



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Marlboro Intermediate School
Tuesday, January 10, 2012

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present except: Ms. Roberta Greene

Guests Present:

Mr. Bradley Westrick, Athletic Director, Our Lady of Lourdes High School
Mr. John Huleatt and Mr. Barney Winter – The Mount Academy
Mr. Eric Meyer – Faith Christian Academy

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of November 29, 2011 Minutes
Motion to approve by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mrs. Toni Woody. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Mr. Thabet thanked Mr. Castellani for allowing Section IX to use the Marlboro Intermediate School for the Athletic Council Meeting.

4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Mr. John Landro, 2nd by Mr. Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Letter from the Dover School District
 - B. Information from Our Lady of Lourdes
 - C. Email from Faith Christian Academy
 - D. Information from Mount Academy
 - E. January 2012 NYSPHSAA Update
 - F. Football All Star contest
 - G. Warwick Wrestling
 - H. Scholar Athlete Team Award
 - I. Executive Director Monthly Calendar
6. Schools interested in joining Section IX
Presentations were made by Our Lady of Lourdes, Faith Christian Academy and the Mount Academy.

- A. Mr. Bradley Westrick did a presentation on Our Lady of Lourdes application proposal to join Section IX in 2012-2013 or 2013-2014. They are an independent Catholic School that does not provide financial aid to the students. Refer to Handout – Back to the Leagues.
- B. Faith Christian Academy – Mr. Eric Meyer presented information regarding this independent school. They currently are not registered with SED. They are looking to become a Friend and Neighbor or a full member of Section IX. They are located in Spackenkill with an enrollment of 100 in grades 7-12. No action will be taken by the Athletic Council until they confirm registration with SED.
- C. The Mount Academy – This proposal was made by Mr. John Huleatt, Mr. Barney Winter and Mr. Glen Maisch. They are located in Port Ewen and they have been registered with SED. They are looking for membership this year. They expect to have Boys Cross Country in the Fall of 2012 with the possibility of merging with Kingston in some team sports.

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- 7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representative – Jim Wolfe
NYSPHSAA will have its Winter Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012. Our representatives need feedback from the Leagues regarding issues and concerns of the Section.
- 8. NYSAAA - Harold Fried
Mr. Fried reviewed the NYSAAA Conference to be held in Saratoga, New York from March 13 to March 16, 2012. Congratulations to Mr. Tim Bult, Athletic Director at Fallsburg School District. Mr. Bult will be honored as Section IX Chapter 2011-2012 Athletic Administrator Award Recipient.
- 9. Back from the Leagues - Bob Thabet
 - A. Sponsorship – Motion by Mr. Doug Murphy, 2nd by Mr. Tim Bult, for the Section IX Athletic Council to support the Sports Chairpersons in getting sponsors for each sport. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - B. Girls Golf Carts –Motion by Mrs. Toni Woody, 2nd by Mr. Tom Cassata, to approve the use of non-motorized push or pull carts during League, Sectional or NYSPHSAA Championship competition. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - C. Softball Class D Regional Format
Motion to approve new format rotation of the Sections involved was made by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Ray Castellani.
6 Yes 6 No 2 Abstain 1 Absent. Motion defeated.
 - D. Football – Modified Pilot Program
“With Sectional/League approval a two-year pilot program in Modified Football will be used allowing use of the kick-off at the 35 yard line.

Motion to approve by Mr. Ray Castellani, 2nd by Mr. Tom Cassata. Mrs. Helenanne Gillinder explained the Committee's rationale. After much discussion by the Athletic Council the vote was: 12 Yes 2 No 1 Absent. Motion carried.

E. Awards in Multi School Contests

Motion by Mr. Ray Castellani, 2nd by Mr. Doug Murphy, to edit the "Modified General Eligibility Rule". The rule would be edited to allow multi-school contests, invitationals or tournaments to award place ribbons and order of finish items to the top competitors.

6 Yes 8 No 1 Absent. The motion was defeated.

F. Pitch Count Modified Baseball

Motion by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Jim Wolfe, to go to a pitch count vs. an innings limitations.

4 Yes 10 No 1 Absent. The motion was defeated.

10. Football Exceptional Senior contest for 2012 – Dave Coates

Motion by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Ray Castellani, to approve an Exceptional Senior Football contest for 2012. Mr. Dave Coates met with the coaches regarding the process and procedure to be followed. Mr. Don Andrews expressed concern regarding playing time for the small schools that will be represented. Mr. Jim Wolfe asked about the Port Jervis and Middletown teams being involved as well as the teams involved in Regionals and the State Tournament. Mr. Coates stated that those players involved would not be eligible to participate. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Wrestling – Warwick High School

Motion by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Ray Castellani, to have Mr. Thabet send a letter to Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick Athletic Director, in response to the self reporting of an ineligible wrestler. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball and

b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart reminded all Athletic Directors that rosters need to be sent to Mr. Rob Gravelle at 651-7166.

c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi – No report.

d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White – No report.

e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner

OCIAA Championship – February 3 & 4, 2012 at Washingtonville

Section IX Championship – February 16, 17, & 18, 2012 at Valley Central

NYSPHSAA Championship – March 1, 2, & 3, 2012 at Erie Community College in Buffalo.

f. Wrestling – Jeff Culty – No report.

Mr. Robert Thabet discussed with the Athletic Council documentation in regard to a student-athlete participating at Rondout Valley. The student-athlete has special needs and Mrs. Toni Woody stated the education program that the student-athlete is participating in at Rondout Valley is working. Motion by Mrs. Toni Woody, 2nd by Mr. Tim Bult, to approve athletic participation. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Bob Thabet stated this approval is on an individual and annual basis.

- g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby – No report.
 - h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern – No report.
 - i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
The skiing schedule has begun even though we don't have a lot of snow on the slopes.
 - j. Girls Bowling Erena O'Brien
 - k. Boys Bowling Theresa Eckert
The Sectional Tournament is set for February 7, 2012.
13. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder and Steve Boucher
Action items and discussion topics were reviewed and voted on by the Athletic Council.
 - b. Safety – Janet Carey
Football Scrimmages – The minimum nights rest rule for a scrimmage and/or a contest will be four nights. The representatives on the Athletic Council from the MHAL & OCIAA are not in favor of any change.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni – No report.
 - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Mr. Dennis Burkett has met with the Officials Associations and Section IX is waiting for their response regarding contract negotiations. Mr. Bob Thabet informed the Athletic Council that a statewide contract is being discussed.
 - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
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The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee is discussing the possibility of doing away with educational waivers therefore, only health & safety waivers would be reviewed.
 - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch – No report.
14. New Business
- a. Merger of Highland Falls School District and Garrison in Section I for Modified Boys Lacrosse. Motion to approve by Mrs. Toni Woody, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Uniform Waivers for Boys Lacrosse
Motion by Mr. Dave Bernsley, 2nd by Mr. Tom Cassata, to approve Section IX Athletic Council representatives to vote against any changes to uniform requirements in any sports. All in favor. Motion carried.

- c. Motion by Mrs. Toni Woody, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Burkett, to approve a reduction in the Representation Rule # 25, page 102 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook from 6 to 4 in the following sports: Gymnastics, Indoor Track, Alpine and Nordic Skiing. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award – Fall 2011
Mr. Robert Thabet congratulated all the students and school districts that were honored by their achievement. In particular, congratulations to the Port Jervis School District for winning the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award in Girls Volleyball with a 96.531 team GPA.
- e. Motion by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Doug Murphy, to approve the October and November 2011 calendar of the Executive Director. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Back to the Leagues
Section IX Start Dates for 2012-2013 were given to the Leagues and Executive Director to review.
- g. Mr. Robert Thabet was contacted by Mrs. Kelli Clayton, Junior Director for the Metropolitan PGA, regarding providing a Rules of Golf Clinic for high school golf coaches and their teams. Contact Mrs. Clayton at 914-347-2325 ext. 323 or kclayton@pgahq.com.
- h. Mr. Jared Kahmar, Athletic Director at Port Jervis, self reported that the Varsity Girls Basketball team violated the practice sessions by-law established by NYSPHSAA.

Motion by Mr. Tim Bult, 2nd by Mr. John Landro, to have Mr. Thabet send a letter to Mr. Jared Kahmar, Port Jervis Athletic Director, regarding the violation of the practice sessions. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Old Business
None reported.

16. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn and to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Fred Ahart, 2nd by Ms. Kelly Doherty. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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Section IX Athletics

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