



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 12, 2024

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom  
All members present except: Joe Morgan and Dave Eggleton, both notified Greg that they would not be able to attend.
2. Meeting Guests
  - a. Greg introduced Greg Fall and Rich Koegel from BSN. They thanked the Athletic Directors for their support. Information will be distributed to the Athletic Directors.
  - b. Greg introduced Mark Leinweaver. You can contact Mark at 424-202-1723.  
“Why Character Matters” Assembly for Students, Faculty, and Administrators
3. Review of Meeting Materials  
Information was sent to the Athletic Council and posted on the Section IX website.
4. Approval of January 4, 2024, Minutes  
*Motion to approve made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*
5. Financial Report – Linda Trapani  
Linda reported the Winter invoices were sent to the Athletic Directors. Please process as soon as possible. A few schools are still outstanding with Fall invoices.  
*Motion to approve the Financial Report made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*  
Linda requested that the Athletic Directors review the invoices sent to them.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
  - a. Greg Ransom reported that Robbie Greene will not seek another term as Female Representative effective September 1, 2024. Greg thanked Robbie for her 25 years of service. Thank you, Robbie.
  - b. Section IX will be accepting applications for the NYSPHSAA Female Representative for Section IX Athletics.
  - c. Robbie reviewed the NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights in your packet. Robbie also covered Action Items that were approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. The Items for Review by the Athletic Council were also provided to the Leagues. Items will be voted upon by the Athletic Council at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director
  - a. Dr. Zayas highlighted “My Lightning Tracker,” which should be used as another tool for Athletic Directors and “Anyone Can Save a Life.”
  - b. Robert discussed the letter from Richard Sweeney, which has been reviewed by NYSPHSAA. “The concept has no basis for the Association to move forward.”
  - c. At this time, there are no updates for Mixed Competition.
  - d. Dr. Zayas and Joe Altieri, Assistant Director, are currently working with the Sport Coordinators on the Guiding Principles – Regional Rotation

8. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso

No report at this time.

9. Winter Chair Reports

Greg thanked the Chairpeople for their hard work this season.

- a. Girls Wrestling - Eric Hartmann thanked Beth Fletcher, Athletic Director of FDR High School, for her help and support in hosting the DII and Girls Championship. Girls Wrestling is looking for a host for the 2024-2025 Championship.
- b. Nordic Ski – Ann Gregory thanked the schools for working with her despite the lack of snow.
- c. Competitive Cheerleading – Patti Archiere thanked all those involved and for Monroe-Woodbury hosting.

10. Spring Chair Reports

Greg has discussed and reviewed with the Sports Chairs the new Section IX Point System.

11. Chair Reports

- a. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lendzian  
Suzanne stated Section IX needs student-athletes to serve on the Committee and Mount St. Mary College will host a Section I/IX Student-Athlete Advisory Program. More details to follow.
- b. Sportsmanship Committee – Adam Kless
  - i. Spring Officials Appreciation – April 23-25, 2024
  - ii. Spring Coaches Appreciation – May 14-16, 2024
  - iii. The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Survey is now open.  
Deadline is April 8th. Here is the link to survey is:  
[https://nysphsaa.org/sb\\_output.aspx?form=40](https://nysphsaa.org/sb_output.aspx?form=40).
- c. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein  
Unified Bowling just concluded its Championship. The Basketball season will begin in April.

12. Old Business

- a. Section IX Team Tennis  
*Motion to TABLE made by Michael Bellarosa, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*

13. New Business

- a. Field Hockey Senior All-Star Contest  
*Motion to approve made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. Girls and Boys Soccer Senior All-Star Contest  
*Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. 2024-2025 Meeting Dates and Sites  
*Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- d. Livingston Manor/Roscoe  
John Evans, Superintendent, reported that the school districts have combined for 20 years. They request that they be allowed to combine in all sports on an annual basis. The school district merger vote has not been approved. John stated, if allowed, it would provide consistency in Athletics for the OCIAA and for the student-athletes at Livingston

Manor/Roscoe. John also discussed tuitioning students from Roscoe to Livingston Manor. **BACK TO LEAGUES** – Livingston Manor-Roscoe Combining of Teams.

- e. Kingston – Kirk Reinhardt, Deputy Superintendent  
Greg Ransom stated the Sports Chairs are doing a great job. He reviewed the Neutral Site Policy that was approved in 2019. Robbie Greene stated this is an old issue. We have a system in place that works. Athletic Directors need to communicate the Policy to the School Administration and Community.
- f. Middletown ECSD  
Greg Ransom received a letter from Amy Creeden, Superintendent of Schools, relating to an incident that happened at an Indoor Track & Field Championship. Greg stated Policy & Procedures will be reviewed. David Coates, Athletic Director, said Middletown appreciates that a conversation and discussion will take place. David believes Athletic Directors should be at Championship events.
- g. Section IX Boys Swimming and Diving  
Section IX Wrestling  
Section IX Indoor Track  
Reports were submitted by the Sports Chairpeople.
- h. Friends of Section IX Track & Field submitted a request to sell souvenir shirts at Section IX Championship events  
*Motion to approve made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- i. Football Committee – David Coates  
2024 Schedules are posted. Site RFP's have been sent to the Leagues. Dan Morse noted that the holidays on the calendar will create issues. Athletic Directors, please review.
- j. David Coates discussed the awards presented for the Section IX Wrestling Dual Championship. A Championship plaque, silver and gold medals, and Championship shirts should be awarded. Jim Osborne will review with Jeff Culty and Eric Hartmann.

14. *Motion to move into Executive Session was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Motion to move back to the Section IX Meeting was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.*

15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

*Motion to adjourn by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Next Section IX Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne

Section IX Secretary