



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

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

- All members present except:
- Mr. Mike Bellarosa, OCIAA President
  - Mr. Adam Kless, Burke
  - Mr. Bernard McIlwain, Homestead School
  - Mr. Chris Vero, Monroe-Woodbury
  - Mr. Ronald Jackson, Newburgh
  - Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Sullivan West
- Guests Present:
- Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
  - 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 9:41 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (December 13, 2022)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX – Mr. Greg Ransom
  - a. All items have been voted on for the Executive Committee meeting at the end of the month.
  - b. If you are interested in the Final Forms, please let Mr. Ransom or Frank know.
  - c. Mr. James Osborne announced the extra basketballs sent to Section IX were free to take after the meeting.
3. OCIAA President’s Report – Ms. Suzanne Lenzian
  - a. Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) announced and congratulated NYSAAA Award recipients:
    - Jonnah O’Donnell - Athletic Director Award;
    - Kevin Gleason - Distinguished Service Award;
    - Rondout Valley School District – Community Service Award;

- Denise Palermo – Judith Martins Secretary Award;
- Jason Closs – Liam Frawley Award

b. Classification Committee

- i. The Classification Committee recommends the Our Lady of Lourdes Football team participate in Class A for the 2023-2024 school year. John S. Burke Catholic High School will remain in their designated Classification for Football - Class D.
- ii. Soccer and Volleyball are still pending.

c. Section IX Meeting Dates for 2023-2024 Proposed

This has been included in your materials.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

a. Section IX Seeding

Discussion occurred regarding 6 Classifications and Divisions. The Seeding Committee will be meeting again soon and appreciate you sharing input and alternatives to this process without losing the integrity of how we operate in the current process.

b. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates

- i. Letters of Intent are in and Football Alignments have been completed.
- ii. Middletown hosted this year’s Section IX Exceptional Senior Game, which went very well. Goshen thanked Middletown for hosting this year and hopes to host it in 2024.

c. Fall 2023 Schedules Discussion

Mr. Mayo is awaiting the BOCES School Calendar before finalizing and releasing the schedules. Please forward Mr. Mayo any other county schedules, as they become available. Also, please let him know of any unavailable dates, ie, Homecoming, etc.

d. OCIAA Calendar 2023-2024

Mr. Mayo is awaiting the BOCES School Calendar before finalizing and releasing the calendar. We hope to have this information soon and will provide more information at the next meeting.

e. Scholar Athlete Awards

The guidelines memo was included in the materials.

- i. Logistics: The Country Club at Otterkill; June 1, 2023; 9 am
- ii. Please send recommendations for a speaker and/or singer for this event.
- iii. A request was made to have the Color Guard from Washingtonville attend.
- iv. Google forms will be forwarded next month for completion of biographical sketches by the AD or the recipients.

f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

Boys Lacrosse	Varsity	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Onteora - 1	Spring 2023
			OCIAA Approve	1/17/2023	Moves to Class C	
			MHAL Approve	12/20/2022		
			S9 Approve	Online ??		

*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*

Mr. Mayo asked if there was a way for processing renewals, rather than starting over in annual repeat requests. Mr. Bult (Minisink) shared that timeliness is the biggest challenge in this process. Discussion ensued, and it was determined that streamlining the process in allowing the Committee to approve sub-Varsity mergers without the consent of the Section IX Council would prove helpful in time-sensitive requests.

5. Old Business

Mr. Dan Morse reminded everyone that Indoor Track manifests are due this week for West Point, which is scheduled for this weekend.

6. New Business

- a. Mr. Ransom mentioned this is coming up the pike ... Track wants to get rid of the hand timer for qualifying. FAT (Fully Automatic Timing) would be needed in order to qualify. Discussion ensued. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
  - b. Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) announced the need for a County Track Meet location on Friday, May 19, because the Warwick Track is currently under construction. Since it does have an early start, he understands this may be difficult for schools to host. If there is no solution in securing a location, this event will be changed to a one-day event on Saturday, May 20. Mr. Sirico thanked Goshen for hosting this event on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Mr. Morse discussed the option of bringing back the Modified Track Meet to 12<sup>th</sup> Rock, which hasn't happened since COVID.
  - d. Mr. Semo (Cornwall) inquired about host schools being billed in full for Bowling matches. Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) shared that Kingston's local bowling alley tracks which district each athlete is from at check-in, then the bowling alley bills each school accordingly.
  - e. Mr. Coates (Middletown) announced the resignation of Mr. David Franskevicz as the 8-Man Football Representative. Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley) has been appointed to this position.
  - f. Mr. Osborne announced that Mr. Mayo will be hosting the Section IX Hospitality Suite at the AAA Conference in March 2023.
  - g. Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) briefly discussed the upcoming Student Leadership Conference being held on March 30. If any Athletic Directors are interested in attending, please let Ms. Lenzian know.
  - h. Boys Basketball game is needed for Goshen. Please contact Mr. St. Lawrence if you would like to schedule a game either home or away.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 9:30 am  
At Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Center Room B/C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 9:30 am via Zoom

8. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.*