



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

1. **Call to Order** – Greg Ransom
All members present except: Ray Castellani and John Giametta
2. **Review of Meeting Materials**
Information was sent to Athletic Council and posted on the Section IX website.
3. **Approval of March 12, 2024 minutes**
Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bolt. 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.
5. **Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and David Coates** – Motion to approve items back from the league:
Greg Ransom grouped together Voting Items for the May 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Meeting into “Yes” groups from both leagues and “No” groups from both leagues.
Motion to approve “yes” items was by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion to approve “no” items made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **NYSPHSAA Office Report** – Chris Joyce, Director of Foundation and Marketing
See attached NYSPHSAA Notes for detailed explanation.
 - a. NFHS Authenticating mark program
 - b. Transgender Participation
 - c. Video Replay
 - d. Regional Rotations
 - e. Football Start dates
 - f. NYSPHSAA Foundation
 - g. Mental Health Awareness Week
 - h. Deadlines for:
Scholar athlete application– May 20
SAAC – June 10
Participation Survey opens the end of April
 - i. Private School participation
7. **Combining of teams** – Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
No new applications. Tim thanked the Athletic Council for the following email approvals:
Varstiy Softball – Chester / Seward
Modified Baseball – Tuxedo / Suffern
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Boys Tennis – Monticello / Liberty
8. **Spring Chair Reports:** No new reports



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9. Chair Reports

- a. **Girls & Boys Modified Sports** – Greg Warren
No initiatives at this time.
- b. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** – Suzanne Lendzian
 - April Conference Canceled – Suzanne thanked Roberta Greene and Jason Semo for their help
 - Suzanne also reminded athletic directors that Section IX needs two student athletes to serve on the SAAC Committee
- c. **Sportsmanship** – Adam Kless
 - Spring Officials Appreciation – April 23-25, 2024
 - Spring Coaches Appreciation – May 14-16, 2024
- d. **Officials** – Dennis Burkett
Dennis mentioned that officials have expressed safety concerns coming into the spring season. He stressed that it is the school responsibility to provide security for all events.
- e. **NYSAAA** – Christian Hodge
Christian congratulated Greg Warren for a great job organizing the conference.

10. Old Business

- a. **Section IX Team Tennis** – Tennis Chairs recommended withdrawing from the team state championships. Both leagues agreed to keep the championships. Greg Ransom suggested that the Section work at improving the schedule to make accommodations to run the tournament. Motion to withdraw from the tennis team state championship (girls / boys). Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. Motion defeated.
- b. **Roscoe / Livingston Manor Combining of Teams**
Discussion put off until the league meetings. Roberta Greene asked how other sections are dealing with similar situations.

11. New Business

- a. Greg Ransom informed the group that Section IX will be interviewing female candidates to replace Roberta Greene.
- b. Consent for use of photography / video: Schools were advised to use the NYSPHSAA policy that was provided in the meeting materials. Chairpeople need to include the policy in their handbooks.
Motion to approve made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Joseph Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Ineligible Athlete from indoor track was self-reported by Monticello.
- d. David Coates encouraged all Athletic Directors to make sure they are working toward installing the Anyone Can Save a Life program beginning this fall.
- e. David Coates also inquired if any schools would be interested in being a host site for Section and Regional football games.
- f. All schools should be using the My Lightning App.



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12. Motion to move into Executive Session was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Derrick Adams. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to move back to the Section IX Meeting was made by Tim Bolt, seconded by Suzanne Lendzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Brian Monahan, seconded by Derrick Adams. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Trapani
Section IX Assistant Secretary