



**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. Chris Ferry, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake
Mr. Steven Suarez, Associate Member, West Point

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:37 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (December 22, 2020)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/SS Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Moment of Silence
Mr. Christopher Mayo asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. John Ford, who passed away this past weekend, and for Mr. John Landro's mother, who passed away last week.
3. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom
Return-to-play protocols during COVID have been updated, including the roster form regarding travel to games, and are available on the website.
4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
None to report.
5. Officials / Contractual Obligations – Mr. Dennis Burkett
If officials are assigned, they will be used in person or virtually, in accordance to the set-up of each contest.
6. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:
 - a. Spring Schedules – Vote
Mr. Mayo reviewed the schedules included in distributed materials.

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. DiMattina (Florida/SS Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
Schedules are posted and a Covid chart was shared on screen, as well as emailed, during the meeting. Brief overview and discussion occurred.
- c. Fall 2021 Schedules Discussion
Currently awaiting State vote; if defeated, Section IX will submit a proposal to freeze the enrollment numbers. Football schedules are currently being worked on.
- d. OCIAA Calendar 2021-2022
The new calendar will be completed upon approval of the O/U BOCES student calendar and is expected for distribution at the next meeting in February.
- e. Special Programs
 - Ms. Amanda York
 - i. Student-Athlete college commitments are being compiled into digital booklets and the first issue's release is expected soon, giving us a sneak peak. Another will be issued in the Spring to include all commitments for the school year. If the number of submissions warrant an additional release, it will be released before the final one in the Spring.
 - ii. Virtual Coaching Courses continue to be offered this winter on every other Tuesday through March. COVID guidelines are followed for the in-person training of each of these courses.
 - Mr. Doug Stahl
We are anticipating the Winter webinar for our student-athletes to take place in early February. The webinar will discuss locker room culture, diversity, and inclusivity. The panel currently consists of Russell Payne (former pro soccer player and coach at West Point) and Katina Mack (former standout basketball player for Monticello, Penn State and college coach). We are currently seeking a replacement for Bill Bayno (NBA assistant coach), who cannot commit until after his basketball season. A flyer will be distributed shortly.
 - Mr. Dan Morse
Our new website and our new program, rSchoolToday, are up and running. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Morse for all of his time and efforts in this project. All were encouraged to share with the public. Mr. Morse encouraged schools to send links ahead of time if any of their games are being streamed, so he can put it on the new website.
 - Ms. Lori Hock
Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) shared the Free Cardiac Screening being offered at the high school on Saturday, January 23, 2021. It is offered to all student-athletes in an effort to be ahead of the curve before it is possibly mandated.
- f. Scholar Athlete Awards
We intend to keep this program in place for this year. Applications will be available at the next AD meeting in February.
- g. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
None to report.

7. Old Business

- a. Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville) asked for confirmation about still having no spectators at Indoor Track events. This is correct at this time.
- b. Mr. Dennis Burkett has reached out to NYSPHSAA regarding the policy for virtual practices and will share the response once received.
- c. Review Winter and Fall 2 schedules to have as many games and as few to no byes as possible.
- d. Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) inquired about budget increase of \$875 for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Mayo explained that, due contractual agreements, staff salaries and benefits increase yearly. He also explained that schools are charged according to their classification and movement one way or the other impacts budgeting from year to year. Four schools moved down in classification for next year, which negatively affects revenue. The increase to overall athletic budgets will be offset by a reduction of \$25 per varsity team in the Section IX budget. Mr. Bult asked what that had to do with their league dues. Mr. Mayo explained that, due to the decrease in Section IX dues, the total increase to their athletic budget would be less than \$875. Mr. Mayo explained that Section IX was able to decrease their dues by using some of their reserve funds they have saved. BOCES returns unused funds to school districts at year's end, whereas Section IX does not and can establish a reserve fund. Mr. Bult asked, since he had to cut his budget for things like supplies, etc., what has the ROIA cut? Mr. Mayo pointed out that the increase of \$875 is for next school year, not this one, and that the plan is for next year to have a full complement of programs. Mr. Mayo explained that the office has taken on several cost-saving measures this school year, including re-allocation of resources to other departments, savings on salaries for FMLA, cuts to orders on awards, supplies, and more. In addition, despite the situation, the office has had to work even harder with less resources since last March. The work has not ended because athletic contests aren't being played; if anything, it has increased the volume of work for the office. There has been a need for the continual update for schedules, assignments, adding new programs for athletes, etc. There were no other questions. Individual budget details have been emailed to each district.

8. New Business

None to report.

9. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 9:30 am via Google Meet

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.