



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

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Mike Bellarosa, OCIAA President  
Mr. Adam Kless, Burke  
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field  
Mr. Jason Semo, Cornwall  
Mr. Ron Montalto, Fallsburg  
Mr. Bryan Wilson, Highland Falls  
Mr. Bernard McIlwain, Homestead School  
Mr. David Coates, Middletown  
Mr. Howie Harrison, Newburgh

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. Jared Kahmar, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake  
Ms. Jenna Montanye, Chapel Field  
Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:39 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (October 18, 2022)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX – Mr. Greg Ransom
  - a. In Mr. Ransom’s absence, Mr. Jim Osborne wished all a Happy Thanksgiving filled with food, football, and family.
  - b. Student Leadership Interest Survey – deadline is December 16.
3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa  
In Mr. Bellarosa’s absence, Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) reviewed the Section IX Discussion Items, which will be voted on at the next AD meeting in December:
  - a. Section IX Discussion Items
    - i. 2023-2024 Membership Dues
    - ii. Handbook: Removing the NYSPHSAA Note Under Mixed Competition

- iii. Modified: Changing Soccer Mouth Guard Requirement to Recommended
- iv. Modified: Increasing Max Number of Events for Track & Field
- v. Football: Amend Guidelines for Combined Practices for 11-Man
- vi. Boys Wrestling: NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan  
Discussion ensued. Please email Mr. Mayo any questions you may have, so he can follow up with Mr. Jeff Culty, Wrestling Chairperson. Also, be sure to speak with your coaches regarding this proposal.
- vii. Boys Wrestling: Eliminate the NYSPHSAA Honor Weigh-In
- viii. Boys Wrestling: 2023-2024 Weight Classes
- ix. Boys Wrestling: Division Cut-Off Numbers
- x. Girls Flag Football: High School Sports Standards
- xi. Girls Flag Football: NFHS/NYSPHSAA Playing Rules
- xii. Girls Flag Football: Establish a State Championship in 2024

b. Section IX Budget

*Motion to approve made by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

- a. Welcome to new staff:
  - i. Chester - Mr. Mike Doucette
  - ii. Eldred – Mr. Mike Conklin
  - iii. Monticello – Mr. Ryan Jasper
  - iv. Port Jervis – Mr. Gerard (JJ) Gass – moved from Eldred
  - v. Tuxedo – Mr. Marco Margotta
- b. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Ray Holyk (Port Jervis) for his service and dedication and wished him the best in retirement.
- c. 2023-2024 BEDS Chart / Sport Classifications  
Information is included in the materials. Please review your district and let Mr. Mayo know if you have any questions or concerns.
- d. 2023-2024 Sports Teams Alignments  
The Scheduling Committee met last week. Divisions are broken down by classifications. Discussion occurred regarding a seeding question. Mr. Joe DiMattina will be emailing Mr. Mayo the concerns regarding seeding for further review. A vote for the Alignments will occur at the next AD meeting in December, which has been **changed from December 20 to December 13** to accommodate voting items pertaining to the Executive Committee.
- e. Section IX Seeding for 2023-2024  
Mr. Mayo told the group that seeding for sectional tournaments next year will be reviewed by the seeding committee which includes members of both leagues.
- f. Fall Division Champions  
Mr. Dan Morse reviewed the Fall Champions summary located in your materials and congratulated all of the winners! Mr. Mayo reminded any State winners to send a team photo, so a banner could be made up for their school.
- g. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings Review
  - i. All meetings that occurred went well and were well-attended. Nordic Ski meeting still needs to be scheduled. No issues to report.

- ii. The positive feedback regarding Mr. Morse including all meeting information on one sheet was noted. Having meetings via Zoom and including MHAL were also reviewed as helpful.
  - iii. Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) inquired about Basketball officials. Although there is still a shortage, we do have some new officials joining this year.
  - iv. Make sure your coaches know the Jewelry Rules for their sports, especially the rules affecting Hair beads and Hair Adornments. They should be prepared to address the players before officials do. Stay ahead of it. This will make for an all-around better situation.
- h. Coaching Courses  
A summary sheet for Mr. Jason Semo and Ms. Amanda York's upcoming courses and dates were included in the meeting materials for your reference and to share with your coaches.
- i. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult  
This approved list will follow.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- j. Modified Sports – Ms. Sue Lenzian  
These were included in the Discussion Items above. Nothing else to report.

## 5. Old Business

- a. AAA Scholarship  
Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) will send an email regarding this information.
- b. Leadership Conference  
The flyer is informational. Proceed with caution, as this was not included in your current budgets.
- c. rSchoolToday
  - i. Ratings on a desktop computer is not feasible.
  - ii. rST is currently working on creating a Missing Ratings Report and a Universal log-in.
  - iii. rST was not aware of the 24-hour cool-off period for Ratings, so they are looking into it.
  - iv. Mock up for Officials title/position
  - v. Updated website with rST
- d. Indoor Track Schedule  
We are still waiting for confirmation and information from West Point. They now require that we have a sponsor, so this is a work in progress.

## 6. New Business

- a. Unified Bowling  
Schedules are posted and will start the first week of January.
- b. Dropped Teams  
None reported at the meeting. Ms. Jenna Montanye (Chapel Field) will confirm and report any dropped teams upon return to her office.
- c. Games  
Kingston is looking for Modified Girls Basketball games.

- d. Letters of Intent  
Send photos to us. Mr. Pat Rossi will post on our social media and gather for the booklet.
  - e. Secretaries Meeting  
The meeting held on November 15 was well-attended with a great program. We would like to continue and do this again.
  - f. Girls Flag Football  
The Spring Schedule is in its final stages. Most games are scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
  - g. Fallsburg Athletic Director  
Mr. Ron Montalto (Fallsburg) will be in Fallsburg until December 9. Ms. Amanda Stevens will be the new Athletic Director.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, December 13, 2022,  
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
8. **Section IX Meeting** – Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.  
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

Happy Thanksgiving to all and thanks for the hard work!

9. Adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon).  
All in favor. Motion carried.*