



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

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead School  
Athletic Director, Monroe-Woodbury

Guests Present: Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer  
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. Michael Gillespie, Greenwood Lake, OCIAA Associate Member  
Dr. Brandon Beck, Guest Speaker

The meeting began at 9:47 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (June 18, 2024)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Kevin Crudele (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Dr. Brandon Beck – <https://brandonbeckedu.com/>  
Dr. Beck introduced himself and shared about his new book, “Unlocking Unlimited Potential.”  
Dr. Beck is available for Keynotes and Workshops through BOCES Cosers.
3. Section IX Information – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne / Mr. David Coates  
This information is included in the meeting materials:
  - a. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Summer Meeting Highlights – Mr. Osborne
  - b. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Summer Meeting Voting Items Recap – Mr. Coates
  - c. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Summer Meeting Proposals – Mr. Ransom  
Proposals will be voted on at the next OCIAA AD Meeting.
  - d. Regional Championship At-Large Teams Weekend/Concept recommendations
  - e. Save a Life is not mandated, but it is recommended that you discuss with your school doctor.
  - f. Next State Meeting will be held on October 24, 2024

4. OCIAA President's Report - Mr. Michael Bellarosa

a. New Athletic Directors

Welcome and best of luck to:

- i. Ms. Kim Craft (Liberty)
- ii. Mr. Chris Hubert (Livingston Manor/Roscoe)

b. NYSPHSAA Proposals

Please review the Discussion Items in your materials, as they will be voted on at the next AD Meeting. Mr. Mayo will compile a summary sheet for your convenience as well.

c. Cheerleading Proposal

*Motion to approve two seasons of Game Day Cheer made by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All opposed. Motion defeated.*

d. Section IX Athletic Council / OCIAA Executive Committee Position Appointments

Welcome and congratulations!

i. Section IX Athletic Council – League Representatives:

- Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester)
- Mr. Kevin Crudele (Tri-Valley)

ii. OCIAA Executive Committee – Athletic Director Representative (Small Schools):

- Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester)

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

iii. Section IX Athletic Council - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

*Motion to approve made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

a. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2024

Mr. Dan Morse will resend the Google Docs link, which will allow you to update. Please let us know as soon as possible, so we can adjust and fill the schedule accordingly.

b. OCIAA 2024-2025 Events Risk & Emergency Plan

There are no changes to the plan from last year, and it will be posted online.

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

c. OCIAA Sport Chairpeople

There is an opening for Girls Tennis. Please contact Mr. Mayo with interest or someone will be appointed.

d. Fall 2024 Rules Interpretations Meetings

Mr. Morse has been sending the links.

- e. Modified Football Rules Meeting
    - i. Mr. Coates (Middletown) will send the information shortly.
    - ii. Sportsmanship Rule addendum for the sport of Football only:
      - 1. First ejection: cannot play for next two consecutive halves
      - 2. Second ejection: cannot play for next four consecutive halves
      - 3. Third ejection: cannot play for the remainder of season
  - f. Coaching Courses
    - i. CPR/AED/FA schedule is in the materials. Coaches should email Ms. Amanda Zampini, Instructor, to register for classes.
    - ii. Mr. Semo (Cornwall) will release dates shortly for Philosophy & Principles.
  - g. Spring Schedules 2025 - Vote
 

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Crudele (Tri-Valley) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*

    - i. Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and Mr. Morse will send an email regarding a possible date change for the OCIAA Spring Track meet currently scheduled on Memorial Day Weekend.
  - h. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
 

There is nothing new to vote on at this time. Thank you for your votes over the summer. A summary sheet of these votes will be included with the minutes. Please be sure to submit your Winter and Spring requests as soon as you know them.
  - i. Additional information in the meeting materials:
    - i. AD Contacts
    - ii. League Contacts by Sport/County
    - iii. League Calendar
    - iv. Meeting Dates
    - v. Fall Scrimmage / Game Chart
    - vi. Maximum Contests
    - vii. Spectator Code of Conduct
    - viii. Spectator Sportsmanship Policy
    - ix. Eligibility Roster & Review
    - x. Thunder & Lightning Policy
    - xi. Tornado Policy
    - xii. Heat Index Procedures
    - xiii. Wind Chill Procedures
    - xiv. Permission for Special Accommodations
6. Group Discussion/Mentoring Topic: Starting the year prepared. Set yourself up for success. Participation in group discussions is encouraged.
- a. Plan to arrive early ~ discussions can occur before the AD meeting begins at 9:30 am
  - b. Calendars; communication; ordering; checking clocks, lights, lines on fields
  - c. Share responsibilities ~ Phys Ed teachers and coaches can help organize storage areas
  - d. Attend conferences and lunches after meetings if you can

- e. Tweak procedures to work for you

7. Old Business

- a. Cross Country Championship on October 26, 2024  
Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) provided an explanation to why the meet has been changed to begin at 2 pm. An additional PSAT test has been added to this date.
- b. Student Leadership Conference  
Ms. Sue Lendzian announced a tentative date of November 4, 2024, at Mount St. Mary College. Mr. St. Lawrence will be the host and Mr. Jason Semo will provide a breakout session. More information to come.
- c. NYSPHSAA Foundation  
Mr. Mayo shared that the Golf outing raised \$13K and thanked the Section IX representation at the event. Please let him know of any fundraiser suggestions and/or if your school has a need for a foundation grant.
- d. Scores and Ratings on rSchoolToday  
Mr. Dan Morse reiterated that this is required by the coaches. Also be sure your coaches are updated and have access. He will email the relevant videos regarding these responsibilities.

8. New Business

- a. Mr. Ransom stated the new “Team Sports” point cards for the Fall will be posted on the website.
- b. Ms. Lendzian announced the NYSPHSAA SAAC representatives for 2024-2025:
  - i. Michael Silva (Washingtonville) – 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ii. Olivia McHugh (Onteora) – 12<sup>th</sup> gradeAt the end of this year, Section IX will be looking for a female student.

9. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 9:30 am  
at Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center

10. NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 9, 2024, at 8:30 am at Otterkill CC –  
Breakfast will be served at 8am.

11. Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Orange Ulster BOCES - Carl Onken  
Conference Center

12. Adjourn

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

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB. SCHOOL #1	RECO	RATIONALE	IS#	YEAR	* - Sub Varsity
Field Hockey	Varsity	Pine Plains	Rhinebeck	Yes	Rhinebeck-0	Team	Fall 2024	Stay Class C
* Field Hockey	Modified	Pine Plains	Rhinebeck	Yes	Rhinebeck-0	Team	Fall 2024	
Football	Varsity (8-Man)	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-10, Web-8	Team	Fall 2024	Stay Class C
* Football	Modified (8-Man)	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-18, Web-6	Team	Fall 2024	
Girls Soccer	Varsity	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-10, Web-6	Team	Fall 2024	Move to Class B
* Girls Soccer	Modified	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-8, Web-8	Team	Fall 2024	

OCIAA Approve	6/18/2024.
MHAL Approve	6/20/2024
S9 Approve-email	7/10/2024

* Football	Modified-11	Warwick	Greenwood Lake	Yes	G.I - 3	Team	Fall 2024	
			COT Spec Approval -->	6/21/2024				
			OCIAA/MHAL Minutes	8/20 & 8/21/24				
			S9 Minutes	8/21/2024				

Football - 8 Man	Varsity	Pine Plains	Rhinebeck	Yes	Rhine-6 & PP-18	Team	Fall 2024	Stay 8-man
Football - 8 Man	Modified	Pine Plains	Rhinebeck	Yes	Rhine-5 & PP-15	Team	Fall 2024	
			OCIAA Approve Email	7/16/2024				
			MHAL Approve Email	7/16/2024				
			S9 Approve-email	8/12/2024				

Need to tell OCIAA/S9