



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Apple Greens Restaurant
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
All members present except: Ray Castellani, Mike Bellarosa, and Derek Adams.
2. Review of Meeting Materials
Information for today's meeting was posted online and given to the Athletic Council.
3. Consent Agenda
Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani
Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
Linda reported that several school districts had not returned their Section IX Sports Dues form.
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
 - a. Football: Revision to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty
Discussion by the Athletic Council regarding supporting the rule.
Motion to support made by Brian Monahan, seconded by David Coates. 12 in favor; 3 opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. Boys Wrestling: Early Weight Certification Date
Motion to approve made by Jason Semo, seconded by Marco Lanzoni. All opposed (14). Motion defeated.
 - c. Girls Volleyball: Revise State Tournament Format Back to Pool Play
Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by David Coates. All opposed (14). Motion defeated.
 - d. Cheerleading: Early Start Date
Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All opposed (14). Motion defeated.
 - e. Cheerleading Proposal: Section IX Teams to Be Allowed to Compete in Game Day Divisions for the Winter Season
No motion was made because the OCIAA needs to vote on the Proposal. It will be placed on the September Section IX Agenda.
 - f. Section IX Swimming & Diving Proposal: Swim Cloud
Motion to approve made by Jason Semo, seconded by Greg Warren. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report
No report at this time.
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
Motion made by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan to approve the list provided by the Committee (enclosed). All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Spring Chair Reports
Information on Sectional and NYSPHSAA Champions was presented to the Athletic Council.
9. Fall Chair Reports
No reports submitted.
10. Chair Reports
 - a. Eligibility – Tom Cassata reported that Jeff Panek will be a member of the Section IX Eligibility Committee.
 - b. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett asked Athletic Directors to please send him past information on Volleyball Tournaments that were held in Section IX. Dennis needs information concerning the number of Officials assigned, the number of teams involved, and the amount paid to the officials.
 - c. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein reported that Section IX schools are looking to add Bocce to the Fall Sports season.
11. Old Business
 - a. Board of Regents – Proposed Amendments
Greg Ransom reported that he met with the Superintendents from Orange, Sullivan, and Dutchess Counties. The Athletic Council discussed a unified response from the Superintendents, Athletic Directors, Coaches, and parents. The last date to comment online is July 22, 2024.
12. New Business
 - a. Swim Cloud Proposal – approved by the Athletic Council
 - b. Wrestling Head Assessor
Motion made by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan, to approve Matt Mahoney as Section IX Head Wrestling Assessor. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Girls Modified Sports Representative
Motion to accept Sue Lendzian's resignation with regret made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
If interested in serving as Section IX Representative, please contact Greg Ransom.
 - d. NYSAAA Representative
Motion to accept Christian Hodge's resignation with regret made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
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 - e. Greg Ransom thanked Joe Morgan for his service as Ulster County Superintendent Representative to Section IX Athletics. Greg congratulated Dr. Morgan on his retirement.
 - f. Greg Ransom recognized Robbie Greene's retirement from the Section IX Athletic Council. Robbie has been the Section IX Female Representative for 26 years. Ms. Greene has been a leader in Section IX Athletics. She has dedicated her life to coaching, teaching, and as an Administrator working with students, athletes, and coaches. Thank you for your service.
13. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting
Motion to adjourn by Robbie Greene, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Orange-Ulster BOCES, 9:30 am

Athletic Director Mandated Workshop
Monday, September 9, 2024
Otterkill Golf Club, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

James Osborne
Section IX Secretary