

NASSAU COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
Section VIII of the NYSPHSAA
September 8, 2023

Good Morning- Eric Caballero called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance- Attendees signed in.

Review and approval of agenda with the right to re-order- Motion was made by Joe Braico and seconded by Anthony Brancato to approve the agenda as submitted with the right to reorder. Motion passed.

Approval of the June 5, 2023 High School Association Minutes - Motion was made by Jen Keane and seconded by Mike Bongino. Motion passed.

Eric Cabelero the new High School President welcomed everyone back and asked the new Athletic Directors to introduce themselves. .

Section VIII Report - Pat Pizzerelli, Executive Director

- **Pat Pizzerelli** -Welcomed all the new Athletic Directors.
- Hall of Fame Dinner - To date 320 tickets have been sold we need to get to 500, please get the information out to your communities.
- A limited number of directories were printed this year, however the directory is located online on the Section VIII website.
- Reminder: Mandatory AD Meeting next Friday, September 15th at 8:30AM at Brookside School. No school can participate in any post season play if the Athletic Director does not attend this meeting.
- Heat Index - Real Feel vs. Wet Bulb - Please keep in mind these are two different charts and they are located on the state website.
- Last Spring Pat's office sent out a survey to all Athletic Directors and Administrative Assistants. Only 60% of the Athletic Directors responded and only 40% of the Administrative Assistants.
- Officials - Section VIII is trying their best to recruit new officials. We also need the help of all of the coaching associations. Justin Jonas will be starting a new program called "Official of the Month" Justin will send out the information. Nassau Community College is now offering Officials Classes.
- Team up for Unity - Will continue their relationship with the Long Island Nets.
- Social Media - Our followers are up on all of our social media platforms.
- Pat attended a conference in August in Indianapolis - NFHS Behavior in Sports Summit. The number one problem is fan and coaches behavior. Pat is suggesting forming a county wide committee to discuss a uniform sportsmanship policy for all schools to follow.
- Patriot Run - November 10th - A student athlete driven organization was created. This will provide leadership opportunities for all your student athletes. Please encourage all student athletes to attend the Patriot Run.
- **Nick Dunninger/Grace Chianese** - If canceling a game on the day of, please make sure you are calling the officials and entering the information on Leagueminder.
- At this point it is impossible to move any Volleyball games. The only day we have available for referees are Sundays.
- Please keep in mind that Boces offices do not open till 9am, many of you have tried to contact us before 9am.
- With all of our rescheduling complications, please do not be quick to cancel games early in the morning as the weather changes often.
- Carol Roseto expressed the concerns of Middle School and High School Administrative Assistants regarding Leagueminder. A suggestion was made to hold another training session during Superintendent's conference day for all Administrative Assistants with questions and concerns.

- Most of your questions regarding Leagueminder can only be addressed by Leagueminder, please call the Help Desk first when you have questions.

NYSPHSAA Report - Jen Keane/Mike Bongino

- Jen emailed everyone the minutes from the last state meeting.
- Congratulations to all of the Scholar Athlete Schools and School of Distinction Winners.
- Volleyball - We no longer need to use the 25 minute warm up rule for Volleyball games. We can go as little as 12 min - 6 min for each team.
- A suggestion was made to change the Section VIII colors to Navy and Orange. A motion was made by TJ Burke and seconded by Jen Keane. Approved unanimously.
- Section VIII should consider having a county wide Girls Wrestling Team so our girls do not have to enter as individuals.
- Carol Rosetto spoke regarding Girls Wrestling, there will be some rule modifications in the coming years.
 - 23-24 Rule Modification #1 Wrestlers start in the neutral position at the start of every period - 80% not in favor
 - 23-24 Rule Modification #2 Wrestlers start in the neutral position if they go out of bounds - 90% not in favor
 - 24-25 Girls Wrestling Style (Pick one... Folkstyle or Freestyle) - 70% in favor of Folkstyle
 - 24-25 NYSPHSAA State Championship Weekend (Pick One.... Week 33 or 34) Weekend before Boys States or Weekend of Boys States - 60% in Favor of Week 33 - Weekend before Boys State Championship
 - A motion was made by Ed Ramirez and seconded by Jim Petricca to approve the committee recommendations. This was approved unanimously.
- The Save A Life program will be mandatory in all schools for all teams in the 2024-2025 school year.

Report from Male and Female Vice Presidents - Jen Keane/Matt McLees - No Report

Standing Committee Reports

Appeals – Ralph Amatriano - No Report

Awards – Mike Scaturo/Eamonn Flood

- Ordered T-Shirts they should be in by October.

By -Laws – Dave Zawatson

- The committee updated the policy book over the summer, more information to follow.

Student Athlete Dev. Committee – Carol Roseto

- Our next meeting will be on October 4th.

Modified Athletics – Cathleen Dynprowsky

- If any school is dropping a Middle School team, please email Cathleen and BOCES immediately.
- If there are any schools without a Middle School Coordinator, the Athletic Director is expected to attend modified meetings. Each school should have representation at those meetings.

Nominations – Kevin Regan

- Welcomed the new Athletic Directors and would like to file a formal complaint about there being no breakfast.

Safety – Jennifer Keane - No Report

Sportsmanship – Jim Amen

- Mike Brostowski and Justin Jonas will be shadowing Jim Amen and the committee for a year and will eventually take over the Sportsmanship Leadership role.

Team Up for Unity- Diane Parente/Kru Patel - No Report

Sport Seasons– Michael Brostowski - No Report

Officials - Frank Nocerino/ Peter Cardone

- Please email Frank and Pat if you are having any problems with officials. Suffolk County officials recently approved their new contract.

Championship Advisory – Ed Ramirez

- Ed Ramirez clarified that at the end of 2022-2023 school year, a decision was made to allow Boys' Soccer to utilize .500 records as a criteria for playoffs. Ed Ramirez also informed HSAA that the Championship Advisory Committee will revise the policy to address the .500 rule and how it applies to sports based on alignments. For the 2024-2025 school year, sports that use a modified enrollment format for scheduling (i.e. Reginal) will not be able to use .500 as a criteria for playoffs.

Classification Committee – John Mankowich

- We are short two committee members if anyone is interested in getting involved.

Reorganization/Combining of Teams -Mike Pelan - No Report

Ethics - Glen Zakian/Dan Rehman - No Report

Approval of Sports Alignment/Schedules

Game Day Cheer - Jen Keane

- Emailed the overview out to all the Athletic Directors earlier in the week, if you do not have a schedule contact Jen immediately.
- Thanked all of the schools that agreed to host competitions.
- Game Day Championship is October 29th.
- Motion was made by Anthony Brancato, seconded by Mike Brostowski - Approved unanimously.

Boys & Girls Winter Track - Dennis Kornfield/Kristen Frazer

- All schedules and overviews were sent out, please keep in mind that the weight throw has been added as an event.
- Please provide a list of board approved coaches, there have been an issue with club coaches trying to enter the track area.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding missing the conference championship. Dennis ad Kristen are recommending that if you fail to compete in the conference championship, your season ends. This was tabled for further discussion.

Association Reports –

NYSAAA – John Mankowich

- John congratulated Jen Keane for becoming the NYSAA Vice President
- Please keep an eye out for “AMP” emails, they have a lot of good information and they are coming up as SPAM for a lot of Athletic Directors.

COA – Gary Gregory

- Our first meeting will be October 10th @ the Farber Building at 9am. Please make every effort to attend. We have had low attendance in the past.
- We are looking for an excellent elementary school health teacher willing to present at our first meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Eric Caballero
 - Eric Caballero sent out an email regarding sub committees and small group meetings. He is suggesting we meet with small groups and provide a presentation at the High School Association meeting. Each sub group would need a moderator and a secretary.
 - Small group meetings will not be on the same day as the HSAA Meeting. Perhaps use different schools each week or remote is fine as well. An agenda will be provided for each meeting.
- Ed Ramirez
 - Ed asked if anyone agreed with him that we should be able to play games on Jewish Holidays, he mentioned that we are adding new holidays to school calendars and we are allowed to play on those holidays. A straw poll was taken with only 19 schools in favor.

New Business

- Jim Amen
 - Informed everyone that there will be a uniform rule change in 2027
 - Shot Clocks waiver until the 2025 season
- Sean Burns
 - We will need to decide as a group if we want to allow the coach and catcher to have electronic communication to call pitches.
- Danielle Turner
 - Spoke about her upcoming football game vs. Cold Spring Harbor - Called the "Remembrance Bowl" on September 23rd.
 - In Commemoration of the 101st Airborne - "The Game that Never Happened". Believing that a WWII victory was iminate. American Forces and their French Allies organized and held tryouts for an American Style football game. They named it the "Champagne Bowl" and set it to be played on Christmas Day 1944. Events took place that canceled the game as the 101st Airborne was called into the Battle of the Bulge. The Champagne Bowl was forgotten - It was the game that never happened. On September 23rd, 2023, "The Remembrance Bowl" will take place for the first time in America. The athletes will represent the soldiers who would have played in the game and many of whom never made it home.
 - If you would like any other information on the game, please contact Danielle Turner.
- Tom Lehman
 - Please fill out the annual coaches salary survey as soon as possible
- Handbooks with coaches' personal phone numbers are on our website. We agreed that office numbers are fine but not personal numbers. Pat will make this a password protected area.

Announcements - None

All announcements must be written and given to the secretary.

Motion to adjourn from John Mankowich and seconded by Jen Keane at 10:37am

NEXT MEETING
September 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Franchi

