



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 3, 2023

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
All members present except: Tom Cassata, Dr. Ivan Katz, Mike Bellarosa, Brian Monahan, and Joe Morgan. Dennis Burkett proxy for Joe Morgan.
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 September 7, 2023, Minutes
Motion to approve by Marco Lanzoni, seconded by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne and Linda Trapani
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Derek Adams. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
 - a. *Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Marco Lanzoni, to consider the approval of the following change to the Combining of Teams formula – Class D – 40%; Class C – 50%. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - b. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Marco Lanzoni, to consider approval to add a third class/division for individual sports at 601 above. Yes – None; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
 - c. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Jason Semo, to consider approval to add criteria for a fifth class/division for team/individual sports at 601 or above. Yes – None; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
 - d. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Dennis Burkett, to consider approval of changes to the scoring and deduction sheets for Game Day and Competitive Cheerleading. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - e. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Suzanne Lendzian, to consider approval for NYSPHSAA Girls to wrestle freestyle. Yes – None; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
 - f. *Motion by Jason Closs, seconded by Derek Adams, to consider approval to retract the 1 Ib. allowance for the Boys Dual Meet Championship if a girl participates in both the Girls Invitational and the Boys Dual Meet Championship. Yes – None; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
 - g. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Dennis Burkett, to consider approval Rule changes to Girls Wrestling to help transition to freestyle. Yes – None; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
 - h. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Tim Bult, to consider approval to conduct a NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship Week #34. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - i. *Motion by Greg Warren, seconded by Jason Semo, to consider approval of updates to the State standards for the first non-qualifier to advance NYSPHSAA Indoor Track. All in favor. Motion carried.*

- j. *Motion by Jason Closs, seconded by Steve Boucher, to consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Girls Basketball. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - k. *Motion by Marco Lanzoni, seconded by Sue Lenzian, to consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Boys Basketball. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - l. *Motion by Greg Warren, seconded by Steve Boucher, to consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Softball. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - m. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Steve Boucher, to consider approval to compete in the Division I Team Tournament as a 3-4 format for the Team Tennis Championships beginning in Spring 2024 for a two-year pilot. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - n. *Motion by Marco Lanzoni, seconded by Greg Warren, to consider approval to compete in the Division II Team Tournament as a 2-3 format for the Team Tennis Championships beginning in Spring 2024 for a two-year pilot. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - o. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Greg Warren, to consider approval to seed the State Tennis Tournament final four teams in each of the divisions using strength of team criteria via Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). Yes – None; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
 - p. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Marco Lanzoni, to consider approval to allow each Girls Flag Football team to have two time-outs per half and to add to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules to stop the clock during (1) Administration of a penalty; (2) Team score; (3) Extra point be an untimed down; (4) change of possession. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - q. *Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by Sue Lenzian, to consider approval for language to NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules regarding punts. “The receiving team may advance the ball if caught by the receiving team. The play is dead at the point the ball contacts the ground or crosses the out of bounds.” All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - r. *Motion by Greg Warren, seconded by Derek Adams, to consider approval of “Battery Week.” Yes – none; No – unanimous. Motion failed.*
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
- a. The 2024 NYSPHSAA Softball Championship site will be changed. It will still remain on Long Island.
 - b. The NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Philosophy Committee will meet on Friday, October 6, 2023.
 - c. SED will host listening forums on Mixed Competition. The meetings will be held virtually in five (5) Regional meetings.
 - d. There will be no New York State Federation Girls/Boys Basketball Championship.
 - e. Membership Dues will see an increase of \$50 per school each year starting in 2024. Friends & Neighbors Dues will increase from \$250 to \$500. The increase in dues is because of “operational expenses.”
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
- No action at this time.
- Greg Ransom introduced John Evans, Superintendent of Livingston Manor and Roscoe School Districts, who asked to address the Section Athletic Council and Section Athletic Directors. Mr. Evans presented that his school district was seeing significant reductions in the number of students, therefore, the only way his school district could continue sponsoring teams was through the Combining of Teams. The limitations on the Combining of Teams application do not allow Roscoe and Livingston Manor to qualify their Boys Basketball program to be able to participate.

8. Fall Chairs Reports
 - a. Girls Soccer – Seed Meeting is slated for October 19, 2023. Please have your coaches submit their information before the meeting date. Tournament dates, sites, and times could change.
 - b. Boys Soccer – Tournament information has been sent to the Athletic Directors.
9. Chair Reports
 - a. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lendzian
NYSPHSAA Conference will be March 28, 2024. More information to follow.
10. Old Business
None to report.
11. New Business
 - a. Dan Morse announced that hopefully Indoor Track information and a possible schedule will be coming soon.
 - b. Chris Mayo announced that NYSPHSAA Foundation Annual Day of Giving is Saturday, October 14, 2023.
 - c. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Dennis Burkett, to accept with regret Rich Silverstein's resignation from Girls Flag Football. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - d. *Motion by Dennis Burkett, seconded by Marco Lanzoni, to approve Greg Sirico as Girls Flag Football Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - e. *Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Derek Adams, to approve Boys Wrestling:*
 - i. *Seeding and Development of Brackets Dual Tournament*
 - ii. *Determining At-Large Entry for NYSPHSAA Dual Tournament**All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - f. George St. Lawrence – Goshen Stadium Ticketing Information
Mr. St. Lawrence presented to the Section Athletic Council and Athletic Directors the WHY and HOW of the new ticketing process at Goshen High School.
12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting
Motion to adjourn by Jason Semo, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:
Thursday, November 2, 2023
Zoom Meeting @ 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Secretary