



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 9, 2023

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Ken Hauck 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 April 11, 2023

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

4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani, Treasurer

Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

- a. Dr. Zayas reported that Greg Ransom will represent Section IX on the NYSPHSAA Philosophy Committee.
- b. Section III has presented to NYSPHSAA a revised Regional Championship format.
- c. NYSPHSAA will be hosting a Combining of Teams Committee Meeting. Dr. Zayas complimented Section IX on its Combining of Teams processes and procedures.
- d. A new Sportsmanship Regulation was approved to begin in the Fall of 2023.
- e. *Anyone Can Save a Life Plan* will be an Action Item for the Summer Meeting.

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

- a. Robbie and David reviewed the NYSPHSAA Committee Reports as well as the items presented to the Executive Committee for review. All Discussion Items should be reviewed by the Leagues for June 15, 2023, Section IX Athletic Council Vote.
- b. David highlighted the approved addition to NYSPHSAA Heat Index Regulation, which goes into effect immediately. The approved Action Item is contained in the materials presented to the Athletic Council and on the Section IX website.
- c. Robbie highlighted the importance of reviewing the Sports Proposals and the Rotations. Also, many of the Proposed Items to be voted on by the NYSPHSAA Central Committee in July will become effective for the Fall 2023 season.

7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella

Information was presented to the Leagues for approval and can be located in the packet sent to the Athletic Council.

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

8. Spring Chair Reports and

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- a. The Spring Sports Seed Meetings will be held over the next week.
- b. The NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Days will be held the week of May 15.

10. Old Business

- a. Greg Ransom reported that he visited the Green Meadow Waldorf School, which has expressed interest in applying for membership into Section IX. Greg has discussed the application process. Green Meadow is a Private K-12 school that is looking to merge Modified Sports Programs with Tuxedo High School.
- b. Boys Lacrosse
An issue has developed with a School District dropping its program after the season started. The thought was to have the schools accept the forfeit or be allowed to pick up another contest to replace the dropped game. It was decided to allow schools to choose the option that worked best for them.
- c. Section IX Boys Basketball Chairperson
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Tom Cassata to approve JJ Gass as Section IX Boys Basketball Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. New Business

- a. Greg Ransom held a Sports Chairperson Meeting to review the changes approved to the Qualifying and Seeding Criteria. Steve Boucher reported the new format will bring clarity and the Section-appointed Committee to review those schools who do not qualify for entry will help the Committee.
- b. Christian Hodge was interested in becoming a NYSAAA representative.
Motion to approve by Sue Lendzian, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Classification Committee – JJ Gass
The Committee proposes that:
 - i. Our Lady of Lourdes Girls Basketball team participates in Class AAA for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - ii. Our Lady of Lourdes Boys Basketball team participates in Class AA for the 2023-2024 school year.*Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Sue Lendzian.*
Steve Boucher noted that Section IX needs to define what success is going forward.
Yes votes: 15; No vote: 1. Motion carried.
- d. Chris Mayo asked Athletic Directors to please have Coaches report the scores of games in rSchoolToday.

12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Brian Monahan and seconded by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Please note the site and time.

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Breakfast served at 8 am

Apple Greens Restaurant, 161 South Street, Highland, NY 12528

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne

Section IX Athletics, Secretary