



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room A  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All members present except: Dave Bernsley  
  
Guest Present: Ms. Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of January 10, 2012 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Mr. Thabet discussed with the Athletic Council the necessity of an audit which will be performed by Nugent & Haeussler. More detail and written report to follow.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne  
NYSPHSAA February 2012 Monthly Update  
NYSPHSAA Proposals for 2012 Referendum  
NYSPHSAA Items to be discussed by the Leagues and Section  
Highlights of the NYSPHSAA Winter Executive Committee Meeting  
Voting Items from NYSPHSAA Winter Executive Committee Meeting  
Current Classification of Schools – BEDS Numbers for 2012-2013  
NYSED Physical Education Athletics Update  
Section IX Start Dates for 2012-2013  
Executive Director December calendar and yearly calendar for 2011
6. Section IX and NYSPHSAA – Ms. Nina Van Erk  
Ms. Van Erk reviewed the March NYSPHSAA Monthly Update (Refer to website).  
The Proposals for 2012 Referendum were reviewed. Ms. Roberta Greene will be Section IX “teller”. The Leagues need to review the Proposals. Ms. Van Erk discussed the approval by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, the planning of a “Cheerleading Event” for the winter season of 2012-2013.
7. NYSAAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights  
Refer to handout or website

8. Back from the Leagues - Bob Thabet

A. Membership

1. Our Lady of Lourdes

Bob Thabet has talked to the Athletic Director, Bradley Westrick regarding joining Section IX Athletics. Our Lady of Lourdes is interested in joining the MHAL. The MHAL is not interested in Our Lady of Lourdes. The OCIAA has stated they would accept Our Lady of Lourdes as an AA school for the 2013-2014 school year to be re-evaluated the following season.

2. Faith Christian Academy

No vote taken at this time. They have not received certification from SED.

3. The Mount Academy

Motion by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett, to approve the Mount Academy application to join Section IX Athletics July 1, 2012 for the fall 2012 season.

B. Eligibility – 2012-2013

Elimination of Financial and Academic Hardship Waivers

Fred Ahart, Chairman of the Eligibility Committee, made a presentation regarding eliminating these waivers. Back to the Leagues – April vote.

9. Section IX Start Dates for 2012-2013

Motion to accept the dates was made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball – Brian Devincenzi

b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart

Section IX Champions have been crowned

Boys

AA Middletown

A Marlboro

B Burke Catholic

C Pine Plains

D Livingston Manor

Girls

AA Valley Central

A Red Hook

B Highland

C John Coleman

D Livingston Manor

Congratulations to the Champions. Regional play begins March 6 through March 10, 2012.

c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi

No written report.

d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White

Oral report given. Written report to be posted online.

- e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
Pine Bush was Section IX Champion. New Paltz won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 200 Medley Relay at the NYSPHSAA Champion.
- f. Wrestling – Jeff Cuilty  
Written report submitted. Issues with the Division II Tournament were reported.
- g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby  
FDR hosted the Tournament of February 8, 2012. The Kingston School District was the Champion.
- h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern  
Written report submitted.
- i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey  
The season schedule was difficult due to no snow. Report is online. The section was well represented at the State Meet.
- j. Girls Bowling Erena O'Brien
- k. Boys Bowling Theresa Eckert  
The Section IX Tournament was held February 7, 2012. The Sportsmanship Awards were given to:  
Boys: F.D.R. High School    Girls: Kingston  
The Chairpersons requested Section IX handle the expenses for their Tournament with the Section billing back to the School districts. [Back to the Leagues.](#)

11. Spring Sport Chairs:

- a. Baseball – Dave Onusko  
Mr. Onusko reported on the State Baseball Meeting. He also requested permission to use the following facilities, SUNY New Paltz and Dutchess Stadium. Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe  
Report online.
- c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate  
Report and booklet online.
- d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy  
Tournament will be held at Valley Central on May 22 & 23, 2012. Rain site is at Goshen Complex.
- e. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud  
Report online. The State Qualifier will be held at Dietz Stadium. Mr. McLaud requested that all new school track coaches please contact him with their email.

- f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl  
No report.
  - g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall  
Report online.
  - h. Softball – Bruce Guyette  
Booklet online, Seed Meeting is May 24, 2012. Sectional are scheduled for June 2, 2012. Class AA/A/D at Minisink Valley, Class B/C at SUNY New Paltz.
12. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder and Steve Boucher  
The Athletic Council has voted on the following:
    - 1. Football – Modified Pilot Program - **Approved**
    - 2. Awards in Multi School Contests – **Not Approved**
    - 3. Pitch Count Baseball vs. Innings Limitations  
Pitch Count - **Approved**
  - b. Safety – Football Nights Rest -Janet Carey  
The Committee Meets April 19, 2012. Section IX is **NOT** in favor of changing the minimum nights rest rule for a scrimmage.
  - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
The Committee has a meeting on March 15, 2012.
  - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
Mr. Burkett is still talking to the Officials Association.
  - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
A meeting will be held after the meeting.
  - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
No updates at this time.
13. New Business
- Dave Coates reported the Football Committee is looking at moving the August Rules Interpretations Meeting to June. Back to the Leagues
- Glen Maisch, Athletic Director at Kingston School District, apologized to the Basketball Committee for the comments and conduct of Kingston High School. Mr. Maisch congratulated the Sectional Champions.
14. Old Business
- None was reported.

15. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn made by Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Marlboro Intermediate School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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Section IX Athletics

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