



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

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Michael Doucette, Chester
Mr. Brooks Alexander, O'Neill
Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Justin Sturge, Assistant Athletic Director, Middletown

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (January 13, 2026)

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello), seconded by Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis). All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Section IX– Mr. Greg Ransom

Please make sure you have the GoFan link for parents to get their tickets in advance. Reach out to Jim Osborne if you do not have it.

a. Review of NYSPHSAA Meeting – February 4, 2026

Discussion on materials in packet included:

- Field Hockey- Establish a Pilot Program for Modified and Junior Varsity Teams
- Competitive Cheerleading: Classification Cutoffs
- Softball – Establish Pregame Timeline and Protocol for Regular Season Games
- Championship Philosophy – Establish Standard Qualifying Criteria for Championship in Which Athletes Qualify by Time
- Championship Philosophy – Amend Championship Philosophy Regarding Percentage of Championship Participation
- Membership Dues
- Classifications of Nonpublic/Charter Schools Fall 2026

Mr. Coates and Ms. Lenzian discussed that all consent agenda items were passed at NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. .

3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa

Nothing to vote on today.

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

- a. Scholar –Athlete Awards – June 4, 2026 @ Otterkill Country Club
 - The guest speaker will be Mr. Greg Large.
 - The Sharon Delmonico Trainer of the Year application will go out shortly. There is also a scholarship for a student pursuing a career in that field.
- b. Tyler Muise Award

This is the 10th anniversary of the Tyler Muise MVP award. Districts should begin sending nominations. Criteria is included in the materials. If you would like to invite a past winner from your district, please notify Mr. Mayo.
- c. Section IX Football – Jason Semo

The scheduling process has begun for next year.
- d. Fall Schedules 2026- Discussion

Scheduling notes have been included in the materials. Please inform the Regional Office of any discrepancies.
- e. Boys Golf – Vote

Motion to move Boys Golf from Spring to Fall starting in 2026-2027 School Year made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown), seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). Roll Call was taken: 16 yes, 7 no, 2 abstain, 2 absent. Motion carried.
- f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
 - i. Mr. Bult reviewed the Combining of Teams application for Burke hosting Chester in Girls Varsity Lacrosse.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink Valley), seconded by Mr. Bill Spanjer (Chapel Field). All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. NYSAAA – Ms. Jennifer Evans

Nothing to report.

4. Old Business

- a. Arbitrator has still failed to produce what we need as a Section. Several meetings have been held with Bound as a forerunner. The feedback has been positive from the Regional Office as well as Athletic Directors and their secretaries. The Regional Office is waiting on a proposal.
- b. A discussion about forming a Girls Ice Hockey team continued.

5. New Business

Please be sure to complete the Sportsmanship Promotion Winners survey that was sent to you by Mr. Aaron Hasbrouck. He will resend it next week.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop –
Monday, March 16, 2026, at 9:30 am via Zoom

Next Section IX Meeting –
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 9:30am via Zoom

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink), seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

