

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary
August 22, 2024

1. Chair Jerre Holmes welcomed everyone and introduced four new members to the Board of Trustees: Burke Staheli, Washington SD, 4A School Board; Jason Smith, Northridge HS, 5A/6A Principal; Devin Smith, North Summit HS, 1A/2A Principal; and Patrick Lambert, Judge Memorial Catholic HS, Private Schools Representative.
2. There are 159 total UHSAA member schools.
3. Mr. Brent Strate provided a USBE report to the Board.
4. UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials.
5. Mr. Brenan Jackson shared ideas for the promotion of high school sports and activities to our communities.
6. Mr. Rob Cuff, Executive Director, explained that catastrophic insurance will continue for the 2024-25 school year as per Board of Trustees decision in May. The Board of Trustees voted to reimburse catastrophic insurance premiums at 100% this school year. Reimbursements for catastrophic insurance premiums will be reviewed annually in May. The UHSAA and its Foundation have returned over 1.6 million dollars to UHSAA member schools over the past 14 years.
7. Mr. Jeff Cluff discussed the calendar and overviewed the improved UHSAA website (www.uhsaa.org) and provided training for the information found there. He also discussed the Aktivite program for athletes and coaches.
8. Mr. Cuff discussed Board of Trustees elections and terms of office. Elections for those board members whose term expires in 2025 will be held in January at the annual school boards' convention.
9. Mr. Chris Shipman discussed the Academic All-State award and provided the dates as to when nominations may be submitted during the school year.
10. Ms. Jan Whittaker reviewed the statewide sportsmanship program. The UHSAA Sportsmanship Handbook is posted on the UHSAA Website. Details regarding the sportsmanship program can also be found on the UHSAA website, including the criteria for earning the 2025 star. This is the fifteenth year for the sportsmanship program, which has provided the opportunity for schools to earn yearly stars. All member schools are invited to TEAM-up to Raise the Bar, Earn Your Star because Sportsmanship Matters!

11. The 2024 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, will take place this fall in Regions. The UHSAA will provide opportunities for training and curriculum discussion at the end of the month.
12. Ms. Whittaker provided an update for Esports, which will become a UHSAA sanctioned activity for the 2025-2026 school year.
13. Mr. Jackson emphasized the importance and responsibility of districts and/or schools to certify coaches. He discussed the criteria for coaching certification and importance of having certified coaches working with student athletes. Coaching credentials will be provided to certified coaches.
14. The dates for the UHSAA Summer Moratorium were approved for June 30-July 6, 2025, with the exception for schools to participate in a one-day community celebration during this week.
15. Haynie & Company, Auditors, reviewed the audit for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board of Trustees approved the audit through a motion.
16. Following a Public Hearing on the proposed UHSAA budget, Mr. Cuff reviewed the 2024-2025 UHSAA proposed budget and answered any questions. The Board of Trustees approved the proposed budget through a motion.
17. Following a Public Hearing on the proposed format and procedures, a discussion was held for the 2025-2027 realignment of member schools. It was also discussed how to break ties with bubble schools. The Board of Trustees approved the final format and procedures for 2025-2027 realignment.
18. Mr. Cuff provided compliance training to the Board of Trustees.