



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 11, 2023

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Ray Castellani, Jason Semo, and Marco Lanzoni.

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 March 14, 2023

Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani, Treasurer

Motion to approve by Joe Morgan, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

- a. Dr. Zayas reported that NYSPHSAA is working on the approved Strategic Plan. The DEI Committee is meeting today with possible proposals moving forward.
- b. Dr. Zayas also talked about the Ball Adoption proposal for 2024-2029. NYSPHSAA is recommending the Spalding Company.
- c. Todd Nelson, Associate Director of NYSPHSAA, spoke about school-based officials.

6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - Roberta Greene and David Coates

Voting Items:

- a. *Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. *Motion by Steve Boucher and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve the Distribution of Digital Certificates for All Championships. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. *NYSPHSAA Meeting Structure and Timeline moved to Central Committee Meeting.*
- d. *Motion by Joe Morgan and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Girls & Boys Tennis Classification Cut-off Numbers. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- e. *Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Revision of Game Day Cheer to Sunday of Week #18. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- f. *Motion by Joe Morgan and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Early Season Practice Language in Football. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- g. *Motion by Sue Lenzian and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve New Practice Start Date for Football. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- h. *Motion by Joe Morgan and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve to Allow Cell Phones to be Used for Girls & Boys Golf as Distance Measuring Device. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- i. *Motion by Tim Bult and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Girls Golf ~ Establishing a Maximum of Scoring at 3x Par for Each Hole at the NYSPHSAA Championship. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- j. *Motion by Sue Lenzian and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Outdoor Track & Field Classification Cut-off Numbers. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- k. *Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve Removal of Hand Timing from Qualifying Standards for Outdoor Track & Field. All opposed. **Motion defeated.***
- l. *Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve a Meet Format for Super Qualifier in Outdoor Track & Field. All in favor. Motion carried.*

- m. *Motion by Brian Monahan and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve NYSPHSAA Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.*

7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella

Report sent to the Athletic Council and posted online. Information is attached.

8. Spring Chair Reports

- a. Girls Golf – Bill Earle reporting on the April 24, 2023, Invitation

9. Chair Reports

- a. Safety
Todd Nelson discussed the review of the Heat Index Policy
- b. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lenzian
Sue discussed the NYSPHSAA Conference held on March 30, 2023. It was a positive experience for all who attended. Section IX Representatives are looking to develop a local SAAC Committee.
- c. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless
 - i. Sportsmanship Promotion Survey deadline is April 21, 2023.
 - ii. Officials Appreciation Days - April 25-27, 2023
 - iii. Coaches Appreciation Days - May 16-18, 2023

10. Old Business

- a. Section IX Seeding Committee Report – Greg Ransom
Greg thanked the Committee for their hard work in developing Qualifying Standards for the Fall of 2023.
Motion by Steve Boucher and seconded by David Coates to approve. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Classification Committee – JJ Gass
Greg reviewed with the Athletic Council and JJ Gass answered questions regarding the proposal as written.
Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz and seconded by Tim Bult to approve Mount Academy Girls Soccer as a Class C Classification School for the Fall of 2023. 10 Yes; 3 No; 4 Absent.
After a long discussion, Greg Ransom recommended that the Committee meet again to review their recommendation.
Motion by Brian Monahan and seconded by Tim Bult to Table for the Votes on the Classification Committee Recommendation to be brought back for the Section IX Meeting in May or for an online vote. 16 Yes; 1 No. Motion approved.

11. New Business

- a. Section IX Sports Dues 2023-2024
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan and seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Increase in Committee Representation for the Classification Committee starting July 1, 2023
Motion by Steve Boucher and seconded by Brian Monahan to approve. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Section IX Boys Swimming Chairperson
Motion made by Sue Lenzian and seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve Daniel Wargo as Section IX Boys Swimming Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. *Motion to accept Rob Gravelle's resignation with regret as Section IX Boys Basketball Chairperson made by Robbie Greene and seconded by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- e. Robbie Greene recommended that a Boys Volleyball Committee be set up to start a pilot program. Greg Ransom stated he will bring this forward to the MHAL and OCIAA.

- f. Spalding Ball Adoption
Proposal for 2024-2029, Section IX would receive \$22,085 per year under the Agreement.
Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
Robbie Greene discussed the need for more time for review between contracts.
- g. Greg Ransom has been contacted by the Tuxedo Athletic Director, Marco Margotta, to discuss and review adding Green Meadow Waldorf School to Section IX. Green Meadow is located in Chestnut Ridge, New York. Greg is going to set up a meeting to review their information.
- h. Robbie Greene stated that Title IX Rules and Regulations are being reviewed. Athletic Directors should be aware that current policies and procedures could change. School District Athletic Handbooks may need revisions. Greg Ransom stated he will put the topic on the Section IX Agenda.
- i. Section IX Gold Cards
If you have a deserving Coach or Administrator who is retiring and you are interested in giving them a Section IX Gold Card, please contact Jim Osborne.

12. Adjournment – Section IX

Motion to adjourn by Robbie Greene and seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics, Secretary