

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
@ SLEEPY RIDGE
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

Those in attendance: Jerre Holmes, Marilyn Richards, Amber Shill, Jeffrey Nielsen, David Warren, Dave Lund, Zack McKee, Paul Sweat, Luke Rasmussen, Mike Mees, Jade Shepherd, Bryan Durst, Craig Morris, Brent Strate.

Excused: Todd Quarnberg

Minutes: Jennifer Thomas

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

Reverence/thought: Mr. Luke Rasmussen spoke about how impactful high school sports can have on a life. He shared a personal experience regarding his experience in high school track and how his coaches shifted the trajectory of his life. He stated that great opportunities for athletes cannot exist if there aren't parameters in place to make that happen. He provided a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic thought: Ms. Amber Shill spoke about local control and how important that is to her. She quoted Thomas Jefferson as saying that the government closest to the people, serves the people the best. She went on to share that there is nothing more important to parents than the dreams of their children. She then shared gratitude for being a part of the board. She then led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Board Agenda:

MOTION: Mr. David Warren made a motion to approve the board agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Dave Lund. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Craig Morris made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Warren. The motion carried.

Board Meeting Public Comment: None.

Awards Luncheon Protocol: Mr. Rob Cuff outlined the upcoming awards luncheon and the honorees for this year.

USBE Report: Mr. Brent Strate explained Utah's Portrait of a Graduate (handout). He spoke about the example of Coach Braithwaite who coached the Manti Templars for many years. Coach Braithwaite wrote 12 things he learned as a coach. Mr. Strate shared a few of Coach Braithwaite's lessons. He also explained that Coach Braithwaite is a good example of how he carried himself and treated others.

Executive Committee Meeting Report: Mr. Jade Shepherd provided a summary from the last Executive Committee meeting held on March 20, 2024.

Winter Activities Report:

Winter results: Mr. Rob Cuff highlighted the state championship winners in each classification and congratulated them.

Winter Financial Report: Mr. Cuff provided the revenue numbers. This winter state competition received the highest overall revenue thus far.

Basketball: Mr. Brenan Jackson thanked the venues that provided spaces for the state tournaments. He also shared the champions in each classification for boys and girls. He then shared a positive sportsmanship experience at the 1A basketball tournament.

Wrestling: Mr. Chris Shipman explained that the 1A/2A girls combined and were able to have their own tournament this year. Every school went home with a medal, which will help grow the sport.

Drill Team: Ms. Jan Whittaker shared that state drill had five days of competition at UVU. They didn't have a Saturday, but fortunately it didn't affect the crowds. The scoring changed to caption scoring and it went well. She shared the winners in each class. It was requested that Ms. Whittaker explain caption scoring.

Cheer: Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs shared that cheer went well. She thanked Ms. Whittaker and Ms. Lori Rupp for their assistance. They will be going to caption scoring also. She shared the winners in each classification and category.

Swimming: Mr. Steve Marsing said there was great attendance at the swimming state tournaments. Only class 5A didn't sell out. 2A received trophies for the first time this year and it went great. He shared the winners in each classification. He expressed appreciation for those who attended.

Ejection report: Mr. Cuff provided the most recent ejection report to the board. He shared that the sportsmanship committee is working on solutions to improve the number of ejections as they keep increasing each year.

Officiating Update: There has been an increase of officials in all sports. Lacrosse is the only sport really struggling to have enough officials.

Calendar:

2023-24 - May will be very busy for the UHSAA staff. Tournaments will start May 1 and go all the way through Memorial Day. They are hoping that the weather cooperates.

2024-25 – It is on the UHSAA website and no longer tentative.

MOTION: Mr. Zack McKee made a motion to not adjust state tournaments around graduations in the year 2024. Mr. Luke Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emerging Sports: Ms. Whittaker

Final Sanction Consideration - Esports: Two esports' representatives; Mr. Tory Norman from Provo HS and Mr. Tom Sherwood from Canyons District presented about esports. Mr. Norman shared information on coach feedback. 27 different coaches provided feedback. 75-80% were in favor of sanctioning with UHSAA. Mr. Sherwood shared the history of esports and how it has progressed. He feels one season a year is the way to go. Sanctioning gives an organizational umbrella. It is being requested as an activity, not a sport. Play Versus wants to provide the

platform for free. Ms. Mallory Santa Cruz and Josh Fox from Ken Garff presented what they have done with esports in the past. They provide grants to schools for esports. UHSAA and Ken Garff will work together as esports progresses.

MOTION: Ms. Marilyn Richards made a motion to sanction esports in the 2025-26 school year for a January to April season. Ms. Shill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Staff Items:

Sportsmanship Award Criteria: Ms. Whittaker discussed the awards and incentives that promote sportsmanship in the schools.

Gold Star Coach Award: Every school that nominates a coach receives this award. They will also choose classification awards, where a male and female coach in each classification receives the award.

Sports Season Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 9th, 2024.

Boys Volleyball Update: 1A-2A-3A will be combining into one 3A classification due to numbers. The boys' volleyball season has gone well so far.

Student Leadership Conferences – Fall 2024: Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs shared that these will take place in the fall. It is a great opportunity for schools to teach their students leadership skills.

Special Olympics Utah - Unified Sports: Mr. Shipman explained that Unified basketball was played at the University of Utah. It went great. Working with Teri Davis and the USBE to streamline those activities.

Academic All-State: The activities have just been completed. More and more are participating each year.

UHSAA Summer Moratorium: Mr. Jackson explained that the summer moratorium is scheduled for June 28-July 4. If a school wants to change it, they can but it must be the entire school. It can't be sport by sport.

Coaches Certification: The NFHS has many workshops that are free and can help coaches get their certifications, especially if they don't work at the school. They can do them on their own time. CPR must be done through an approved program through the state board.

Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Items: Mr. Cuff emailed out the board the national concussion protocol updates, so they can be approved by the board. This will need to be acted on today. Making sure schools are practicing their emergency action plans, per venue and school to make sure they are prepared. They are surveying the schools and trainers so an idea of what schools need support. Pre-game medical time out is also useful. The hosting school can provide emergency contacts to the visiting school, so they will have that important information.

MOTION: Mr. Lund made the motion to approve the updated concussion protocol. Mr. Mike Mees seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Member School Requests:

Draper APA: Draper APA is requesting to play 2A baseball next season in the spring.

MOTION: Mr. Paul Sweat motioned to approve Draper APA to move their 2A baseball season from fall to spring of 2025. It was seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion carried.

Layton Christian Academy: Pastor Mike Crowder, Principal AJ Schrader and Attorney Robert Cummings attended to request the following: boys' soccer is petitioning to move to 6A, but they would also accept 5A. Boys' basketball is petitioning to move to 5A.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to deny the move and consider it at realignment. Mr. Bryan Durst seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Terms: Two elections took place at the state school board conference in January. Burke Staheli from Washington School District will be replacing Jeffrey Nielsen from Cache School District and David Warren from South Sanpete School District will be serving another term.

Board of Trustees terms:

2A Principal Representative: The executive committee will appoint someone to fill the remainder of Jade Shepherd's term as he is retiring (two years).

5A/6A Principal Representative: Jason Smith from Northridge HS has been appointed by the Executive Committee to serve this term.

1A/2A Superintendent Representative: This appointment will be decided during the Superintendent's meeting in April, so this will be announced in the next Board of Trustees meeting in May.

Private School Representative: Mr. Morris's term is ending as the Private School Representative, so on April 25 at 11:00 a.m. at the UHSAA offices there will be an election for this representative.

6A School Board Representative: Ms. Richards is not running again for school board. Jordan School District holds this term until 2026, so someone from their school board will finish her term.

Executive Committee terms: Jade Shepherd has announced his retirement, so Devin Smith from North Summit High School will be taking over his term for Region 15. Jeff Brinkerhoff from Bryce Valley is moving to Garfield School District, so David Cluff from Milford will be taking over his term for Region 20 on the Executive Committee.

Legal Report: Mr. Mark Van Wagoner requested the board go into a closed session.

MOTION: Mr. Zack McKee motioned to go out of the closed session and Mr. Lund seconded the motion. The motion carried. (The only person not in the room for the closed session was Mr. Todd Quarnberg).

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report: Mr Cuff outlined the recommended changes for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. There are four items: foreign student eligibility, hearings, the transfer rule, and full-time student status.

MOTION: Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the first reading of the recommended changes for the Constitution and By-Laws. Mr. Durst seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the Good of the Order: Mr. Cuff referred the board to two provided articles: Creating Program Pride and After High School.

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

The Board of Trustees hosted an awards luncheon following the adjournment of the meeting and honored award winners from around the state of Utah who have contributed to their communities in high school activities.