



# Section IX Athletics

**Gregory Ransom, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes

- (1) Call to Order- Greg Ransom, All Members present except Tom Cassata and Ray Castellani
- (2) Review of Meeting Materials- information was sent to the Athletic Council, Athletic Director's and Sports Chairperson's.
- (3) Approval of September 8, 2022 Minutes. Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried,
- (4) Financial Report- Linda Trapani, Motion to approve by Dr.. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor, Motion Carried.
- (5) Section IX NYSPHSAA Representative- Roberta Greene
  - a. Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectation  
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Coates. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - b. Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation.  
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - c. Unified Sports: Waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representative Rule.  
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Lenzian. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - d. Unified Sports: Mandate the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports Course.  
Motion to approve by Sue Lenzian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Coates. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - e. League Placement of Section VI Charter School  
Motion to approve, with Representatives review, by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult  
All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - f. Cheerleading: Establish an NYSPHSAA Game Day State Championship  
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Lenzian. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - g. Boys Soccer: Increase Allowable Yellow Cards in the Post-Season  
Motion to approve by David Coates, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor – 0 votes, Motion Defeated.
  - h. Wrestling: Extension of the Pilot – Weight Classes  
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - i. Softball: Request to Extend the Softball State Championship to Two(2) Days  
Motion to approve by Ken Hauck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Coates. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - j. Championship Advisory Committee: Addition of Officials at Individual Wrestling Championship  
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.
- (6) NYSPHSAA Office Report- Dr. Robert Zayas  
Boys Basketball Committee is requesting to continue having the shot clock reset to 20 seconds and Continue having the Official count the 10-seconds requirement to get the Basketball over half court. Discussion regarding this Action it is what we have been doing and is NOT a waiver of the NFHS Rule. Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.
- (7) Combining of Teams-Tim Bult & Dominic Zarrella  
Wrestling - Modified & Varsity Eldred, Host, with Sullivan West  
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.  
Also as a FYI Burke Catholic will shadow Goshen for Boys Swimming 2022-23.
- (8) Fall Chair Reports:  
Cross-Country: Jim Glover requests that the Track Hall of Fame be allowed to sell t-shirts At their event to raise funds to benefit the Track student/athletes. Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Monahan. All in favor, Motion Carried.  
Girls Soccer: Diane Wanser requested that Athletic Directors remind their Coaches about filling out and submitting their Point Cards. Also due to the number of Teams possibly qualifying for the Tournament an adjustment may need to be made to the Dates of the Finals.
- (9) Chair Reports:
  - (A) Modified Sports –Sue Lenzian & Greg Warren - Items for Discussion
    - a. Remove the requirement that the Soccer Goalie wear a mouth piece, it would be optional.
    - b. Increase Track Events from 3 to 4, one(1) of the Events has to be a Relay.



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- (B) Safety- Janet Carey  
At this time the Committee reports there is not enough data for the Committee to recommend the use of helmets for Girls Lacrosse. The helmet is a option for players to use.  
Janet reminded the Athletic Directors to review the Concussion Policy and the program Anyone can Save a Life.
- (C) Student Athlete Advisory Committee- Suzanne Lenzian  
Sue recommends that the SAAC attend a Athletic Council Meeting in the future.  
The Athletic Council discussed the benefits of having them make a report to the Athletic Council.
- (D) Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein  
Bowling starts in January with 9 schools participating  
Basketball starts in April with 24 schools participating
- (E) Girls Wrestling- Thomas Cunningham
  - (a) NYSPHSAA Hosting Girls Tournament- Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - (b) Waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule – Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - (c) Waive the NYSPHSAA Maximum Number of Tournaments – Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - (d) Use of NFHS 12 Female Weight Classes plus NYSPHSAA 94lb. weight class  
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.
- (F) Girls Flag Football – Greg Sirico & Rich Silverstein  
Section IX is looking for a commitment from the School Districts by October 31, 2022.  
Please review the Handout and Information that was presented at the October 4, 2022 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.  
Discussion Items were presented and need input from the Leagues MHAL/OCIAA
- (10) Old Business
  - (a) Monroe-Woodbury will not be participating in NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey in 2022-2023
  - (b) Motion by Sue Lenzian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan to approve Joe DiMattini as Section IX Softball Representative to NYSPHSAA. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - (c) Motion by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve David Coates as Section IX Male Representative to NYSPHSAA. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - (d) Girls Lacrosse – Taryn Brechbiel, Cornwall School District, is interested in the Section IX Chairperson position. Greg will follow up and set up a meeting with Taryn.
- (11) New Business
  - (a) Mixed Competition Rules – Greg Ransom  
Greg requested Athletic Director's review the Regulations and Greg will send to the Superintendent Representative information that can be sent to Schools Superintendent.
  - (b) Tornado Policy – Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan to approve NYSPHSAA Tornado policy to be followed in Section IX. All in favor, Motion Carried
  - (c) Boys Wrestling- Jeff Culty  
Motion to approve, Coaches/School Districts, will be required to use Track Wrestling weigh-in sheets for 2022 was made by David Coates, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor, Motion Carried.
  - (d) Motion to approve a change in the Representative Rule for Indoor Track, Gymnastics and Skiing, Alpine/Nordic from 6 to 3 for 2022-2023 was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Lenzian  
All in favor, Motion Carried.



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Howard Harrison, Athletic Director, Newburgh Free Academy spoke to the Athletic Council about the isolated incident that occurred at Newburgh High School. The School District is working on its Exit & Entrance strategy. The School District is taking all measures so that all games are safe and secure. Mr. Harrison wanted everyone to know that Newburgh School District facilities are safe for all Athletes and Spectators. As soon as Mr. Harrison has any details for the School Districts he will send that out to everyone. If anyone has any questions please call Mr. Harrison.

(12) Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Osborne  
Section IX Athletics, Secretary

**Next Meeting Date:**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 2022**