



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Thursday, June 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
All members present except Mike Bellarosa, Steve Boucher, and Ken Hauck.
2. Review of Meeting Materials
The Athletic Council was provided the meeting materials and they were posted online.
3. NYSAAA Awards
Sue Lenzian presented the NYSAAA Awards to Kevin Gleason, Distinguished Service Award, and Greg Ransom, Otis Sennett Award. Congratulations to both!
4. Approval of May 9, 2023, Minutes
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report - Linda Trapani
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.
Greg Ransom stated that School Districts need to complete the Section IX Dues Form. Also, Winter Invoices sent to School Districts need to be paid to Section IX as soon as possible.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
Items presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:
NYSPHSAA Voting Items -
 - a. CAC – Use of Standby Official on the Field – Football Semi-Finals and Finals 2023 Season
 - b. CAC – NYSPHSAA Fees & Policies Document Update from September 2023 to June 2026
 - c. Handbook Committee – Adding language to the Representation Regulation letter d. “Board-approved coaches may help facilitate practice” – start date Fall 2023
Motion to approve all three items by Marco Lonzoni, seconded by Joe Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Undue Influence Prescribed Penalty
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. No votes in favor, 15. Votes against the Motion was defeated.
 - e. Safety Committee: Mandating Anyone Can Save a Life Program
Motion to approve with a start date of 2024 by Brian Monahan, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Modified: Addition to Modified Wrestling Overtime
 - g. NFHS Implicit Bias Course
Motion to approve both items by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - h. NYSHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Structure
This proposal has been removed from the Summer Meeting.

- i. Penalties: Derogatory or Inappropriate Behavior
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, seconded by Joe Morgan with possible editorial change replacing “that fail to protect” with “failed to address.” Dr. Zayas is working with the DEI Committee on the editorial change. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - j. Sportsmanship: Derogatory or Racially Explicit Language, Discriminatory Harassment, or Bias Conduct
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - k. Girls & Boys Volleyball – “Purple Card” Sportsmanship Policy
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, seconded by Tim Bult. No votes in favor, 15 votes against. Motion defeated.
 - l. Girls Volleyball – Revise NYSPHSAA Tournament Bracket Play
Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, seconded by Jason Semo. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - m. Girls Volleyball – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2023-2025
 - n. Girls Soccer – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2023-2030
 - o. Boys Soccer – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2021-2026
 - p. Baseball – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2024-2029
 - q. Boys Lacrosse – New Regional Rotation 2028-2033
Motion to approve by Robbie Greene, seconded by Tom Cassata, to amend the above Motions to be for one (1) year 2023-2024. All in favor. Motion carried.
This will give the Philosophy Committee, NYSPHSAA, and the Sport Committees time to review a more equitable Regional Rotation.
 - r. Competitive Cheerleading – Classification Cut-off Numbers
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - s. Gymnastics – Revised Scoring Changes to the Technical Handbook
 - t. Girls and Boys Bowling – Classification Cut-off Numbers
 - u. Boys Swimming & Diving – Qualifying Standards 2023-24
Motion to approve letters s., t., and u. made by Ray Castellani, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - v. Boys & Girls Lacrosse – Request Earlier Start Date for 2024
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Ray Castellani. No votes in favor, 15 votes against. Motion defeated.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
- a. Dr. Zayas thanked everyone for their patience regarding the weather issues that happened during Championship Week.
 - b. NYSPHSAA hosted two Committees this past week. The Philosophy Committee met and more information will be coming out soon. The Combining of Teams Committee met. Dr. Zayas stated Section IX has the best procedure of all the Sections in New York. The Committee may be proposing a change in the graduated scale from 40% to 50% for Class C and from 30% to 40% for Class D for implementation for 2024-2025.
 - c. NYSPHSAA will celebrate the 100-Year Anniversary of NYSPHSAA, which began in 1923.
8. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella
Dominic Zarrella presented the Host School Red Hook with Germantown for Football on the Varsity and Modified A level.
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Spring Chair Reports
Greg Ransom thanked the Spring Sports Chairs for all their hard work. He sent to the Athletic Council the reports that were forwarded to him.
10. Fall Chairs Reports
Football – David Coates
Motion to approve the sites for the Section IX Championships: Class AA – Newburgh; Class A – Goshen; Class B & 8-Man – James I. O’Neill; Class C – Spackenkill.
Motion to approve by Robbie Greene, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Chair Reports
 - a. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Sue Lenzian
Sue reported that she will represent NYSPHSAA at the NFHS Leadership Conference this summer.
 - b. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless
Greg Ransom reported that the 2022-2023 Sportsmanship winners were Roscoe and New Paltz.
12. Old Business
None to report.
13. New Business
 - a. Section IX Athletics 2023-2025 Officers
Section IX Athletics 2023-2024 Personnel
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Field Hockey – Senior All-Star Contest
Motion to approve by Marco Lanzoni, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Section IX Meeting Dates/Sites for 2023-2024
UPDATE:
 - i. Monday, September 11, 2023 – Mandated AD Workshop at Otterkill Country Club at 8:30 am
 - ii. Thursday, November 2, 2023, will be a Zoom Meeting
 - iii. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, will be a Zoom Meeting*Motion to approve changes by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - d. Principal Representative
Ken Hauck has notified Greg Ransom that, when his term ends, he will not seek another term. Greg publicly thanked Ken for his service. Ken will represent Section IX at the NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting. If any High School Principal is interested in the Section IX Principal Representative position, please contact Greg Ransom.
 - e. Hall of Fame Nomination
Motion to approve by Sue Lenzian, seconded by Brian Monahan, to move forward the Nomination of Roberta Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Section IX Partnership with the Orange Bank & Trust.
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - g. NFHS Agreement
Greg Ransom announced that Section IX is negotiating with the NFHS on a contract to stream Section IX Championships.
 - h. Greg Ransom congratulated Jonnah O’Donnell and Dominic Zarrella on their retirements. Greg also thanked the Athletic Council for their service.

- i. Greg Ransom congratulated Middletown High School, David Coates, and Kevin Gleason on their great job hosting the NYSPHSAA Track & Field Championship.
- j. Robbie Greene reported that former Superintendent of Sullivan West, Dr. Nancy Hackett, is working with Aaron Judge's All-Rise Foundation to promote summer reading for elementary students. Books selected will feature positive, character development themes through sports. When the initiative is finalized, more information will be available. Also, Robbie reported that when the revised Title IX Regulations are available, the Mid-Hudson School Study Council will host a workshop.

14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Brian Monahan and seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 7, 2023
Orange-Ulster BOCES, 9:30 am

Monday, September 11, 2023
Mandated Athletic Director Workshop
Otterkill Golf Course, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics, Secretary