

ADMINISTRATION  
**William J. Hecht**  
District Superintendent/CEO  
**Deborah McBride Heppes**  
Assistant Superintendent for Finance  
**Theresa A. Reynolds**  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
**Sharleen Depew**  
Clerk of the Board



BOARD MEMBERS  
**Dorothy A. Slattery**, President  
**Eugenia S. Pavek**, Vice-President  
**Michael Bello**  
**Lawrence E. Berger**  
**Martha Bogart**  
**William M. Boss**  
**David Eaton**

---

## ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019 - 9:30 AM**

All members present except:

- Mr. Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President
- Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
- Mr. Matthew O'Brien, Goshen
- Mr. Tim Bult, Minisink
- Mr. Edgar Glascott, Newburgh
- Mr. Fred Ahart, Roscoe
- Mr. John Landro, Tuxedo
- Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick

Guests Present:

- Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
- Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer
- Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:44 am.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting  
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019, OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop made by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report – Mr. Jim Osborne / Mr. Greg Ransom
  - a. Please refer to handout, as well as the full document emailed prior to this meeting. Several “Discussion Items” were reviewed.
  - b. Please submit your letters for Hall of Fame nominee, Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe).
  - c. Be sure NOCSAE stamp is on baseballs when your shipment arrives. Don't assume, then find out just before the Spring season that they are not stamped.
3. OCIAA President's Report: Mr. Michael Bellarosa  
Mr. Christopher Mayo shared this report in Mr. Bellarosa's absence.
  - a. New Athletic Directors  
Mr. Peter Bianco was introduced as the new Athletic Director at Liberty CSD.
  - b. NYSPHSAA Proposals  
The proposals discussed above will be voted on at the next meeting, so please be sure to review and share with your coaches.

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

Items of Concern:

- a. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2019  
Please be sure to let us know if you are adding or dropping any teams. We currently have a running list.
- b. OCIAA 2019-2020 Events Risk & Emergency Plan  
This plan is the same as last year, providing general guidelines to follow in the event of an emergency. Motion to accept made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Debbie Crowe (O'Neill/Highland Falls). All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Fall 2019 Rules Interpretations Meetings:
  - i. Fall Sports (except Football) – Thursday, August 29, 2019, at John S. Burke – 7:00 p.m.
  - ii. Modified Football – Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at Middletown High School Capstone Room - 6:00 p.m.
- d. Bylaw updates - Modified Softball, Boys and Girls Tennis, MHAL/OCIAA Modified
  - i. Modified Softball change to letter “g.” in current by-laws regarding dropped third strike. Motion to change Modified Softball by-laws made by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. Please refer to handout for Boys and Girls Tennis with revisions to include in by-laws. Motion to update Boys and Girls Tennis made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (O'Neill/Highland Falls). All in favor. Motion carried.
  - iii. Modified Soccer changes on the OCIAA League level will remain more stringent than what has been approved at the State level. There will be no side tackles and scissor kicks, no 15-minute quarters. Motion to keep Modified Soccer rules made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). One opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Coaching Courses
  - i. Please see attached list.
  - ii. Mr. Ransom has shared the following information and concerns:
    1. Health & Sciences course will be offered this September/October.
    2. Please give copies of the certificates you receive to your coaches.
    3. There are several coaches with incomplete status in the Theory & Techniques course - classroom hours have been completed, however, no record of their coaching practicums or the AD's evaluation forms have been received.
- f. Spring Schedules 2020
  - i. The Scheduling Committee met and approved schedules, which will be sent out for review and voted on at the next meeting.
  - ii. Unified Basketball is not ready for release yet. If you add a team, please let us know.
  - iii. Baseball will have a two-game series.
  - iv. Girls Golf Divisional Invitationals will be held on May 4, 2019.
    1. Division I possibly in Kingston
    2. Division II possibly at Wiltwyck

3. Division III at Villa Roma
4. Division IV at Apple Greens

g. Bowling Teams

Several schools will have Boys and Girls Varsity Bowling Teams this Winter season, and more are still considering a Unified Team. Please keep us posted.

h. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

Mr. Mayo reported these requests in Mr. Bult's absence.

- i. Highland (Host) and Marlboro – Varsity Boys and Girls Lacrosse  
Motion to update Boys and Girls Tennis made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (O'Neill/Highland Falls). All in favor. Motion carried.
- ii. Fallsburg (Host) and Tri-Valley – Modified and Varsity Wrestling  
Motion to update Boys and Girls Tennis made by Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.

i. Special Programs – Ms. Amanda York

The Times Herald Record Varsity 845 will no longer be sponsoring our Scholar-Athlete Breakfast or running the "Athlete of the Month" program. Ms. York shared a new program is being rolled out this year involving a Community Service Student-Athlete Challenge. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

j. New Software Program

*SportsPak* is not advancing to meet our needs, so we are in the process of contracting with a new program, *rSchoolToday*. An email was forwarded to all AD's to review some sample pages of schools currently using this program, and Ms. Hock shared some very positive feedback regarding her experience in currently utilizing *rSchoolToday* at Monroe-Woodbury. Ms. Hock's one suggestion was to request linking the AD secretaries to the program as well. Administrative access will be available via mobile and will be in real time. The anticipated timeline for switching over to this program may occur for the Spring season or during the summer 2020.

5. Old Business

- a. Please be sure to contact schools on your schedule outside Section IX to confirm your game site and time.
- b. Transgender concerns and legal issues were discussed.
- c. Please refer to handouts. Mr. Daniel Morse reminded all to be sure Rating forms are being submitted by your coaches. A copy of the Coach Login form has also been included in the handouts.
- d. Mr. Osborne discussed the following Section IX updates:
  - i. Directories and passes have been distributed to all OCIAA AD's present and the ROIA staff.
  - ii. Reminder: NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop at Wallkill HS will be held on September 9, 2019, at 9:30 am.
  - iii. Meeting on September 17, 2019, will also be held at Wallkill HS.
  - iv. Meeting on November 13 will be held at Orange-Ulster BOCES in the Carl Onken Center.

- v. Meeting site on March 17 will be announced.
- vi. Permanent site is currently being pursued.

6. New Business

- a. Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) inquired about media reporting. Most AD's send scores to media and HV Sports. Mr. Mayo is considering the creation of a Section IX sports page.
  - b. Section IX and Leagues need to be sure to communicate their position on proposals.
  - c. Ms. Crowe (O'Neill/Highland Falls) informed all to enter the West Point Prep School for Football and Soccer through the Washington Gate ONLY on Route 218. For Tennis at West Point, please enter the Thayer Gate.
  - d. Please let Mr. Mayo know if you are interested in having a Girls Wrestling Invitational
  - e. Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) said the first turf field should be ready by the first week of school and parking behind the high school would be best.
  - f. Minisink Valley will sponsor the event at 12th Rock in Middletown on September 28.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.  
at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

NYS PHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 9, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.  
at Wallkill High School, Auditorium

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.  
at Wallkill High School

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown).  
All in favor. Motion carried.