November 11, 2022 – Class B – 6 pm at O’Neill HS*
  - November 12, 2022 – Class AA – 12 noon at Newburgh Free Academy*
  - November 12, 2022 – Class C – 3 pm at Newburgh Free Academy*
- All in favor. Motion carried.*
- g. Football Committee proposes a COVID Game Forfeiture Policy. A proposal will be forthcoming for the Athletic Council to review, discuss, and vote on. More information to follow.
- h. Robbie Greene would like to recommend a Name, Image and Likeness Workshop for Athletic Directors. A second proposal for a workshop is regarding student-athletes and mental health. The workshops would be conducted similar to the course given for Athletic Directors on Safety in Athletics. The workshops would be held at Mount St. Mary College in the Fall of 2022. They would be morning workshops with lunch provided. Robbie would also like to report that Mount St. Mary has positions open, if anyone is interested: Head E-Sports Coach, Associate Athletic Director, Head Tennis Coach, and Assistant Coach for Cross Country/Track & Field.

**Next Section IX Meeting Date:**

In person on Thursday, September 8, 2022, 9:30 am

**Mandated Athletic Director Workshop:**

In person on Monday, September 12, 2022, Breakfast at 8:30 am and Workshop begins at 9:30 am

**13. Adjournment – Section IX**

*Motion to adjourn by John Landro, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne  
Section IX Athletics, Secretary