



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 5, 2021

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Jim Wolfe and Ray Castellani.

Greg welcomed to the Athletic Council, Dr. Joseph Morgan, Ulster County Superintendent Representative.

2. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne, Secretary

All materials were sent to the Athletic Council and posted online.

3. Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2021

Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult, to approve the minutes. Motion by John Landro, seconded by Sue Lenzian, to approve the addendum to the minutes. All in favor of minutes with addendum. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani

Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Criteria for Sixth Classification (February 2, 2022 vote)

b. Classification Cut-off Format (February 2, 2022 vote)

Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz, to approve the following:

c. Girls Volleyball – New Regional Assignments

d. Girls/Boys Swimming & Diving – Enter Relay Teams Without Individual Athlete Names

e. Tennis – Mandate all Tennis players to claim profiles on UTR

f. Girls Tennis – Regional Rotation – Team Competition starting in 2021

g. Competitive Cheerleading – Increase minimum number of contests to qualify for States from 2 to 3

h. Boys Tennis – Regional Rotation – Team Competition starting in 2022

All in favor. Motion carried.

i. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan, to approve NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule Revision. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

Dr. Zayas reviewed the Department of Health guidance regarding the mask policy and officials being subjected to vaccination or being tested weekly. NYSPHSAA is meeting with Executive Directors, staff, and representatives of all officials' associations.

7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer

Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan to approve the merger of the host school – Liberty with Sullivan West and Eldred in Modified, JV, and Varsity Wrestling. As long as the weight certification does not reflect any of the three schools being able to field seven or more weight classes. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Our Lady of Lourdes – Greg Ransom

Greg introduced Bill Kyle, Athletic Director, who answered questions from the Athletic Council. Mr. Kyle reported that Lourdes had JV and Varsity programs but no Modified programs. In 5-sport classifications, Lourdes is currently a Class A school, but in Girls Basketball, they are a AA school. Motion by Robbie Greene, seconded by Brian Monahan, to accept Our Lady of Lourdes High School into Section IX beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan, to place Our Lady of Lourdes in the MHAL for scheduling purposes for 2022-2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Fall Chair Reports

- a. Volleyball – Steve Boucher is working on sites for the Section IX Championships
- b. Football – David Coates

The Committee is meeting this week to finalize dates, sites, and times for the Championships.

c. Game Day Cheerleading – Patti Archiere reporting that the Championship will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at James I. O'Neill High School.

- d. Girls Swimming – Chris Sammons

Scott Warner, Site Chairperson, stated that it would be very difficult to host the Preliminaries for Girls Swimming if spectators were allowed.

Motion by David Coates, seconded by Brian Monahan, to *not allow* spectators at the Section IX Girls Swimming Preliminary event held on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Valley Central High School. All in favor. Motion carried.

Section IX will work with the NFHS to have the Preliminaries streamed to all those interested in viewing the contest.

- e. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

Girls Class A is in need of a Representative to the Committee.

10. Chair Reports

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – report attached
- b. Safety – report attached
- c. Student Athlete Advisory – Committee is meeting this week
- d. Eligibility – no meeting, after the meeting
- e. Officials Coordinator – no concerns at this time
- f. Sportsmanship – report attached
- g. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein reported that Bowling and Spring Basketball are moving forward

11. Old Business

- a. Sue Lendzian announced that the 2021-2022 Dr. William Moran Award was presented to Jim Osborne.

- b. Wrestling

Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan, to approve a certified trainer from Section IX attend the NYSPHSAA Tournament paying for meals, mileage, and any difference in the pay rate from NYSPHSAA. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by David Coates, to approve “True Second Matches.” All in favor. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- a. Bowling By-law change

Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by David Coates to approve as presented to the Athletic Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Chris Mayo presented to the Athletic Council an Officials Vaccination/Testing Process. Chris reviewed the process/procedure and answered questions.

- c. Dan Morse discussed Indoor Track and announced that most likely West Point will not be available this year. Therefore, other alternatives are being looked into, such as other venues and outdoor events.
- d. Nugent & Haeussler report was read to the Athletic Council. Gary Theodore, CPA, recommended that all current procedures being used by the organization stay in place.
- e. NYSAA Report
Kermit Moyer reported that he is working with the new Athletic Directors to establish NYSAAA membership. Kermit reported the 2022 Tentative Conference Program Schedule is posted on the NYSAAA website. The Conference will run from Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to Friday, March 18, 2022.

13. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Sue Lenzian, to move into Executive Session. All in favor.
Motion carried.

14. Adjournment – Section IX

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

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Video conference at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne

Section IX Athletics, Secretary