



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Mt. St. Mary College – May 18, 2011

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present except:
Tony Woody
Al Wojtaszek
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
Bob Thabet asked for a moment of silence for Frank Carrozza's father who recently passed away.
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - 1) Section IX Financial Report
 - 2) May 2011 NYSPHSAA Report
 - 3) Minutes of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - 4) NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop
 - 5) Football Helmets Recondition Information
 - 6) 2011-2012 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
 - 7) NYSED Physical Education Update
 - 8) Action Items
 - 9) CPC Recommendations
 - 10) Handbook Committee Information
 - 11) Modified Sports Information
 - 12) Concussion Management
 - 13) Middletown Community Service Challenge
 - 14) March Calendar – Bob Thabet
 - 15) NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan
5. Approval of April 12, 2011 Minutes
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA Report – No Report

Bob Thabet introduced Dave Bernsley, Monroe-Woodbury High School Principal, as Section IX Central Committee member.

7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe reviewed the handouts given to the Athletic Council regarding the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.
 - A. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
 - B. NYSED Physical Education Update
 - C. Action Items from NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - D. Recommendations of the Championship Philosophy Committee
 - E. NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee
 - F. Modified Athletics
8. Harmony Christian School – Friend and Neighbor Application – NYSPHSAA Letter (Back to the Leagues)
Bob Thabet asked Jim Osborne to discuss Harmony Christian School application with their Athletic Director.
9. Strategic Planning Committee – John Landro
Refer to the handout.
10. Merger – Ellenville and Wawarsing Christian Academy
Refer to the handout listing the sports and levels. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani, to approve the merger of the following schools:

FDR and Rhinebeck – Football – All levels
FDR and Millbrook – Girls Swimming – Varsity
FDR and Highland – Boys Swimming – Varsity
All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Section IX Non Public School Classification Committee – Tom Cassata
Dennis Burkett gave the Committee report. The Committee recommends John A. Coleman be moved in classification from Class D to Class C in Girls Basketball for at least two years. Motion to approve made Dennis Burkett, second by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

The committee will meet throughout the year reviewing the Section IX non-public schools before the season begins.

12. Modified – with Section/League approval move the volleyball service line a maximum of two meters onto the court. Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

At this time of the meeting, Bob Thabet introduced John Wright, Athletic Director of Mt. St. Mary College and thanked Mt. St. Mary College for hosting the Section IX Meeting. Mr. Wright reviewed the present and future sport programs that the college has on campus. Kelly Doherty, Eldred Athletic Director and Section IX Awards Chairperson,

presented to Mr. Wright a NYSAAA Community Service Award Certificate of Appreciation.

13. Modified – with Section /League Approval the Softball pitching distance will be 40 feet or 43 feet. Motion to not approve this item was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Wrestling Chairperson – Bob Thabet
Mr. Thabet reported that he talked to Jeff Culty regarding the Wrestling Chairperson position. Mr. Culty stated he never intended to resign as the Chairperson. Mr. Thabet will have a conversation with Mr. Culty and Mike Kroemer, Assistant Chairperson and report back to the Athletic Council.
15. Bowling Requests – Back from the Leagues
Motion to deny the request for changes to awards and for a two day NYSPHSAA Tournament made by Dennis Burkett, second by Don Andrews. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Exceptional Senior Football Contest (Back from the Leagues)
Bob Thabet has spoken to Section I and Renee James, Counsel for NYSPHSAA regarding insurance, transportation, equipment and coaches. The issues and questions are being resolved. The application will be sent to the Athletic Council for review.
17. Section IX Directory – Jim Osborne
Information is needed for the 2011-2012 Directory.
18. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Softball – Bruce Guyette
Mike Larsen and Steve Boucher reported that point cards are due Monday, May 23, 2011. The Tournament will begin Tuesday, May 31, 2011.
 - b. Baseball – Dave Onusko
Rosters and pictures are due to NYSPHSAA. The seed meeting has been moved to Wednesday, May 25, 2011. The Tournament will begin after the Committee seeds all the teams in the brackets.
 - c. Boys Golf – Dick O'Neill
The Tournament begins Monday, May 23, 2011 at Villa Roma.
 - d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl
The Tournament begins Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Apple Greens, New Paltz.
 - e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall
Seed meeting is Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Goshen Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
 - f. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate
Seed meeting has been moved to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Saugerties.

- g. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy
The Section IX Tournament has been moved to Mt. St. Mary College on May 25th and 26th. Contact the Chairpersons with questions.
 - h. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
Entries are due 72 hours before the event. Class A/D are due Sunday and Class B/C are due Monday. If coaches have questions call the Chairperson or refer to the booklet.
19. Chair Reports:
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder
No report.
 - b. Safety – Janet Carey
Any information is on the website.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report.
 - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
A meeting with the officials Federation will happen in June.
 - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
Mr. Ahart reported that the Transfer Committee Guidelines that were supposed to start July 1, 2011 are on hold until further notice. The Committee will have a brief meeting after the meeting.
 - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
No report.
20. New Business
- Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey reported that no meeting date has been set for the cheerleading committee. The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee has approved the NYSPHSAA staff communicating and collaborating with the New York State Education Department. The Athletic Council was wondering how soon cheerleading would be a sport in New York State.
- NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge
Motion to approve Middletown as Section IX winner was made by John Landro, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Mr. Thabet asked the leagues to discuss same day meetings as Section IX. Each league would host four meetings. The format would be Sectional Meetings followed by League Meetings. – Back to the Leagues.

21. Old Business:

Jim Glover asked the Athletic Council about the T-shirts for cross country. Ms. Greene reported that the cross country representative stated the Sectional T-shirts at the NYSPHSAA Meet would be provided to the athletes at no cost to the section, schools or athletes. Ms. Greene stated that the vote to approve the T-shirts was based on the cross country representative's statement. Mr. Glover was asked to follow-up this situation.

Jared Kahmar, Port Jervis Athletic Director, reported on the sports forum that was being at Port Jervis High School.

22. Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at Apple Greens, New Paltz, NY at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Section IX Athletics

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