



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Orange-Ulster BOCES - Tuesday, April 13, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All members present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of March 2, 2010 Minutes – Bob Thabet  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - a. Section IX Sports Dues Form 2010-2011
  - b. NYSPHSAA items for discussion, input and consideration for the April 30 through May 1, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
  - c. NYSED Update regarding Coaching Requirements Commissioner Regulations and Fingerprinting of Sports Officials
  - d. Boys Soccer – Goalie Jersey for 2012
  - e. NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Tournament
6. Mrs. Judy Connelly, Sports Editor, Times Herald Record  
Bob Thabet welcomed Mrs. Connelly to the Section IX Meeting. Mrs. Connelly spoke about the importance of covering local athletics. The Record needs the coaches' help with information and results. Mrs. Connelly's contact information is (845) 346-3189 or [jconnelly@th-record.com](mailto:jconnelly@th-record.com) Mrs. Connelly asked Section IX Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons to please contact her with your contact information. Bob Thabet asked about Varsity 845 especially the blogs and the trash talk. Mrs. Connelly stated comments are being monitored. Jim Wolf asked about a form for the coaches to use regarding the reporting of results. Mrs. Connelly will follow-up Mr. Wolf's suggestion and get a form out to the coaches. Joe Iatauro asked about the time frame to call in results. Mrs. Connelly stated 9:00 p.m. on most days would be the latest.
7. NYSPHSAA Representative – No Report.
8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe will attend the April 30 – May 1, 2010 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

9. Back from the Leagues
  - a. Practice – Counting conditioning practices  
Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Sports Rules – NFHS rules for all sports  
The Section is interested in hearing from the Sports Chairpersons.
  - c. Field Hockey Waiver of the Uniform Rule for 2010  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried. Leagues need to come up with a candidate for this position.
  - d. Girls Lacrosse – Play time  
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - e. Girls and Boys Tennis – Sectional competition to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring. Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sportsmanship – Penalty for coaches who do not fulfill the Sportsmanship Regulation. Motion by Ms. Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Cheerleading Representative – No Report.
11. Field Hockey Chairperson for 2010  
Motion to approve with regret the resignation of Linda Krausz as Section IX Field Hockey Chairperson. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Officials Fees for 2010-2011 – Frank Carrozza  
The OCIAA Executive Committee has asked about the possibility of a one-year freeze for the officials fees for 2010-2011. The Section IX Officials Coordinator, Dennis Burkett, will have a conversation with the Sports Officials Federation Coordinator, Allan Kellman. Don Andrews asked about the possibility of extending the contract for one year. Bob Thabet asked Dennis to review the situation and report back to the Athletic Council.
13. NYSAAA Conference – Harold Fried  
Harold thanked the Athletic Council, Athletic Directors, presenters and presiders for their help and support in hosting the NYSAAA Conference by Section IX Athletics.
14. Spring Chair Reports: No current report from Softball, Baseball, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Girls Lacrosse and Boys Lacrosse.

Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse reported for the new Chairperson that the Section IX Tournament will be held on May 24 and 25 at SUNY New Paltz.

Track and Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud reported that the booklet is on-line and reminder to the Athletic Directors that an entry deadline is posted on the website.

15. Chair Reports

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helen Gillinder

Brian reported and handed out the NYSPHSAA Modified Spring Report. The report will be on the Section IX website. The items covered were:

1. Baseball/Softball Re-entry Rule – Approved
2. New Softball Pilot Program – Approved, need to complete survey

New Business

- a. Football Pilot Program – Two wide receivers will be utilized in modified football.
- b. Wrestling Pilot Program – “With Sectional/League approval, modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest will wrestle using the time period for bouts of Program 2: 1<sup>st</sup> period – 1 minute, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods – 1 and ½ minutes.”
- c. Wrestling Overtime Period – “With Sectional approval an additional “sudden victory” overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling.”
- d. Requests for Early Start Dates – Does not affect Section IX
- e. Baseball/Softball Catcher Rule – “With Sectional/League approval, when the team at bat has two outs with the catcher on base, a pinch runner may be used to allow the catcher to get his/her gear on prior to the third out.”
- f. Budget Options and Considerations

The Modified Sports Committee voiced its strong desire and commitment to preserve and encourage the integrity of the modified athletic program as an integral part of student’s educational growth. See report on the Modified Sports website page.

b. Safety – Janet Carey

Mrs. Carey asked to have the following items discussed by the Athletic Council.

Heat Index Policy – Draft

Wind Chill Policy – Draft

Wrestling recommendation for 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year wrestlers will be certified to a minimum weight instead of a minimum weight class.

c. Chemical Health – No Report.

d. Officials Coordinator – No Report.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

A meeting will be held after the Section IX Meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

The minutes of the meeting can be found on the Section IX website page. The highlights are:

1. Ejection Free Program
2. Sportsmanship Promotion Program
3. Sportsmanship Manual
4. Consequence of a coach not serving penalty
5. Penalty for a coach or player disqualified from a scrimmage

16. New Business:

Pete Ferguson reported on the possibility of a rule change for 2012 Fall season for Boys and Girls Soccer beginning with the 2012 Fall season all goalie jerseys, shall be numbered. More details will follow regarding the size of the numbers and if this rule

change will impact all levels. Also, Pete asked for support of the Fall 2010 NYSPHSAA Soccer Championships to be held at Middletown High School. Program advertisers are needed.

- A. Congratulations to the New Paltz School District on winning the Scholar/Athlete Award for Boys Nordic Skiing.
- B. Mixed Competition Rule  
John A. Coleman has reported to Section IX that they will have girls on the boys' tennis team. The names will be sent to the Section IX Secretary.

School Mergers:

- C. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek to approve the merger of the Liberty Central School District and the Roscoe Central School District for Varsity Baseball and Softball for the 2010 season. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett, to approve the merger of the Roscoe Central School District and the Livingston Manor Central School District for the sport of football for all levels in the 2010 season. All in favor. Motion carried.

- D. Congratulations to Ms. Roberta Greene, Athletic Council Representative, who will be honored by the Mid-Hudson School Studies Council.

17. Old Business:

The following should be added to the Section IX Athletic Council Minutes:

Alpine Skiing:

The Onteora Girls High School team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NYSPHSAA Championship.  
The Warwick Boys High School team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the NYSPHSAA Championship.  
The Section IX Girls Alpine Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the NYSPHSAA Championship.  
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Jesse Anser from Warwick High School won the Slalom and Giant Slalom Alpine Ski Championships to earn the Boys Alpine combined 2010 Championships.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

Jim Osborne, Secretary  
Section IX Athletics

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Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a possible vote at the Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

- A. Sport Rules – A review, discussion and vote to use the same rules for Boys and Girls Basketball and NFHS rules for all sports when available.
- B. Field Hockey Sports Chairperson
- C. Budget Options and Considerations – Modified Sports
- D. Heat Index Policy
- E. Wind Chill Policy
- F. Wrestling Recommendation – Wrestlers will be certified to a minimum weight instead of a maximum weight class.