



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

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. John Giametta, Beacon
Mr. Mel Wesenberg, Chester
Mr. Mike Doucette, Chester
Mr. Bernard McIlwain, Homestead School
Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello
Mr. Howie Harrison, Newburgh
Mr. Billy Brunner, Tuxedo

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Jared Kahmar, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:43 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (June 7, 2022)
Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
 - a. Section 2 Proposal is still in discussion status so no vote on this proposal today.
 - b. Vote for Mr. Joe DiMattina as Section IX Softball Chairperson
Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Cross Country bibs to be purchased by Section IX each year and billed back to schools.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Section IX Girls Lacrosse Chairperson interest from someone in Cornwall; vote will occur at next meeting.

- e. Vote for Mr. Coates to replace Mr. Jim Wolfe as Section IX Male Representative due to Mr. Wolfe's resignation. Please let Section IX know if you are interested in replacing Mr. Coates' prior position as an OCIAA League Representative.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Ron Montalto (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Section IX Dues are due on October 1, 2022.
3. OCIAA President's Report - Mr. Michael Bellarosa
A summary sheet and State Proposals have been included in meeting materials.
- a. State Proposals – Vote:
 - i. Section 2 Proposal: Change NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams Rule for K-8 Districts - want to add a #6 to the existing rules.
This proposal is still in discussion, no vote yet.
 - ii. Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectation - add statement to NYSPHSAA Handbook.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - iii. Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation – add penalties to the Handbook. Discussion ensued regarding the challenges to enforce and follow through with it.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Ray Holyk (Port Jervis) and seconded by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - iv. Unified Sports: Waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule – approve to waiving letter “e” for a one-year pilot program.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - v. Unified Sports: Mandate the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports Course – recommend taking the course within two years.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - vi. League Placement of Section VI Charter Schools.
This currently does not affect our leagues, so it has been agreed to let Section IX Male and Female Representatives vote their conscious.
Motion to approve made by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - vii. Cheerleading: Establish a NYSPHSAA Game Day State Championship for Fall 2023.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - viii. Boys Soccer: Increase Allowable Yellow Cards in the Postseason – Committee seeking to change from 3-5 yellow cards in Yellow Card Accumulation Policy. Soccer Committee voted 11-0 to support this proposal.
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. **Motion failed.***
 - ix. Wrestling: Extension of Pilot Weight Classes for the 2022-2023 school year. Wrestling Committee unanimously in favor.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Gass (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.

- x. Softball: Request to Extend the Softball State Championships to Two Days starting Spring 2023.
Softball Committee unanimously in favor.
Motion to approve made by Mr. DiMattina (Florida/Seward) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.
- xi. Championship Advisory Committee: Addition of Officials at Individual Wrestling Championships - add two (2) officials.
CAC 10-0 in favor of proposal
Motion to approve made by Mr. Montalto (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Executive Committee Positions

- i. *Motion to approve Ms. Lenzian as Vice President and Mr. Closs as Small School AD Representative made by Mr. Montalto (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- ii. Large School Principal Representative is currently vacant.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
Items of Concern:

a. Girls Flag Football

- i. Schools interested in beginning a program in Spring 2023
 - 1. Highland
 - 2. Kingston
 - 3. Middletown
 - 4. Monroe-Woodbury
 - 5. Pine Bush
 - 6. Warwick
 - 7. Washingtonville
- ii. Interest from schools with budget limitations
 - 1. Goshen
 - 2. Minisink Valley
 - 3. Valley Central
- iii. Co-Chairpersons, Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) and Mr. Greg Sirico, were meeting with Jets representatives this week hoping to obtain funding for this program.

b. Boys Volleyball

Schools may want to consider starting an Intramural program. Red Hook has successfully been running one in the Spring for a few years now. Mixed Competition guidelines from the State should be followed and each school should have a Committee to review these requests before submitting to Section IX.

c. 2023-2024 Sports Teams Form

This form was included in the materials and is due no later than October 18, 2022. Please note if you have any new programs and add if you are thinking of adding a team. It is much easier to remove a team from the schedule than it is to add one in. Please be sure to keep us posted with any changes.

d. OCIAA Championships

The Fall 2022 Championship summary was included in your materials. Please note, the Girls Swim dates for Division I and Division II are reversed. This will be updated and resent via email.

e. Girls Tennis Team Representative (Section IX Process Proposal)

The proposal is included in meeting materials. The Section IX Tennis Chairpeople were looking for both the MHAL and OCIAA Athletic Directors to approve their process for team championship representation to the Section IX Team Championship for both boys and girls tennis. The Chairpeople felt it was extremely important to have a process in writing. They will post the process on the Section IX Tennis webpage and have asked both leagues to include the Section IX process as a notation in each League’s respective bylaws. Mr. Mayo informed the ADs that it cannot be included in the Girls by-laws for this Fall, due to the timeline of the implementation of change listed in the OCIAA constitution, but that it could be listed in the Boys by-laws as a notation based on the timeline for bylaw changes listed in the constitution. The addition of this process as a notation in the bylaws will be presented to the executive committee at the October meeting.

Motion to approve made by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

Wrestling	Modified	Eldred	Sullivan West	SW-4 & Eld-4	Ind - 7	Winter 2022-23
Wrestling	Varsity	Eldred	Sullivan West	SW-3 & Eld-2	Ind - 7	Winter 2022-23

OCIAA Approve	9/20/2022
MHAL Approve	9/21/2022
S9 Approval	TBA

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Gass (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion – Coaching Certification

A meeting took place with Ms. Nohemi Munoz, Orange Ulster BOCES Regional Certification Officer, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Semo, and Mr. Gillespie to go over this process and discuss the pitfalls and possible solutions to issues faced by both Athletic Directors and Ms. Munoz. The Athletic Directors discussed the many issues they have with State Ed’s process including getting online courses verified and signed, months-long delays from State Ed’s Certification center in issuing licenses, as well as problems with the Teach system = including: 4 month-long delays in getting new passwords, and the Teach System randomly closing and forcing applicants to re-start the process. New coaching application checklists are included in the meeting materials as well as a new streamlined coaching evaluation form. The meeting was very beneficial for all.

6. Old Business

Please be sure to let us know if you have any additional dropped teams.

7. New Business

- a. Modified A Football at Kingston is looking for a game this week.
- b. Unified Bowling tentative schedule is ready and will begin the first week of January.
- c. Kingston will be merging with Mount Academy for Unified Bowling and Unified Basketball.
- d. Kingston is looking for two (2) Varsity Basketball games.

- e. Mr. Montalto (Fallsburg) inquired about the Scheduling Committee and shared some of the struggles that appear, more likely in smaller districts. Mr. Mayo welcomes input or ideas that can be shared to assist in any issues that may arise with the smaller schools. Let's everyone keep working together in light of transportation and officials' issues, as we all have been so well in the past.
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
at OU BOCES Special Education Building Auditorium

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

9. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.