



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 4, 2022

### 1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Jim Wolfe, Ken Hauck, and Sue Lenzian.

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

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2021

Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan, to approve the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Section IX Budget by Ray Castellani, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Robbie Greene announced that the Winter NYSPHSAA is scheduled for February 2, 2022, and the voting items back from the Leagues will be reported to NYSPHSAA.

- a. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Steve Boucher to approve Championship Philosophy – Criteria for Sixth Classification. 14 YES, 1 NO, 3 ABSENT. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Ray Castellani and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Classification Cut Off Format. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Motion by Brian Monahan and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve Boys Ice Hockey – NYSPHSAA Officials Fees & Policies. All in favor. Motion carried.

### 6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

- a. NYSPHSAA will begin Strategic Planning Committee February 16-17, 2022. The Planning Committee will seek representation from each Section. The report will be for 2023-2028.
- b. NYSPHSAA is also looking for a Superintendent Representative as a NYSPHSAA Officer. The commitment is for eight (8) years.
- c. Dr. Zayas reviewed the New York State DOH mask mandate requirement.
- d. The NYSPHSAA Championship Protocols moving forward will be revised. Look for the update to follow. Currently, RIT and Ocean Breeze are the only venues that have vaccine mandates.

### 7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult

Motion by Tim Bult and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve the presented Combining of Teams. All in favor. Motion carried.

### 8. Winter Chair Reports

- a. Boys and Girls Basketball  
Steve Boucher reported that contests most likely will need to play at the Higher Seed.
- b. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
Similar to the Girls Swimming & Diving Championship, the Boys Swimming Championship would like the Athletic Council to approve no spectators on the first day, Thursday, February 17, 2022, at Valley Central High School. Section IX would look to get the NFHA to stream the

contest. Motion by Brian Monahan and seconded by Robbie Greene to approve no spectators on Boys Swimming, Thursday, February 17, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Winter Track

Greg Ransom reported that Section IX is having Official Assignment issues at Armory and Ocean Breeze.

d. Nordic Skiing – Ann Gregory

Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Ray Castellani to approve the by-law change, “An athlete must compete in three contests.” All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Cheerleading

Motion by Tim Bult and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve language for the Cheerleading Handbook – Section IX – Team size. “NYSPHSAA Divisions and Classes: 2 Divisions – I and II, small class and large class in each division, 1 co-ed division. Section IX Cheerleading teams will submit its’ team division/size to the Section IX Cheerleading Chairperson two weeks after first practice and will remain in that division for the duration of the competitive season.” All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reduction of the Representative Rule from 3 to 2. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Chair Reports

a. Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Section IX needs a representative to NYSPHSAA

b. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein

Bowling is beginning next week with Basketball to start in April.

10. Old Business

None to report.

11. New Business

a. Section IX Classification Committee

JJ Gass will be reporting to the Athletic Council.

b. GoFan – Section IX

This is the cashless payment system that Section IX used in the Fall Championship Tournament for Volleyball, Soccer, and Football. NYSPHSAA used GoFan exclusively in all their Championships. Section IX would use Square and cash as the absolute last resort. Spectators will not be refused entrance.

Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Greg Ransom discussed the Leagues concern about schools/athletes getting COVID and not being eligible after being crowned Section IX Champion. This is not a Section IX issue but will be determined by NYSPHSAA. NYSPHSAA is responsible for Regional and NYSPHSAA Tournaments.

d. Girls Lacrosse 2023

Leslie Alborn and Wendy Crandall will be resigning after this Spring season 2022. Greg Ransom thanked them both for their service to Section IX Athletics.

Motion to approve, with regret, the resignation of Leslie Alborn and Wendy Crandall by Tim Bult and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Selina DeCicco as Co-Coordinator of Boys & Girls Tennis. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Greg Sirico would like the Leagues and the Athletic Council to review the current COVID Game Policy as it relates to seeding. Greg Ransom suggested that Greg Sirico make a recommendation to the Leagues and then the Section for the Spring season.

- g. Steve Boucher asked about the Section establishing a Spectator Policy for all the school districts. The Superintendents responded that the school districts should develop their own individual policy without Sectional approval.
- h. Steve Boucher asked that Section IX establish an Adhoc Committee for seeding purposes. Greg Ransom recommended the Leagues establish representation.
- i. Steve Boucher asked if other Athletic Directors were concerned with the “balance of sports” for the Fall season. Greg Ransom will inquire from the other Sectional Executive Directors if there is any interest in looking into this topic.
- j. David Coates reported that a proposal would be submitted for a Regional 8-man Football Championship for 2022. The Tournament would be designed for the C/D schools of 396 enrollment and less. More information to follow.

12. Adjournment – Section IX

Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Ray Castellani, to adjourn the Section IX meeting. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Video conference at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne

Section IX Athletics, Secretary