



# Section IX Athletics

**Gregory Ransom, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Orange-Ulster BOCES

Meeting Minutes

- (1) Call to Order – Greg Ransom, All Council Members present except: Derek Adams, Dr. Paul Padalino and Brian Monahan, Dr. John Bell was a proxy for Mr. Monahan.  
Greg introduced new Athletic Council Members and new Athletic Directors to Section IX.
- (2) Review of Meeting Materials – Meeting Materials were emailed, published online and distributed to the Athletic Council.
- (3) Consent Agenda – Section IX Minutes, *Motion to approve Steve Boucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult.*  
*All in favor. Motion carried.*
- (4) Financial Report – Linda Trapani, *Motion to approve Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Coates.*  
*All in favor. Motion carried.* Greg Ransom read a memo from Nugent & Haeussler, CPA Stating “ Our firm has many not-for-profit clients. Your record keeping system, as compared to other organizations your size is excellent.”  
Also Greg said some school districts have not paid their Section IX Dues for 2024-2025.  
Please contact your Business Office to make sure payment has been made.
- (5) Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- David Coates & Suzanne Lenzian  
David reviewed the NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting Discussion Items.  
The Leagues of the Section IX, MHAL & OCIAA, were given the “Discussion Items” to review, discuss and vote before the next Section IX Meeting-Tuesday, October 8, 2024.
- (6) NYSPHSAA Office Report- Robert Zayas:
  - (a) The Mixed Competition Amendments being presented to the Board of Regents “will be pulled.” No decision or information about the Tanner Score or APP has been reported.
  - (b) Anyone Can Save a Life program will not be Mandated but highly encouraged by NYSPHSAA.
  - (c) Shot Clock for Lacrosse Girls Varsity, Boys Varsity & JV will be implemented for 2025.  
NYSPHSAA will allow the Scorer Table to manage the Shot Clock.
  - (d) The decision on Freestyle or Folkstyle for Girls Wrestling will be made by the NYSPHSAA October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
  - (e) Schools Without Boundaries Committee will meet Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
Greg Ransom will be Section IX Representative.
  - (f) New concepts relating to Regional Rotations have been presented to the Leagues for discussion and to approve one if they think it proper.
- (7) Combining of Teams – Tim Bult & Frank Alfonso  
Tim Bult announced (9) applications have been approved by email.  
If you have a Combining of Teams application for the Winter Season 2024-2025 get your information and packet of information together to be presented to the Committee, Leagues and Athletic Council.

(8) Fall Chair Reports:

Written reports were submitted by Girls and Boys Soccer.

Time changes were submitted by Girls Soccer for Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class B at 1:30pm and Class A at 4:00pm.

Boys Soccer is currently looking for a Site for contests on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Football and Volleyball announced their Sports Handbooks are online at the Section IX website.

(9) Chair Reports:

(a) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee- Suzanne Lendzian

Section IX Representatives are Michael Silva, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Washingtonville HS & Olivia McHugh, 12<sup>th</sup> grade Onteora HS. Section IX will need to a female 11<sup>th</sup> representative seat.

Suzanne reported that a Leadership Conference is being planned to be held at Mount St. Mary College on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Mt. St. Mary's College. The program will highlight the Importance of Leadership & how to develop leadership opportunities.

Look for Registration details to sign-up your students.

(10) (a) Cheerleading Proposal- *Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne Lendzian. There weren't any votes in favor and the motion was unanimously opposed.*

(b) Girls Modified Sports Representative – *Motion to approve Amanda Zgroddek was made by Suzanne Lendzian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.*

(c) NYSAAA Representative - a candidate will be announced at the next October Section IX Athletic Council.

(d) NYSPHSAA Foundation Report – Chris Mayo reported that the Foundation had a successful Fundraising campaign and therefore they are accepting applications for Grants. Check the NYSPHSAA website for information and details.

(11) New Business:

(a) Dr. William Moran Award – Suzanne Lendzian presented to Tim Bult, Minisink Valley Athletic Director, the 2024 Award. Congratulations Tim Bult.

(b) Classification Committee- JJ Gass, Committee Chairperson, presented the Committee Proposal for 2024-2025 The Chapel Field Baseball Team to participate in Class C for 2024-2025. *Motion by Jason Semo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried.*

(c) Senior All-Star Contest Application – *Motion by David Coates, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Semo to approve Football application. All in favor. Motion carried.*

(d) Wrestling- Jeff Culty, Chairperson, presented a written report detailing the important dates for 2024-2025. Check the Issues new for 2024-2025.

(e) Training & Workplace Violence Prevention Law – Greg Ransom Announced the Updated Mandated Reporter Training Requirements. Please review the Guidelines presented.

(12) Adjournment- *Motion to adjourn Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Crudele. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Next Section IX Meeting, Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am held at the Orange-Ulster BOCES  
Respectfully submitted,

James Osborne, Section IX Athletics, Secretary

