



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

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Mike Bellarosa, OCIAA President  
Mr. Jason Semo, Cornwall  
Mr. Mike Conklin, Eldred  
Mr. Bernard McIlwain, Homestead School  
Mr. David Coates, Middletown  
Mr. Chris Vero, Monroe-Woodbury  
Mr. Rich Steger, Valley Central

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Ms. Michelle Ahart-Bosland, Homestead School  
Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello  
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (November 22, 2022)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX – Mr. Greg Ransom
  - a. Mr. Ransom reviewed the NYSED memo regarding Mixed Competition.
  - b. Mr. James Osborne distributed soccer certificates.
  - c. Mr. Ransom confirmed that Tackle Football and Girls Flag Football are two different sports as per NYSPHSAA, so both sports can be played in one school year.
  - d. Happy, Healthy Holidays to all!

3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. In Mr. Bellarosa's absence, Vice President Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) presented the NYSPHSAA Voting Items:

### NYSPHSAA VOTING ITEMS – December 2022

➤ **2023-2024 Membership Dues**

Proposal to approve NYSPHSAA membership dues increase as follows: 2023-2024: Increases to \$900 per school plus .90/student over 300; 2024-2025: Increases to \$950 per school plus .95/student over 300; 2025-2026: Increases to \$1,000 per school plus \$1/student over 300

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*

➤ **Removing Note under mixed competition in handbook**

Proposal to remove the wording – “NYSPHSAA Note: This clause is to meet the need of the exceptionally talented girl”.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Sullivan West). All in favor. Motion carried.*

➤ **Modified Soccer – Mouth Guard**

Proposal to change soccer mouth guard requirement to “May wear” as opposed to to “Shall Wear”.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*

**Modified Track and Field**

Proposal to increase maximum number of events during a meet from 3 to 4 providing one of the 4 is a relay.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. David Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe). All in favor. Motion carried.*

➤ **Football – Practice Guidelines**

Proposal to amend 11 man football practice guidelines by increasing the number of players able to participate in a drill to increase from 7 to 9.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*

➤ **Wrestling – NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan**

Proposal to adopt the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan. This would replace the 50% rule.

Discussion occurred. With Pilot in effect this season, the OCIAA League has determined they need the full season to gather data before voting on this proposal. This motion includes tabling the next proposal as well: Wrestling – Eliminate Honor Weigh-in.

*Motion to table until the conclusion of the season made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion tabled.*

➤ **Wrestling – Eliminate Honor Weigh-in**

Proposal to eliminate the honor weigh-in. This is in conjunction with passing the 1.5% weight loss plan.

This motion was included with tabling the above proposal: Wrestling – NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan. *Motion to table made together with above proposal. Motion tabled.*

➤ **Wrestling – Boys – 2023-2024 Weight Classes**

Proposal to use the NFHS weight classes, plus a lower weight class of 101 pounds.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- **Wrestling – Boys – Division cut off numbers**  
 Proposal to have wrestling become a variation sport with cut-off numbers of 599 and below for Division 2 and 600 and above for Division 1.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
- **Girls Flag Football – Sport Standards**  
 Proposal to adopt High School Sport Standards for Girls Flag Football. Same as Girls Lacrosse.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
- **Girls Flag Football – Playing Rules**  
 Proposal to adopt NFHS and NYSPHSAA Playing Rules for Girls Flag Football.  
 Discussion occurred regarding the need for Rush Rules to be changed. The Section can be more restrictive and extend line.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
- **Girls Flag Football – State Championship**  
 Proposal to establish a Girls Flag Football State Championship for the Spring of 2024  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. In Mr. Mike Bellarosa fashion, Ms. Lenzian thanked everyone and wished all Happy Holidays!
  
- 4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
 Items of Concern:
  - a. Alignments 2023-2024 – Vote  
 BEDS and Classifications are included in materials. Some updates on Alignments were made prior to the meeting.  
*Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
  - b. Fall 2023 schedules – Discussion  
 Schedules are currently being worked on. If you have any concerns, please contact Mr. Mayo and it will be discussed with the Scheduling Committee.
  
  - c. OCIAA Associate Members 2023-2024  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
  - d. Scholar-Athlete Awards – June 1, 2023  
 We are planning the Scholar-Athlete Breakfast on June 1 or possibly June 8. Please check your school calendars for any major school conflicts. Kuhl’s Highland House has been sold, so please let us know if you have other locations to recommend.
  
  - e. Community Service Challenge, NLI Photos – Mr. Pat Rossi  
 Please keep sending this information and letters of intent to Mr. Rossi. Share special stories to publicize, ie, scoring 1,000 points, etc. A booklet of signings will be released in Spring 2023.

f. Combining of Teams

Girls Basketball	Junior Varsity	Liberty	Homestead School	Yes	Homestead -1	team	Winter 22-23
			OCIAA Approve	12/13/2022			
			MHAL Approve	12/20/2022??			
			S9 Approve	1/4/2023??			

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. Old Business

- a. NIAAA email was sent out and all nomination submissions should be sent to Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville).
- b. Kingston’s stadium is still under construction, so Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) will be in touch regarding location changes.
- c. Pine Bush is getting turf fielding, so changes may happen.

6. New Business

None to report.

Thank you for all you do. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year!

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 9:30 am @ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

**Section IX Meeting** – Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.  
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

8. Adjourn

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