



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 7, 2023

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
All members present except: Steve Boucher, Joseph Morgan, Ray Castellani, and Jason Closs.
2. Review of Meeting Materials
Section IX information can be found on the Section IX website and packets of meeting materials were provided to the Athletic Council.
3. Approval of June 15, 2023, Minutes
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Greg Ransom introduced Derek Adams, Principal at Liberty High School.
Motion to appoint Derek Adams as the Section IX Principal Representative by Suzanne Lenzian, seconded by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report - Linda Trapani
Motion to approve report submitted by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - a. Greg Ransom reviewed the report submitted by Nugent & Haeussler, Gary Theodore.
 - b. Jim Osborne discussed the ERTC, Employee Retention Tax Credit. Section IX has had a discussion with NYSPHSAA, Section IX Accountant and Paychex Inc. Section IX has completed the paperwork to process Section IX request to receive the ERTC.

Section IX would like approval from the Athletic Council to use the ERTC funds received to be invested for future needs. A review of Section IX Investment with Hudson Valley Investment ~

Original investment approved by the Athletic Council on January 9, 2015:

\$105,000.00

Added investment on November 30, 2015:

\$ 50,000.00

Current investment is worth:

\$209,014.000

Motion to approve made by Robbie Greene, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
 - a. David Coates reported that the *Anyone Can Save a Life* program becomes official in 2024-2025 school year. All school districts can start the program now.
 - b. Regional Rotation on Ad hoc Committee is moving forward. David Coates will represent Section IX on this NYSPHSAA Committee.

- c. Action Items that were defeated:
 - i. Volleyball Purple Card
 - ii. Boys/Girls Lacrosse request to start the season early

- 6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
No report at this time.

- 7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
Tim Bult reported on the JV and Modified sports that were approved by the COT Committee and the shadow programs. Chester to shadow Goshen in Varsity Girls Swimming and Chester to shadow SS Seward (Florida) in Boys Cross Country.

- 8. Fall Chairs Reports
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover reported that due to the heavy rains and damage to the Cross Country Course at Bear Mountain, the 2023 Section IX Championship will be held at Sanfordville Elementary School in the Warwick School District. If you are interested in practicing on the course, contact Athletic Director, Greg Sirico.
 - b. Game Day Cheerleading – Championship to be held October 25, 2023, at Cornwall High School. The Invitationals for 2023 are listed on the Section IX website.
 - c. Girls Swimming – Valley Central to host the Sectional Championship on November 2, 3, and 4, 2023.
 - d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser reported that a few of the Coaches would prefer to eliminate the overtime during the regular season play. Greg Ransom stated that Section IX has not changed the current rule. Coaches can't violate the rule. The Overtime Rule should be followed.
 - e. Greg Ransom reported that the Seeding Criteria online format has been completed and is working. Coaches in the Fall Sports of Boys & Girls Soccer, Volleyball, and Field Hockey should review the new procedure online.

- 9. Chair Reports
 - a. Boys & Girls Modified Sports – Greg Warren and Suzanne Lenzian
New Modified Overtime Procedure for Wrestling
 - b. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lenzian
Allison O'Donnell, Goshen High School, is the new representative for Section IX. In October 2023, open enrollment will occur for the NYSPHSAA Conference. Details to follow.
 - c. Eligibility – Tom Cassata reported the Committee is looking for a MHAL Athletic Director to serve on the Committee.
 - d. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless
Greg Ransom reported:
 - i. Official Appreciation Days are September 19 thru 21, 2023;
 - ii. Coaches Appreciation Days are October 3 thru 5, 2023.

- e. NYSAAA – Greg Warren, NYSAAA President 2023-2024, reported on the upcoming Conference. Information is in the Section IX packet. NYSAAA Membership for the new Athletic Directors has been emailed to them.

10. Old Business

- a. A reminder was sent out to the Athletic Directors regarding the Heat Index.
- b. Sport Scrimmages: Athletic Directors should make sure the Coaches are following the Scrimmage Rules outlined in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- c. Robbie Greene congratulated the School of Excellence and School of Distinction listed in the Section IX packet. Greg Ransom noted that School of Excellence status for school districts is for those that have 75% of the school's varsity teams that receive the Scholar-Athlete Team Award. The School of Distinction are those school districts that have 100% of its Varsity team that receive the Scholar-Athlete Team Award.
- d. Hall of Fame letters recommending Robbie Greene are due before September 30, 2023.

11. New Business

- a. *Motion to appoint Eric Hartmann as Section IX Girls Wrestling Chairperson by Tim Bult, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. Jim Osborne reported that Wrestling is looking for a site for Boys Division II and Girls Wrestling. Four mats would be necessary to host. Please contact Jeff Culty, if interested.
- c. Greg Ransom discussed Boys and Girls Wrestling issues for the Dual and Individual NYSPHSAA Championships. The issues need further review.

12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

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

Next Section IX Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

In-Person @ Orange-Ulster BOCES @ 9:30 am

NYSPHSAA Mandated Athletic Director Workshop:

Monday, September 11, 2023

Otterkill Country Club

Breakfast @ 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Secretary