



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

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
Mr. Bryan Wilson, Monroe-Woodbury

Guests Present: Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Ms. Melanie Lofaro, OUB ISS

The meeting began at 9:40 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (October 15, 2024)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Professional Learning Opportunities – Ms. Melanie Lofaro
Ms. Lofaro discussed various opportunities for both staff and students that are aidable through BOCES. Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Lofaro for more information. Her email address is: melanie.lofaro@ouboces.org
3. NYSPHSAA Meeting Review – Mr. Greg Ransom/Mr. James Osborne
Mr. Osborne
 - a. Budget - Dues increase of 1.9% with a 6% increase in expenditures.
 - b. Boys Flag Football and Boys Volleyball have been added to the Section IX Sports Dues form.
 - c. Unified Bocce will be added to the Section IX Sports Dues form for Fall 2025.
 - d. Cut off Numbers – Mr. Mayo is recommending a proposal for the Section to present to NYSPHSAA. Establish a timeline for the adoption of classification cut-off numbers for the following school year. Since sections receive cut off numbers from NYSPHSAA for the six classification sports in the fall of the previous school year, it would be prudent for all sports committees to submit proposals for change in the fall of the previous school year to take effect for the following school year. Any changes must be approved, at the

very latest, at the May NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting to take effect in the next school year.

Mr. Ransom:

- a. BEDS – Mr. Ransom reviewed the process of BEDS reports.
 - b. NYSPHSAA review of the proposals to be voted on at the next AD meeting in December. The proposals were included in the materials.
 - c. Three-Region Concept – Mr. Ransom sent this information to you. It will possibly be voted on in May; if not, July; effective 2026-2027 school year.
 - d. Mr. Ransom thanked all the Fall Chairpeople for their hard work and commitment during the season.
 - e. Mr. Dennis Burkett spoke about a few incidents of abuse towards Soccer officials. The contract information was shared and prep accommodations for the Winter season have been requested. There was a discussion that all schools should have a policy in place if spectators, parents, players, and/or officials do not comply with the contract terms.
4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
- a. Welcome
Mr. Bellarosa welcomed the new Athletic Directors:
*Mr. Travis Powers, Highland Falls (O'Neill)
*Mr. Rodney Weeden, Valley Central, Interim
 - b. NYSPHSAA Discussion Items
Mr. Ransom has shared these items. Please review and let us know if you would like to separate any of them from the group for voting at the next AD meeting in December.
 - c. Section IX Budget
Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Coaching Regulations
Mr. Bellarosa discussed some of the pitfalls when working with the teach system and reminded ADs of the policy change which requires the districts to keep first aid and CPR certifications records in their district.
5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

- a. 2025-2026 BEDS Chart / Sport Classifications
This information was included in the materials for your reference.
- b. 2025-2026 Sports Teams Alignments
Please review the information included in the materials. It will be voted on at December's AD meeting.
- c. Fall Division Champions
Mr. Dan Morse reviewed the list and congratulated the winners. Mr. Mayo thanked all who assisted in the Champions as site personnel and use of facilities.
- d. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings

Mr. Morse shared the Google Doc with the meeting dates and links. This document will continue to be updated as new information is received.

- e. Coaching Courses
 - i. Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall):
 - 1. Philosophy & Principles – now in progress
 - 2. Health Sciences – to be offered in late winter
 - 3. Theory & Techniques – to be offered in the spring
 - ii. Ms. Amanda Zampini
Ms. Zampini continues to be the instructor for CPR/AED and First Aid. Your coaches can register via email: coachingcourses9@gmail.com
- 6. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
 - a. Millbrook 8 (host) / Webutuck 3 – Varsity Girls Basketball – move from C to B
 - b. Suffern / Tuxedo – Modified Boys/Girls Basketball

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester). All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Boys Volleyball
Please let our office know if you are interested in participating in extramural this winter.
 - b. Boys Flag Football
Please let our office know if you are interested in participating in extramural this spring.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Football Awards
Mr. Coates announced schools to meet after the meeting.
 - b. Leave Replacement
Goshen CSD is in need of an Athletic Trainer from mid-December for four (4) months. Anyone interested should contact Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen).
- 9. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, December 10, 2024,
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
- 10. **Section IX Meeting** – Thursday, January 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
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- 11. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.