



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except 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 January 4, 2023

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

4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani, Treasurer

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

Greg Ransom discussed invoices that are still outstanding for the Fall of 2022. Robbie Greene suggested an escalator be placed on the invoices not paid. Greg will discuss with the Superintendent Representatives a course of action to follow.

5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - Robbie Greene and David Coates

a. Discussion Items from the February 1, 2023, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting will become Voting Items at the May 3, 2023, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

b. The Discussion Item:

“Consider approval to add a Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule.”

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee revised the proposal attached and sent to MHAL and OCIAA.

6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

a. NYSPHSAA hosted Combining of Teams, Transfer and DEI Committees with reports to be shared with the Sections in upcoming weeks.

b. Proposals have been submitted to NYSPHSAA for a new ball adaption on contract. Sections will be able to review the proposal as soon as it is finalized.

c. Reminder that NYSPHSAA Membership dues will increase for 2023-2024 from \$810 to \$1,000 per school and from \$0.86 per student over 300 students to \$1.00.

7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella

a. *Motion to approve Rondout Valley as the host with Onteora for Varsity Softball was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*

b. The Section IX Athletic Council had approved by an email vote the attached list of shadow, host, and combined schools.

c. The Combining of Teams Committee presented a motion for the Athletic Council to approve relating to sub-Varsity level teams.

Motion to approve was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Winter Chair Reports

Greg congratulated all the Section IX winners and thanked the Chairpersons for their hard work. The Chairpeople submitted written reports and several Sports reported:

- a. Wrestling
There will be many changes for 2023-2024.
- b. Nordic Ski
Ann Gregory thanked the participating schools for their help. Nordic Ski had to travel to find snow.
- c. Alpine Ski
Janet Carey noted that Section IX had a NYSPHSAA Champion.
- d. Competitive Cheerleading
Changes in Classification will be coming in 2023-2024.

9. Spring Chair Reports

Sports Handbooks are available online for school districts to review.

10. Chair Reports

- a. Suzanne Lenzian reported that Section IX SAAC Leaders will be speaking to the Athletic Council at the April Section IX Meeting. The Leadership Conference information has been sent out to the school districts.
- b. Unified Sports – Basketball will be the upcoming sport season for student-athletes.
- c. Girls Flag Football – Section IX Championship to be held on May 24, 2023, at Goshen HS.

11. Old Business

- a. Section IX Meeting Dates 2023-2024
Motion to approve was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- a. *Motion was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan to approve with regret the resignation of Scott Warner as Boys Swimming Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.*
Anyone interested in the position, please contact Greg Ransom.
- b. Section IX All-Star Contest – Football – 11/25/23
Motion to approve by David Coates, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Section IX Seeding Committee – Greg Ransom
Greg talked about the Committee having information for the Leagues and the Section IX Athletic Council to review by April 2023.
- d. Classification Committee – JJ Gass
JJ presented to the Athletic Council the Classification Committee recommendations (attached).
After much discussion, Mike Bellarosa motioned, seconded by Tim Bult, to have Mount Academy remain in Class C for Boys Soccer. The Athletic Council discussed the recommendation and motion. A motion to table was made by Ray Castellani, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
The Athletic Council asked the Committee to provide more detailed information regarding the teams that Mount Academy would play in the Sectional Tournament.
- e. The NYSAAA will present to Gregory Ransom the Otis Sennett Award of Excellence at its Annual Conference. Congratulations, Greg!

13. Adjournment – Section IX

Motion to adjourn by Tim Bult, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Video conference at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics, Secretary

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>HOST SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMB SCHOOL #1</u>	<u>RECO</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>	<u>IS #</u>	<u>Year</u>
Softball	Varsity	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Onteora-1 (senior)	team	Spring 2023
			OCIAA Approve	2/14/23			
			MHAL Approve	2/15/23			
			S9 Approve	3/14/23			
Spring Track- SHADOW	Varsity B&G	Chester	SS Seward	SHADOW	SHADOW	team	Spring 2023
Spring Track- SHADOW	Varsity B&G	Roscoe @	Liv. Manor	SHADOW	SHADOW	Indiv.-4	Spring 2023
Spring Track- SHADOW	Mod B&G	Roscoe @	Liv. Manor	SHADOW	SHADOW	Indiv.-4	Spring 2023
Boys Golf - SHADOW	Varsity	Roscoe	Liv. Manor	SHADOW	SHADOW	Indiv.-4	Spring 2023
# Baseball	Modified	Roscoe	Liv. Manor	Yes	R-8, LM-6	Team	Spring 2023
# Baseball	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-10, R-4	Team	Spring 2023
# Softball	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-8, R-5	Team	Spring 2023
# Girls Golf	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM -1, R-0	Indiv.-4	Spring 2023
# Boys Tennis	Varsity	Port Jervis	Eldred	Yes	Eldred-1	Team	Spring 2023
					# Div. Change - no post-season team participation		
* Girls Lacrosse	Junior Varsity	Chester	SS Seward	Yes	Seward - 3	team	Spring 2023
			OCIAA Approve	* 2/14/2023	# 3/9/23 online		
			MHAL Approve	* # 3/9/2023 online			
			S9 Approve	3/10/2023 online			

The classification committee met and the following decisions were made:

Boys Soccer will remain in **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. While Mount Academy did not win a sectional title this year, they were very competitive with an 11-4 overall record in the first year as a Class C team.

Boys Cross Country will drop down from Class B to **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Even though Mount Academy has won the Section Championship in 2 of the last 3 seasons that had championships, the state level competitiveness has dropped each of those years which is why moving Mount Academy from Class B to Class C is justified.

Girls Soccer will move from Class D to **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Mount Academy has won the last 3 Section Championships. Mount Academy has also won the last two New York State Championships in Class D which is why moving them up to a Class C is justified.

Girls Volleyball will move from Class D to **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Mount Academy has won the last 4 Section Championships. Mount Academy has placed in the top 3 at the New York State Championships over the past 4 seasons including 2 NYS Championships that last two years. This is why moving them up to Class C is justified.

JJ Gass
Athletic Director
Port Jervis City School District