



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

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field  
Mr. Howie Harrison, Monroe-Woodbury  
Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Sullivan West

Guests Present: Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer  
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Ms. Janet Carey, Section IX Alpine Ski Chairperson  
Ms. Sarah Hadden, Greenwood Lake, Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (November 14, 2023)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX – Mr. Jim Osborne
  - a. Boys and Girls Tennis  
A report was included in the materials regarding Team Tennis. The Section IX Co-Coordinator would like to recommend that Section IX “rethink” its effectiveness and challenges. Discussion took place, and it was recommended that ADs talk with their coaches. The Section is already committed for the 2023-24 school year. Vote will occur at the next AD meeting.
  - b. Cheerleading Score System  
A report was included in the materials regarding the recommendation not to implement the 3-point deduction for Class Size Violation.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central) and seconded by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*
3. Alpine Skiing Discussion – Ms. Janet Carey  
Ms. Carey provided an in depth report explaining why the scheduled meets at Belleayre occur during the school day. There are still some schools that have an issue with their student-athletes being pulled from classes during the Alpine Ski season. Suggestions for an acceptable solution are welcome. Mr. Ransom thanked Ms. Carey for attending and presenting information that was much-needed to hear.

4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. OCIAA Executive Committee Position – Class C/D Athletic Director  
A vote took place and Mr. David Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe) was appointed to this position.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. Section IX Athletic Council Representative to Replace Jason Closs  
A vote took place and Mr. David Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe) was appointed to this position.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - c. Greenwood Lake Proposal  
This was voted on at the last AD meeting, however, it was brought to our attention that not all involved parties were in agreement of the proposal. Chester UFSD expressed that they do not agree with the current language in the proposal. The three original schools involved – Chester, Greenwood Lake, and Warwick along with Highland Falls (Garrison in Section 1 sends their high school students to either O'Neill or Haldane), will work together on the language of the proposal and present the new proposal to the body. Dues to these circumstances, Chester Athletic Director Mike Doucette made a motion to table the original proposal vote.  
*Motion to approve to table this proposal until further discussion between affected school districts made by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*
5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:
  - a. Alignments 2024-2025 – Vote  
This has been included in your meeting materials. A brief discussion took place involving some changes and clarifications.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. Fall 2024 schedules – Discussion  
Mr. Mayo will begin working on these schedules shortly. The Football commitment letters have been sent out and should be returned no later than the deadline of January 5, 2024.
  - c. OCIAA Associate Members 2024-2025  
This list was included in the meeting materials.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - d. Scholar-Athlete Awards – June 6, 2024  
We hope to confirm our guest speaker by February. Information for your scholar-athletes will be distributed at that time as well.
  - e. Community Service Challenge, NLI Photos – Mr. Patrick Rossi  
This serves as a reminder to submit this information to Mr. Rossi, so it can be posted on our social media platforms – Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB SCHOOL #1	RECO	RATIONALE	IS #	Year
Girls Alpine Ski	Varsity	Fallsburg	Liberty/Tri-Valley	Yes	F-1/TV-1/L-3	Ind-4	Winter 23-24
Boys Alpine Ski	Varsity	Fallsburg	Liberty/Tri-Valley	Yes	F-2/TV-2/L-2	Ind-4	Winter 23-24
Boys Basketball	Modified	Tuxedo	Suffern	Yes	Tux-4	Team	Winter 23-24
Girls Basketball	Modified	Tuxedo	Suffern	Yes	Tux-4	Team	Winter 23-24

Wrestling	JV	Chester	<b>Tuxedo</b>	<b>** SHADOW</b>	?????	Ind-7	Winter 23-24
Wrestling	Varsity	Sullivan West	<b>Eldred</b>	<b>** SHADOW</b>	SW-9/Eld-4	Ind-7	Winter 23-24

**\*\* No Vote  
Required**

Add to minutes of meetings

OCIAA Approve	12/12/2023
MHAL Approve	12/13/2023
S9 Approve	1/4/2024

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

g. NYSAAA – Mr. Christian Hodge

No new information to report at this time. Some Athletic Directors will be attending the National Conference in Orlando, Florida, shortly. Just a reminder, registration is open for the Spring Conference in March. The early bird discount ends in February.

6. Old Business

None to report.

7. New Business

- a. Ms. Michelle Ahart-Bosland (Homestead) spoke about a recent event for “The Coach Fred Ahart Foundation” and their mission to offer opportunities and support to students, athletes, and families in their area of need. She also thanked those who have contributed and supported this Foundation.
- b. Goshen is looking for Freshman Boys Basketball games. Please contact Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen), if interested.
- c. Alpine Ski, Golf, Bowling  
A brief discussion occurred regarding the difficulty of events during the school day and the cost to run some of these programs. It was suggested that it may be helpful to involve the Chairpeople and consider setting up Invitationals.

8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 9:30 am

@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

**Section IX Meeting** – Wednesday, January 4, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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9. Adjourn

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