

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024
9:00 AM @UHSAA Offices**

Those in attendance: Jerre Holmes, Marilyn Richards, Kristen Betts, David Warren, Zack McKee, Paul Sweat, Luke Rasmussen, Todd Quarnberg, Mike Mees, Jade Shepherd, Bryan Durst, Craig Morris, Brent Strate.

Excused: Amber Shill, Jeffrey Neilsen, Dave Lund.

Minutes: Jennifer Thomas

Welcome & Chair Business: Chair Jerre Holmes welcomed the board.

Reverence/thought: Mr. Mike Mees provided a thought for reverence.

Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic thought: Mr. Todd Quarnberg led the board in the pledge.

Approval of Board Agenda:

MOTION: Ms. Marilyn Richards made a motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting on November 16, 2024. It was seconded by Mr. Craig Morris. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Meeting Report: Mr. Morris shared a brief report of the items discussed in the last Executive Committee meeting which was held on January 17, 2024.

USBE Report: Mr. Brent Strate provided a brief Legislative Report.

Legislative Report: Mr. Dave Spatafore previewed upcoming bills for the 2024 legislative session.

Fall Activities Report:

Fall Results: Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the list of state tournament winners and congratulated all who participated. He provided a financial report from fall events.

Calendar:

2023-2024: The calendar is located on the UHSAA website and will be updated as needed.

2024-2025: The calendar is now on the UHSAA website.

MOTION: Mr. Quarnberg made a motion to approve the 2024-25 calendar. It was seconded by Mr. Jade Shepherd. The motion carried.

UHSAA Items:

Credentials: Mr. Cluff shared that winter credentials have been sent to all schools. They were picked up by some schools at ADEC and the remainder were mailed.

Ejections Report: Ejections were at a good level until the last couple of weeks, but there have been multiple in boys' basketball recently.

Officials Update: The implementation of waiving the registration fee for first year coaches has netted over 100 more officials. This has resulted in less issues covering all sports. Mr. Cluff feels like things are improving overall in that area.

Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker shared that regions are still holding their Student Leadership Conferences through the winter. If a region has not yet held one, Ms. Whittaker encouraged them to do so.

Sportsmanship/Gold Star Coach Award: Winners will be announced next month.

Drill Team Items:

MOTION: Mr. Morris made a motion to approve drill team as a mixed sport for the 2025-26 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Richards. The motion carried.

Volleyball Concerns: Some parents are concerned about school volleyball coaches also being club coaches. They feel players that are on their club teams are given preference on the school team. It was discussed if UHSAA could do anything about this. School districts will handle this.

Coaches Certification: Mr. Brenan Jackson reminded schools and districts about coaches certification.

UHSAA Moratoriums: The summer moratorium will be held from June 28-July 4, 2024. It will only be allowed to be moved on a school-wide basis. Moratorium changes will be displayed on the UHSAA web site.

Sports Medicine Advisory Report: An article from High School Today was provided to the committee regarding compliance with the Emergency Action Plans.

Academic All-State: Mr. Chris Shipman explained that the winter period is open at this time. Home school students will be considered for this award on a case-by-case basis.

Unified Sports: UHSAA continues to partner with Special Olympics Utah in sponsoring Unified sports.

Softball Items: There were not enough teams to separate 1A into its own state tournament. 1A will stay with 2A.

Swim Items: Mr. Steve Marsing shared that unified swimming is growing. In 2A, the first and second place 2A teams will receive their own trophies. Medals will remain the same.

New Member School Applications:

New School Applications for 2024-25:

Vanguard Academy: Mr. Charlie Reynolds, the school director at Vanguard Academy and The AD Tim Gustavason presented to the committee and shared details about their school. Mr. Cuff and Mr. Cluff recently visited the school and athletic facilities. Mr. Cluff shared information about the site. They are hoping to participate in Cross Country, Swimming, Basketball and Track and have the numbers to have JV and Varsity teams in basketball.

Weber School District: West Field will start with 1010 students. Fremont will lose 941 students, starting the year with 1272 students. There are some boundary exceptions. West Field will be capped at 1250 students. West Field is requesting to go 4A, Region 11, with the Cache County schools and Bear River. Fremont requests to go 5A for a year in Region 5 if possible so they can stay with their other two region schools.

Discussion Items: A recommendation needs to be made on Vanguard. Region 16, 2A. They will be independent.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to add Vanguard to Region 16. Mr. Bryan Durst seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Luke Rasmussen made the motion to add Westfield to Region 11. It was seconded by Mr. Paul Sweat. The motion carried.

Realignment 2025-2027: Discussion continued regarding the 2025-2027 realignment of member schools.

Legal Report: Mr. Mark Van Wagoner provided a legal report.

For the Good of the Order:

BOT Election Results: There were two elections. In the 3A classification, Mr. David Warren was running again and was re-elected. In 4A, Mr. Burke Staheli was elected as Mr. Jeffery Neilson from Cache County did not run again. Mr. Staheli is from the Washington School District. The private school representative election is coming up and will take place in April for a 3-year term.

UHSAA Super Fans: They are normally honored during one of the basketball state tournaments. Mr. Cuff shared the names of who is being nominated. He asked if there was any discussion.

UHSAA Circle of Fame: Mr. Cuff shared the three nominees. The three nominees are Mr. Craig Drury, former high school boys' basketball coach, Mr. Bill Boyle served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for four years and served on the Board for two years, and Marc Hunter for all of his work as an athletic director and as Executive Director of UIAAA.

Heart of the Arts & Spirit of Sport Awards: Ellie McKinlay is the winner of the Heart of the Arts award. The two winners for the Spirit of Sport Award are Saydee Jo Jensen and Joe Lomu.

MOTION: Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the above recipients of the 2024 awards. It was seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Richards to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Durst. The motion carried.