

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
UHSAA Office
Thursday, January 19, 2023
9:00 AM

Those in attendance: Marilyn Richards, Kami Anderson, Jeffrey Nielsen, April Torgerson, Larry Bergeson, Jerre Holmes, Robert McDaniel, Darin Thomas, Jim Wood, Bryan Durst, Brent Strate, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby and Jan Whittaker. Excused: Dave Lund, David Warren, Paul Sweat and Greg Miller. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. Welcome and Chair Business: Chair Holmes welcomed everyone to the meeting. He excused Dave Lund, David Warren, Paul Sweat and Greg Miller. He welcomed the new BOT members: Kami Anderson, 5A school board representative and April Torgerson, 1A school board representative. He thanked Craig Morris who was representing Greg Miller.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Bergeson reflected on the status of the world. Because of this country, we have choices. We need to hold our ground for choice because without it we lose our opportunity for growth and influence of our own destiny. He said we will make mistakes; we need to be forgiving; and not be stone throwers. He appreciates their position of influence on this board to help students in education and activities. Activities are critical to help keep kids in schools. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Nielsen said both his grandfathers fought in World War II, one in the Pacific Theatre and the other in the European at the Battle of the Bulge. They were both infantry men and they understood the principle: If every man does what he is supposed to do, the greater good will come to pass no matter the sacrifice. He shared some thoughts from a book entitled, The Infinite Game, by Simon Sinek. The role of the infinite minded leader is not looking for short term gains, but perpetuate those gains after you are gone. This allows for continuity. He feels the role of the BOT is to keep the infinite game in mind. How do we build something that will continue and last for the greater good? He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Approval of Board Agenda: Mr. Holmes asked members to consider moving Item 7H: Legislative Report to the first item and then address Item 8: Legal Report.

MOTION: Mr. McDaniel made the motion to move item 7H and item 8 to the front of the agenda and approve the agenda. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Minutes of November 17, December 8 and December 15, 2022, Meetings (summaries on the UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the minutes of November 17, December 8 and December 15, 2022. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Updated Handbook on Website: The most updated UHSAA Handbook is on the website.

2. Legislative Report: Mr. Holmes welcomed Dave and Ashley Spatafore, UHSAA Political Consultants. Mr. Spatafore thanked members for moving them to the first of the agenda so they

can return to the Capitol. Ms. Spatafore reviewed the legislative bills that could impact the Association. Currently there are several bills they are monitoring and the information was sent by Mr. Cuff to the board members.

- HB 87: Addressing cardiac safety for participants in athletic activities.
- HB 163: Protecting student religious and moral beliefs regarding athletic uniform requirements.
- HB 175: School Fees Amendments – could affect members schools
- HB 209: Participation in Extracurricular Activities Amendments – directly effects UHSAA.

Mr. Spatafore said they would keep everyone updated. Mr. Holmes said it isn't possible to meet every time as a Board if there is an issue. Typically, the staff and board leadership keep watch.

MOTION: Mr. Strate made the motion to allow the staff and board leadership to work with Mr. and Ms. Spatafore to represent the BOT on legislative issues. Mr. Bergeson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Legal Report: Mr. Van Wagoner reported the girls' tackle football case starting in 2016 has ended with victory in the 10th Circuit Court. The Court did find there were some mistakes in the district court regarding the class action claims in Title IX for the school districts.

Mr. Van Wagoner voiced concern for HB 209. He feels it creates a special class of a student who has an exception to the transfer rule and only those people have that exception. In a sense, it is discriminatory. There is no criteria directing principal how to make a decision if student can attend.

Mr. Van Wagoner said the AG office is defending the UHSAA on the transgender case.

4. Executive Committee Meeting Report: Mr. McDaniel reported the meeting.

- Ready reference calendar
- Moratorium, Academic All-State deadlines
- List of fall champions
- UIAAA Conference in St. George and NIAAA Conference
- Upcoming tournaments
- Summer Moratorium is June 28 to July 4, adjustments for entire school
- RegisterMyCoach and coach certification were discussed
- Unified Sports, soccer, basketball and track
- Shot clock must be used for post season contests
- Considered a proposal for post-season soccer
- Circle of Fame, Super Fans were announced
- Articles related to education-based activities

5. Realignment 2023-2025: Mr. Cuff reminded members they had a copy of the format and procedures on pp. 85-86. Petitions from the established alignment on December 15 will be addressed first. American Fork, Corner Canyon, Lone Peak, Pleasant Grove and Skyridge have submitted petitions for reconsideration of established alignment in December.

Mr. Darrell Jensen, Corner Canyon principal, represented the group in petitioning the Board for reconsideration of region alignment. They proposed five options. They feel with 18 teams in 6A

there are difficulties in scheduling games. They would support looking at success factors for future alignments. They will support the final decision. The new Region 3 most favored the options in the order they were given, 1-5.

- Todd Quarnberg, Herriman HS: Supports Option 3
- Doug Webb, Lehi HS: Supports Option 1
- Todd Dawson, Lone Peak HS: Supports Option 1
- Christian Smith, Westlake HS: Supports Option 1
- Bryan Veazie, Copper Hills HS: Supports Option 3
- Art Erickson, Bingham HS: Supports Option 3 – strong support for retaining regions
- Rochelle Waite, Riverton HS: Supports Option 3
- Mike Kochevar, Mountain Ridge: Option 3
- Peter Glahn, American Fork HS: Appreciated consideration for six team, 6A regions

Mr. Holmes asked if it is possible for principals to get together and guarantee everyone has games. Can we help struggling schools find games? Can we build a perspective of the whole group and guarantee enough games for everyone? Mr. Cuff said if there was a consensus from all twelve schools for Option 5, there would be a guarantee of games. Some may speak against Option 5. Mr. Erickson said he hoped there would be input from coaches on schedules. Mr. Holmes said the Board has to try to do what is best for the students of Utah and not create scenarios that force out of state games. Mr. Quarnberg pointed out that some schools choose to play out-of-state for the experience. Ms. Richards said Region 1 supports six team regions in 6A and they are willing to play games with the 6A regions.

MOTION: Mr. Strate made the motion to accept Option 3 for Region 2 and 3 in 6A. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

<u>Region 2</u>	<u>Region 3</u>
Bingham	Lone Peak
Riverton	Skyridge
Copper Hills	Westlake
Corner Canyon	American Fork
Mountain Ridge	Pleasant Grove
Herriman	Lehi

Mr. Morris asked if any 3A school had petitioned because of five team regions. Mr. Cuff said no petitions were received. He said the previous meeting discussion was regarding less than five teams in a region. Mr. McDaniel asked how Corner Canyon and Westlake felt about Option 3. They said they would support it. The most important issue is having six teams in a region. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holmes appreciated everyone's perspective. He felt six teams was a big win for 6A.

INDIVIDUALS SCHOOLS PETITION IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS:

Item C5 on Format and Procedures: *For consideration immediately following an established alignment, any school may apply to a higher classification in a specific sport or activity. Schools will be considered for the requested placement in the January Board of Trustees meeting immediately following an established alignment. Once a school is placed in the higher*

classification, then the school must remain in the new placement for that specific sport or activity for the duration of the established two-year alignment.

- American Heritage: Dave Buer, assistant principal, and Coach Winitana requested 3A basketball to make sure sub-varsity teams have region games. Preferred Region 14.
- American Leadership Academy: Lora Nichols, AD, requested 3A baseball and softball in Region 14.
- Hillcrest: Gregory Leavitt, principal, requested 5A theatre in Region 6. They would be willing to go to Region 4.
- Jordan: Bruce Eschler, principal, and Joel Sundquist, AD, requested 5A baseball. They proposed the following options in order of preference: (1) Region 6, (2) Region 4 and (3) move to 6A.
- Juan Diego: Ted Bianco, AD, and Drew Trost, basketball coach, requested 5A basketball. Juan Diego's first option would be Region 6 and 2nd option Region 4. They requested to play 4A baseball in Region 10.
- Layton Christian Academy: Mr. Cuff said Mr. Miller had provided a letter. They requested to move soccer and basketball to 4A.
- Murray: Quinn Linde, principal, requested 5A baseball, Region 4.
- Orem: Chad Wilson requested 5A in baseball and basketball, Region 7. If not assigned to Region 7, they would prefer to stay where they are assigned currently.
- Park City: Jamie Sheetz, AD, requested 5A boys' and girls' lacrosse, Region 6.
- Salt Lake Academy: Becky Hogan, AD, and Oli Brittain, soccer coach, requested 6A boys' and girls' soccer, Region 2.

Mr. McDaniel asked how lacrosse state tournaments will be classified next year. Mr. Oglesby said it will remain 4A, 5A and 6A. There should be more teams.

Mr. Holmes asked the staff members for their recommendations with regards to the petitions presented.

Mr. Oglesby said it would make sense for Park City lacrosse to be in 5A, Region 6.

Ms. Whittaker said Hillcrest theatre is very dominant in 5A so it makes sense for them to be in 6A and she would suggest Region 4.

Mr. Jackson said it makes sense for Salt Lake Academy soccer to be in 6A, Region 2 (Boys and Girls). He would recommend Layton Christian Academy boys' soccer move to 4A, Region 10.

Mr. Oglesby recommended boys' basketball for LCA move to 4A, Region 8; Orem boys' basketball to 5A, Region 7; Juan Diego boys' basketball to 5A, Region 4; and American Heritage boys' basketball to 3A, Region 14.

Ms. Whittaker recommended American Leadership Academy softball to 3A, Region 14.

Mr. Cluff recommended American Leadership Academy baseball to 3A, Region 14; Juan Diego baseball to 4A, Region 10; Murray baseball to 5A, Region 4; Jordan baseball to 5A, Region 6; Orem baseball to 5A, Region 7.

Mr. Oglesby recommended Rowland Hall debate to 3A, Region 14.

MOTION: Mr. Bergeson made the motion to accept the staff recommendation as listed above for individual sports and activities. Ms. Torgerson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. USBE Report: Mr. Strate reported he has been appointed for two more years to serve on the UHSAA BOT.

7. Fall Activities Report:

A. Fall results (pp. 104-105): Mr. Cuff provided a list of the state fall champions and placements.

B. Fall Financial Report: Mr. Cuff reviewed revenue for all fall sports. Overall, revenue was up by almost 3,000 dollars from last year and was an all-time high. He thanked schools and venues for their continued support. He reminded members that activity revenue makes up 80% of the UHSAA Budget. Mr. Cluff said venues continue to be a complex matter trying to secure and pay for sites. Mr. Cuff said we subsidize golf and activity festivals and tournaments.

Mr. Thomas said the revenue at Cross Country is a good argument for not returning to Sugar House Park. The event is now paying for itself. Mr. Oglesby said the revenue also justifies adding items for a better experience.

8. Calendar: Mr. Oglesby provided a copy of the current calendar, but reminded members the most up to date calendar can be found on the UHSAA Website. He said the winter championships can be found under the STATE EVENY ONLY tab. The tentative calendar is now available online. Any issues that are found should be reported to the specific sport/activity director.

9. Reports:

A. Ejection Report (pp. 106-107): Mr. Cluff discussed the ejection report. There were eleven coach ejections and less player ejections. There were only 22 ejections in girls' soccer. Mr. Cluff feels good about what is taking place. Moving forward to spring sports, all schools have been asked to be responsible for reporting ejections. Currently, officials report them, but schools will be asked to fill out a form and be responsible to report the school's ejection. It was felt there were more boys' soccer ejections that were not reported. Mr. Cuff said we continue to see progress in girls' soccer and hope there will be progress with boys' soccer this spring. Mr. Jackson reported a high functioning soccer coaches' association has been created and the coaches are communicating about soccer behavior. The coaches' association has developed proposed sanctions if improvement is not seen.

B. Officials' Campaign Update: Mr. Cluff said they are trying to recruit officials. There is a shortage of officials and experienced officials. A class was held the previous night at the UHSAA Office for officials. It takes time to train officials.

C. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker reported that regions have been holding Student Leadership Conferences. She feels it is a good change and she has attended some of them. They are able to focus on their region's needs and include more students.

(1) Gold Star Coach: This is the second year of this award. Schools are asked to nominate coaches at their schools so they can be recognized. Classification winners will be announced at the basketball championships.

D. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Jackson feels schools are doing a better job overall in certifying their coaches. He reminded them again that courses on nfhslearn.com can fulfill requirements if districts approve the courses.

E. UHSAA Summer Moratorium (June 28-July 4, 2023): He reminded members of the summer moratorium date. Adjustments can be made, but it is for the entire school.

F. Sports Medicine Advisory Report: Mr. Jackson said the SMAC committee is very active working with the state legislature. He publicly thanked Lisa Walker, Certified Trainer on the committee, who is actively involved nationally and statewide. She is meeting with Representative Ballard and is a voice of reason. He appreciates the entire committee and their work. Dr. Weenig, chair of SMAC, received a Distinguish Service Award at the EC Luncheon. Dr. Weenig serves on the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Mr. Cuff also pointed out that Craig Morris received Athletic Director of the Year Award at the luncheon as well.

G. Unified Sports: Mr. Oglesby reported the next Unified event is basketball. It will be held on March 8 at Weber State University. Unified Track will be integrated into the state track tournament at BYU. Students will have the opportunity to participate in three events. He announced that Special Olympics Utah (USOUT) is going to start a newer series of events in their summer games for full high school unified teams in basketball, track and other events. Mr. Cuff stated that Mr. Oglesby serves on the USOUT Board of Trustees.

10. For the Good of the Order:

A. BOT Election Results (pp. 109-110): Mr. Cuff said Board of Trustees elections were held at the USBA Convention. Zac McKee was elected to represent the 1A classification beginning July 1, 2023. Ms. Richards was reelected for another three-year term beginning July 1. Page 110 is the current BOT until July 1. Mr. Bergeson's term ends June 30 and the Superintendent's Association will appoint a replacement for the 3A/4A Superintendent position on the BOT. Mr. McDaniel's school has moved to 5A, so the EC will appoint a 6A principal for a one-year term. Mr. Wood's term ends June 30 and EC will appoint a 2A principal for a three-year term. Kami Anderson is serving as a 5A school board representative and Murray HS has moved to 4A in the next alignment. An election will be held to determine a 5A school board representative for the remaining two-year term. The election will be held at the UHSAA Office the end of April. Districts will be notified.

B. UHSAA Circle of Fame: Mr. Cuff said the EC had approved the names for the Circle of Fame and he is looking for a motion of approval from the BOT.

- Jim Fuller, Box Elder School District School Board Member, Fremont HS and Box Elder HS Softball Coach and BOT member.
- Tom Wharton, Salt Lake Tribune prep high school writer for over 50 years.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to approve Jim Fuller and Tom Wharton as Circle of Fame inductees. Mr. Bergeson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. UHSAA Super Fans: Mr. Cuff said there were more nominations this year and he appreciated the support of schools. He announced the nominees.

- 1A Patty Bedonie, Monument Valley HS
- 2A Gary Robins, Millard HS
- 3A Derrick Beddoes, Grand County HS
- 4A Bob and Christine Lindley, Mountain Crest HS
- 5A Rowe Harrison, Tooele HS
- 6A Eric Stoker, West Jordan HS

MOTION: Mr. Thomas made the motion to accept the Super Fan nominees. Mr. Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Spirit of Sport Award/Heart of the Arts Awards: Mr. Cuff said the deadline for nominations recently concluded. It has been narrowed down to one student in each category. He is working with Duchesne and Green Canyon.

E. Performing Arts Conference (pp. 111-112): Mr. Cuff announced Mr. Oglesby was the keynote speaker for the NFHS Performing Arts Conference. Mr. Oglesby received a round of applause.

F. Creating a Positive Parent Spectator Environment (pp. 113-114): Mr. Cuff included articles to increase good behavior: Do Rowdy Right and Bench Bad Behavior. It is felt we can recruit and retain officials with better sportsmanship.

Mr. Holmes said the next BOT Meeting was scheduled for March 30 and conflicts with the National School Board Conference in Orlando. Discussion to move the meeting to Tuesday, March 28.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to move the next meeting to Tuesday March 28. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried. The luncheon to honor Circle of Fame, Super Fans and Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts Award recipients will be held that day at noon.

MOTION: Mr. McDaniel made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Nielsen seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 12:25.