

**UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 12, 2024
@ UHSAA Offices
9:00 AM**

Board Members in Attendance: Jerre Holmes, Marilyn Richards, Amber Shill, Burke Staheli, David Warren, David Lund, Zack McKee, Paul Sweat, Luke Rasmussen, Jason Smith, Mike Mees, Devin Smith, Bryan Durst, Patrick Lambert, Brent Strate. **Minutes:** Jennifer Thomas

1. Welcome & Chairperson Business:

A. Chair’s General Observations: Chair Jerre Holmes welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the time over to Mr. Durst for the reverence/thought.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Bryan Durst provided a short thought and offered a word of prayer.

C. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. David Warren spoke about the author David McCullough, who wrote the books John Adams and 1776. These books gave Mr. Warren an interest in the early history of the United States. He then played a short clip from the movie John Adams. He expressed his gratitude for strong women, who influenced their husbands to make positive changes in the United States, which helped to form it into the great country it is today. He then led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2024:

MOTION: Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2024, board meeting. Mr. Jason Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval of Board Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Marilyn Richards made a motion to approve the board agenda for today’s meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Amber Shill. The motion carried.

2. Realignment: Mr. Rob Cuff provided the following materials and reviewed them with the board.

A. Timetable (pp. 75-76)

B. Format and Procedures (pp. 77-78)

C. Member School Profile (meeting handout)

D. Current 2024-25 Classifications and Regions (pp. 79-81)

E. First Consideration of Regions (meeting handout)

F. Second Consideration of Region Placement: Chair Holmes summarized what was heard in the Zoom meeting last night. Most schools accept the new realignment, but there are some that would like things different. Many factors need to be considered. The board is committed to doing the best for all member schools, while recognizing they can't please everyone. He expressed appreciation to the UHSAA staff for shouldering the burden of complaints in the future.

Mr. Paul Sweat asked to say a few words. He commended the board for their hard work and effort in ensuring the process is as fair as possible.

Ms. Shill added that she was on this board 10 years ago and can see progress from then to now on how things are done to make the process better and better each year.

Chair Holmes proposed that the board break out into classifications to discuss regions for approximately twenty minutes.

A representative from each classification relayed the results of their discussion in the breakout groups.

The board then discussed the proposals of regions for second consideration, starting with 6A and moving down to 1A.

MOTION: Ms. Richards made a motion to go with a 5, 6, 6, region format in 6A. Ms. Shill seconded the motion. (Mr. Smith and Mr. Brent Strate voted no). The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Luke Rasmussen made a motion for Cedar to remain 4A in all sports except football. Mr. David Warren seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to make the 3A schools into two regions in all sports except football. Mr. Strate seconded the motion. (Mr. Warren voted no). The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Zack McKee made the motion to accept a second consideration of regions for the general realignment, except for football. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The football realignment was then discussed by the board.

MOTION: Mr. Warren made a motion to accept a second consideration of regions for the football classifications. It was seconded by Mr. Burke Staheli. The motion carried.

G. Discussion/Action Items: Mr. Cuff outlined details of the upcoming board meeting on December 19, 2024.

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

MOTION: Mr. McKee made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.