



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 1, 2022

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Brian Monahan.

Greg welcomed new Section IX Council members, John Giametta and Jason Semo. Greg also welcomed new Onteora School District Athletic Director, Beth Fletcher.

At this time, Greg Ransom introduced BSN representative, Rich Koegel. The new BSN Regional Sales Manager, Lloyd Ribner, was introduced. His contact information is ribner@BSNsports.com and 516-581-9588. Section IX thanked BSN for all their support.

2. Review of Meeting Materials

Section IX materials were posted on the website and emailed to the Athletic Council members.

3. Approval of Minutes for October 4, 2022

Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani

Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Suzanne Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lenzian

Section IX Representatives, Adah Spain (James I. O’Neill HS) and Craig Costa (Tri-Valley HS), were introduced to the Athletic Council. Our representatives had an introductory meeting with other Section representatives. If any students have concerns, please contact Suzanne.

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

Robbie and Dave reviewed Voting and Discussion Items from the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

NYSPHSAA will increase Dues for 2023-2024. Athletic Directors should review the future Official Sport Start Dates. Dr. Zayas reviewed the purchasing of Football helmets by parents. A discussion took place regarding reconditioning.

8. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella

Informational chart was previously sent to the Athletic Council and reviewed by Tim Bult. Motion to approve the list in the Athletic Council folder was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Fall Chair Reports

- a. Greg Ransom thanked the Sport Chairpersons for all their hard work and dedication.
- b. Steve Boucher asked about Sports changing Seeding criteria. Greg Ransom stated that the Sports Committee does not have the authority to change Seeding criteria. The process to change Seeding criteria needs to be discussed and approved by the Leagues and Athletic Council.

- c. Football – Dave Coates and Tom Cassata
The AA Sectional Football Championship game was moved from noon to 11 am. Dave also discussed the proposed amended Guidelines for Combined Practices for 11-man.

10. Winter Chair Reports

- a. Boys Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty
Jeff reviewed the Wrestling Discussion Items that will be voted upon by to the NYSPHSAA at the February Executive Committee Meeting.
- b. Girls Wrestling – Tom Cunningham
Questions were asked about a possible Girls Wrestling schedule. More information will be available after the Winter Rules Interpretation Meeting.

11. Chair Reports

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Suzanne Lenzian and Greg Warren
A review of:
 - 1) Changing Soccer Mouth Guard Requirement to Recommendation
 - 2) Increasing Max Number of Events for Track & Field
- b. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lenzian
NYSPHSAA is discussing a Conference in March for Student Leaders, more details to follow.
- c. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein
Unified Bowling will start in January 2023.
- d. Girls Flag Football – Rich Silverstein and Greg Sirico
A Zoom meeting will take place to review, discuss, and commit to having a Girls Flag Football Team starting in the Spring of 2023.
- e. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless
Winter:
 - Officials Appreciation – December 6-8, 2022
 - Coaches Appreciation – January 10-12, 2023

12. Old Business

None to report.

13. New Business

- a. Section IX Budget 2023-2024 presented to the Athletic Council.
Motion to approve was made by Ray Castellani, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Classification Committee – JJ Gass
The Committee recommends the John S. Burke Catholic HS Boys Basketball team participate in Class B for the 2022-2023 school year.
Motion to approve was made by Suzanne Lenzian, seconded by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Marco Lanzoni – Spackenkill
Outside Agency – Basketball
Motion to approve was made by Marco Lanzoni, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Chris Mayo – NYSPHSAA Foundation
Chris reported the Foundation will provide resources to schools in need. The goals of the Foundation are to increase participation opportunities for students, assist in professional development for coaches, and work on officials' recruitment and retention. The Foundation is working on growing its fund balance and application process for grants.
- e. Girls Lacrosse – Greg Ransom
Motion to approve Taryn Brechbiel as Section IX Girls Lacrosse Chairperson was made by Joe Morgan, seconded by Suzanne Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Motion to adjourn the Section IX meeting was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:
Wednesday, January 4, 2023
In-person, 9:30 am, Orange-Ulster BOCES

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Secretary