

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
UHSAA
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
9:00 am

Members Present: Jed Johansen, Robert McDaniel, Todd Quarnberg, Todd Dawson (for Darrell Jensen), Jason Smith, Tom Sherwood, Bill Sivert, Doug Webb, Ryan Bishop, Darin Thomas, Doug Snow, Nate Blackner (for Steve Gordon), Kade Morrell, Karen Soper, Nate Marshall, Jade Shepherd, Craig Morris, Ty Kennedy, Brady Fails, Jim Wood, Karl Jensen, Darin Jenkins, Roberta Hardy, Craig Hammer, Teri Davis, Marc Hunter, Everett Kelepolo, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby, Jan Whittaker and Steve Marsing. Minutes: Jennifer Thomas

1. **Welcome & Chair Business:** Craig Hammer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rob Cuff then introduced the new staff; Jennifer Thomas, who is taking Jeanne Widerburg's place as office manager, as Jeanne is retiring and BreAnna Teichert who will work in the front office as a secretary. BreAnna gave a short introduction. Mr. Cuff then explained the hours the part-time staff work each day. He also shared that two new assistant director positions were open and asked Jon Oglesby to share about his new job opportunity. Mr. Oglesby explained that he has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Utah Summer Games through SUU and thanked everyone. Mr. Hammer requested that the board slow down the motions and seconds to help Ms. Thomas with the minutes.

A. **Reverence/thought:** Jed Johansen shared about his childhood and reminded everyone why they are in this business and what they do and why they do it. He then shared his background participating in athletics as a young man. He participated in both track and basketball and although he spent time on the bench in basketball, he learned as many lessons from that experience as he did from his success in track. He then went on to explain that all schools have students who play different roles on their teams, and all are important roles. All experiences make you a better person. He thanked the board for providing opportunities to students. And told them at the end of the day, some people will walk away better for the opportunity. Mr. Johansen then offered a prayer.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic thought:** Karen Soper shared a quote from Ronald Reagan: *"We've been blessed with the opportunity to stand for something – for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to."* She shared that everybody in the room tries to go for fairness and sometimes we get hit from both sides with the decisions we make, but the board is great and she is grateful for all she learned from her experience on the board. She then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. **Chair's general observations:** Mr. Hammer excused Steve Gordon and Darrell Jensen and welcomed Nate Blackner for attending the meeting for Steve Gordon and Todd Dawson, who will be a member of the executive committee in August. Mr. Hammer also thanked everyone for their efforts in getting as many games in as possible due to the weather issues. He saw an interview of Utah State University's football coach and there is still so much snow in Logan. He then reminded the board that the state tournaments are coming up soon and then everyone can move on.

D. **Minutes of March 22, 2023 (summary on UHSAA website)** Mr. Hammer asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes of March 22, 2023. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Moratoriums, Ready Reference Calendar Guide: Mr. Hammer encouraged the board to keep their staff informed of those things.

F. Spring Sports Assignment Sheets: Ms. Whittaker indicated that she placed sign-up sheets by classification so the board could sign up to help at state spring championships with handing out trophies.

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Davis gave a presentation and informed the board that this legislative season was very busy for her with both sports-related items and instructional materials, which are two of her responsibilities at the USBE. She provided a QR code that links to a quick guide (<https://www.schools.utah.gov/>). It shows the highlights of the legislative session and also provides general updates. She shared that the value of the WPU increased 6 % of which 3.4 was for inflation and 2.6 was added by the EAC. The total budget for public education for fiscal year 2024 is 7.5 billion. She shared some notable educational bills that came up during the legislative session.
- HB477: Full Day Kindergarten Amendments.** Makes full day kindergarten available for all LEA's with option for half day.
- HB215: Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Educational Opportunities.** This impacts salary and retirement.
- HB348: Participation Waiver Amendments.** This bill clarifies how a school responds when a student refrains from school activity due to religious beliefs. The student can say they don't want to participate and they don't have to explain or clarify. The teacher will then need to offer an alternative to the student and it may be difficult to find something the student will accept as an alternative. This could impact athletics quite a bit due to eligibility for grades.
- HB427: Individual Freedom in Public Education.** This relates to ensuring that instructional materials are consistent with the principle that people are equal and have inalienable rights, opportunity and individual merit.
- SB55: Public School Instructional Materials Requirements.** This requires school districts to have an open process of adoption of materials. USBE helps with that through by reviewing and then publishing those reviews in Midas. School districts don't have to review the material, they can just post a link to the Midas program and the public can go on and see the explanation about what that material contains.
- SB100: School Gender Identity Policies.** This will impact this organization over time impacts. This bill prohibits a school from changing a student's gender identity in school records without parental consent.
- HB209: Participation in Extracurricular Activities Amendments.** This bill provides private online charter, and home school students with the ability to participate with a public school outside of their residence boundary school.
- HB163: Protecting Student and Religious Beliefs Regarding Athletic Uniform Requirements.** This bill provides that certain associations and educational organizations may not prohibit a student athlete from wearing religious clothing, or other clothing consistent with the student athlete's beliefs, while participating in an athletic activity. Mr. Cuff encouraged the board to make sure the district athletic directors know about this and to make sure it is in rental agreements if outside groups and rec. leagues are allowed to use the school's facilities. Ms. Davis added that the sooner they get this into the rental agreements, the sooner they will avoid litigation.
- Ms. Davis shared a link: <https://le.utah.gov/asp/passedbills/passedbills.asp> which provides short summaries and then gives a link to the actual legislation. Ms. Davis also provided the contact information of Holly Bell. She is a family rights specialist and is also over Section 504 and Title IX and Title IV. She is a good resource for any questions about the religious bills or the gender identity bill. Ms. Davis is on the P.E./Athletics side and is available for any questions related to that. Ms.

Davis also explained that in relation to unified sports and adaptive P.E. that by rule, students with IEP's need to be taught by a certified adaptive P.E. teacher. There is an Adaptive P.E. Best Practices Guidebook. It is located under Physical Education on the USBE website. This contains the policy and legislation related to students with disabilities. Mr. Cuff provided the contact of Holly Bell to Tom Sherwood to answer a question he had about becoming Title IX compliant.

3. BOT Report: Mr. McDaniel reported on the BOT meeting from March 28, 2023

- Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order.
- Mr. Strate provided a USBE Report
- Mr. Cuff provided a list of winter sports state champions and the basketball endowment game financial report.
- The assistant directors reviewed all winter activities including basketball, cheer, drill, swimming and wrestling.
- Mr. Cuff reviewed ejection reports for coaches and players.
- Ms. Whittaker discussed the Sportsmanship Initiative and Gold Star Coach Award, encouraging all schools in the state to increase the awareness of sportsmanship.
- Ms. Whittaker shared that the Dare to Lead Student Leadership will be held next fall.
- Ms. Whittaker discussed the sanctioning of eSports. The board of trustees approved a motion to establish as committee to explore the feasibility to add eSports for the 2024-25 school year.
- Mr. Kelepolo, the chair of the UHSAA Diversity and Inclusion committee provided a recommended protocol and expectations for administrators and coaches to train students, parents, and spectators. It will be implemented in August. This was approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Mr. Oglesby reported on the unified special Olympics basketball tournament.
- Mr. Jackson discussed the summer 2023 moratorium and coach's certification.
- The Board of Trustees passed a motion to allow the presentation of 1st and 2nd place team trophies for the top scoring girls and boys 2A swim teams for 2023-24 with the stipulation that there must be at least eight teams with four or more swimmers. 2A will continue to compete at the state meet with 3A along with competing with them for state individual medals.
- An election for the 5A school board representative will be held on April 27th at the UHSAA offices.
- Articles from NFHS were provided by Mr. Cuff, reflecting on the great things that student athletes are accomplishing.
- The Board of Trustees hosted a lunch for the Circle of Fame Inductees and the Super Fan award winners as part of their regular meeting.

4. Activities Report:

A. Mr. Jackson shared that Utah is one of only 21 states that holds a solo and ensemble festival. It will be held this upcoming Saturday at Woods Cross High School (North) and Provo High School (South). Over 2000 students will participate. He encouraged all to attend.

B. Ms Whittaker explained that a month of theatre competition had just ended. There is increased participation in theatre. Pay was increased for judges and judges were added into Arbiter and paid through that system. Mr. Cluff put a lot of work into getting them into Arbiter.

C. Mr. Oglesby shared all the recent state champions in debate. 1A: Bryce Valley; 2A: Beaver; 3A: Rowland Hall, 4A: Ridgeline, 5A: Skyline; 6A: West. At the speech committee meeting, significant interest was expressed to hold state competition at a college campus. Especially for 1A-3A. Debate community having heart to heart standardized compensation for judges. Concern that the length of the Speech and Debate season is problematic to engaging students and retaining teachers and coaches in the activity. Suggestions include online tournaments for approximately 2 months, to limit travel and weekend events. Also possibly delaying the start of the season. Mr. Quarnberg asked when the committee's requested changes will begin to occur. Mr. Oglesby said it would be at least a year away.

5. Calendar/Sites

A. 2022-2023 Mr. Oglesby encouraged everyone to take a look at the season end dates, RPI reveals, etc. Really important to share dates in your weekly coaches' meeting. Tournament sites are also displayed on the calendar. Verified that the executive committee wanted to continue the previous motion that scheduled sporting events will not be changed due to graduations. Mr. Cuff reminded everyone that accommodations are made for graduations on fields during games if the students are missing graduation.

B. 2023-2024 A venue has been selected for the 4A basketball state tournament next year at Utah Valley University on February 26-28, 2024 (Monday-Wednesday)

MOTION: Mr. Darin Thomas motioned that they move the 4A basketball state tournament next year at Utah Valley University on February 26-28, 2024. Doug Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. UIAAA: Mr. Marc Hunter shared the UIAAA conference that was held in St. George was a success. He gave a shoutout to Ryan Bishop for receiving the administrator of the year award. All applauded. As shared in the last meeting, in one year from now, on July 1, 2024, Mr. Everett Kelepolo will be taking over as executive director of the UIAAA. Two positions will be opening up within the UIAAA board. One for secretary/communications officer and the other for treasurer. After the UIAAA meets on Monday, the information about those two positions will go out, with a probable interview time tentatively at the state track meet, if everyone is there. He also gave a reminder to all that want to get a foursome for the golf tournament on July 12, 2023 at Cedar Hills. UIAAA would love for all the schools to do that. He requested that two principal's that were unable to attend the UIAAA conference last year share positives about their experience this year. Ms. Karen Soper enjoyed being able to talk to and learn together with her athletic director. She also thought the breakouts were fantastic. She felt it was well worth it. Mr. Darin Jenkins felt networking was what it was all about. He also enjoyed learning about how the bigger schools work and what he can learn from them to improve his program. He also thought the breakouts were phenomenal.

17-20 April 2024 is the next conference date.

7. Competitive Equity Committee Report: Mr. Cuff reminded the board that this committee was established by a charge from the Board of Trustees to start discussing a different way to do realignment. Also, to discuss the pros and cons of regions vs non-regions. This committee is in the beginning stages, as there is another 12 to 14 months to work on this before the next alignment. There are twelve Executive Committee members on the Competitive Equity Committee, along with UHSAA staff. The second meeting of the committee was held on Monday April 24. A proposal from 2A theatre was considered regarding a separation of private/charter theatre and public-school theatre. The committee reviewed and discussed and felt it was similar to soccer proposal that was presented

in the first committee meeting. It will be considered in the next alignment, but the committee was not willing to allow it for the upcoming alignment. Mr. Cuff reminded the board that Liahona, who was the theatre 2A winner, will be moved to 3A theatre next year. The committee will continue to discuss these things as they decide what to do with the 2025-2027 alignment. Mr. Cuff also shared with the board that the next steps for the committee would be a Zoom meeting in August, once school started, an in-person meeting in September and then several in-person meetings before the format procedures for the next alignment are decided. Mr. Cuff explained that the Board of Trustees will vote on format procedures for a new alignment the spring of an even year. (A year from now.) Format procedures need to be established and voted on by the Board of Trustees prior to the October 1 counts in the even year, with the alignment taking place in the odd year. Mr. Cuff underlined this to show that even though there is a year to work on this, it will go very quickly and if monumental changes are made, it will need to be discussed in the Executive Committee and also taken to others. Mr. Cuff turned the time over to Nate Marshall to discuss RPI data that was gathered and put into a standardized deviation. Mr. Cuff emailed the GoogleDoc to the Executive Committee members that Mr. Marshall had shared with the committee on Monday. Mr. Nate Marshall shared his findings on competitive advantage in UHSAA member schools by sport over 3 years, sharing the top outliers and the bottom outliers, who were two standard deviations outside the middle distribution. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Cluff also discussed multipliers, such as whether or not that school had won a state championship. Mr. Cluff informed the board that Curt Pettingill in the office was already putting together that multiplier, assigning a point value to each team. 1 point for making the tournament, 2 points for being in the quarter finals, 3 for making it to a semi-final, 4 for making it to a championship game and 5 for winning the championship. This can be used as another factor to look at how their success is measured. Other states are also being looked at. Mr. Cuff explained to the board that currently only enrollment and free and reduced school lunch are the factors being used in realignment. Arizona is a state where the state association does all the scheduling. Mr. Cuff explained that there is an idea that will be rolled out next fall, where there is a commissioner and an assistant commissioner for each sport that would work with the UHSAA assistant directors with scheduling for each sport. He also explained that Pennsylvania is using the formula model for success factor in moving teams up and down. Mr. Cuff underlined that all these things are just thoughts that are being considered. Mr. Cuff opened the floor up to any committee members that wanted to add anything to the discussion. Another meeting will occur in August.

- 8. Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report:** Mr. Hammer shared that seven items were discussed during the Constitution and By-Laws committee meeting that took place yesterday. The members of the committee are all Board of Trustees members except for Mr. Hammer. The role of the committee is to make a recommendation, it then goes to the Executive Committee for discussion and they also make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
1. The co-op rule was discussed during the committee meeting, and it was unanimously decided that there would be no changes to that rule.
 2. Emerging Sports - Ms. Whittaker explained that member schools are asked fill out a survey every year and give numbers on participation. The recommendation is that the declaration be changed to being sent out every 2 years. This would take place opposite of the realignment years. The next survey will be sent out in the fall and then not for two more years after that. They would also like to change the wording that will allow the board to have up to 3 years to add a new activity so they don't feel pressure to add something right away because it won't come up again for discussion for two years.
 3. Drill as a mixed team – The committee was unanimous that drill become a mixed sport. It was discussed that adding boys to drill team is not a competitive advantage in any way. A lot of teams already have boys on their teams, but the boys are not allowed to compete. There are potentially some legal concerns with not having boys on drill. Potential concerns are costuming issues, and

issues fitting the boys into the routines, but all can be overcome. Mr. Cuff explained that some will say that drill is the only sanctioned sport that boys are prevented from participation in the competitions. Softball has baseball as its equivalent. All other sports are mixed sports. Will be discussed here, taken to BOT and then decided. Ms. Whittaker added that no girls will be displaced from competition, as drill team is a sport where the more bodies you have on a team, the better. This will not be implemented until 2024-25 at the earliest. It will need to be discussed in the Executive Committee and then sent to the Board of Trustees and considered in two meetings before a final decision is made.

4. Breach of Contract Rule – Mr. Jackson discussed that this situation has occurred across all sports, not just football. Just like written contracts, oral contracts between two coaches are binding contracts. Teams have looked at upcoming games and two weeks before the scheduled game they have contacted the other school and informed them they aren't playing them, because they have scheduled to play another team. To prevent this, the committee would like to raise the minimum fine from \$100 to \$500 and the Maximum fine from \$1,000 to \$1,500 against the offending coach/school. An automatic forfeit will also be imposed and they will not be able to play another team instead. The offended school will receive an automatic win for that contest and will count against the contest limitation for both schools.
5. Private/Charter Board of Trustees Procedure for What Constitutes a Vacancy – In the constitution, it explains what constitutes a vacancy for principals, superintendents and district but didn't really have anything for charter or private representatives. Now in a. it will read: *“Any person nominated and elected pursuant to this section must be employed or affiliated with a member charter school.”* In c. it will read: *“When any person elected as a Charter School Representative ends employment or affiliation with a member Charter School, the position of Charter School Representative shall be deemed to be vacant.”* This will allow a charter school representative to move between charter schools, but if they go to private or public, they would be off the board.
6. HB209: Participation in Extracurricular Activities Amendments - This bill provides private online charter, and home school students with the ability to participate with a public school outside of their residence boundary school. This bill was passed in recent legislature by Jordan Teuscher. In addition, it was emphasized that it becomes a transfer when a student has established initial eligibility at a UHSAA member high school, even if they didn't attend that school, will be considered to have attended that school for the purposes of eligibility. If they then transfer to another UHSAA member high school, that student will be subject to the requirements of the association's transfer rule.
7. Suspended Game Procedures - Mr. Cluff explained that with outdoor sports there have been a few situations where games have started, but there is no clear policy on resumption of play or is the game final? What point does it have to get to? Currently there are about 15 games in holding that have started, but not finished. In baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer, the NFHS has defined what part of the game you have to get to in order for it to be an established contest. With football, it just basically says when coaches mutually agree to end the contest, then it becomes complete. Because of the unprecedented winter we just had, there are a large amount of games that have been condensed into the last two weeks of the season and so maybe there isn't a day to make it up, and in that case it would become a no contest, but at least it gives the schools direction on halting and then resumption of play. Mr. Cluff recommended that UHSAA adopts the halted game rule or suspended game rule to apply to region contests as well as the opportunity to have a similar discussion at non-region games to decide on a certain threshold to call it a complete contest or halted game where they need to make it up. We are suggesting we put it in the state

policy and then we add some language that talks about how regions would use that and then regions would adopt the same halted game procedure that the state has as application for how to handle contests due to inclement weather and other things.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jason Smith to send the above items on to the Board of Trustees with a favorable endorsement from the Executive Committee. Darin Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

9. **Legal Report:** Mr. Mark VanWagoner started the report by sharing what occurred when he and Mr. Cuff went to Indianapolis for the NFHS legal meeting.

10. **Follow Up Items from Previous Meetings:**

A. Unified Sports – UHSAA/SOUT State Events: Mr. Oglesby reminded everyone that Special Olympics Unified Track is coming up. If any schools are still trying to qualify at a region track meet, please let him know as soon as possible. Schools must qualify at the region qualifier meet. It is based off the number of qualifiers that the region allows to qualify for state track. Qualifiers will then need to be entered into Runner-Card. Track coaches know this. The second thing. It is boys' and girls' events. It is not mixed gender. The unified athletes will be entering the facility the same way as the non-unified athletes. Coaches will be responsible to make sure they enter the facility and go to the bullpen to check-in, etc.

B. Participation Survey Reminder: We have sent this out. Curt at the UHSAA office is managing this. Schools that are not in compliance will continue to be emailed. The goal is to get it done in the next couple of weeks so it can be sent to the NFHS. The results are important also, because it sets the numbers for the catastrophic insurance policy with the underwriter.

C. Cross Country Items: It was sent back to regions on the 3A and 4A divisionals. A decision needs to be made today through a motion or what is being done with 3A and 4A cross country. The coaches want divisionals, but it was sent back to discuss in regions on if principals want to add 3A and 4A to divisionals. 3A is a yes.

MOTION: Doug Snow motioned to have 3A and 4A divisionals in Cross Country starting in fall of 2023. Karen Soper seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Update on the Sugar House Park proposal: Mr. Oglesby sent a request to the Sugar House Park Board to speak in their May meeting to discuss the plan that has been proposed by the group of Cross Country coaches that are advocating to return state cross country to the park. An effort was made to be on the April agenda, but the Sugar House Park Board asked that they wait until May, because they have a lot of concerns and want time to discuss them. The question was asked by Darin Thomas why Mr. Oglesby was doing the work when the board had decided to move it to the Regional Athletic Complex. State Cross Country will be held at the Regional Athletic Complex in Fall 2023, but Mr. Oglesby will still go to the Sugar House Park Board Meeting in May. The Cross Country coaches will also meet with ADEC.

D. Tennis Items: Mr. Oglesby asked if 6A tennis would like 18 teams for next year with a play-in or would they just want 16 teams with no play-in?

MOTION: Jed Johansen made a motion to keep tennis to 16 teams for the 2023-24 school year. Todd Quarnberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Oglesby requested that the board members talk with their coaches and remind them of the deadlines coming up for tennis. He then shared that Jackie Parker has served as a long time assistant and helped run the tennis tournaments. She has announced that she is retiring and Mr. Oglesby wanted to publicly thank her for all her help over the years.

E. Lacrosse Items: There are still a lot of schools that are trying to schedule 5th quarters and expecting the officials to do that. If a 5th quarter is wanted, that is okay, but it needs to be scheduled as a JV game after the conclusion of the varsity game and the officials need to be paid the full rate. Mr. Sivert asked if there is a point differential for Lacrosse in RPI. He has heard rumors going around regarding this. Mr. Oglesby said there is no differential. It is handled just like the other sports. He also reminded them that all they need for the continuous line down the center field is a strip of temporary paint. If you don't have that and the official says it's not sufficient, you will lose is the opening face-off of the game.

F. Track Items: Mr. Oglesby reminded the board that they voted on the qualifiers at the last meeting and asked if there was any negative feedback on track qualifiers for 1A-6A for the upcoming realignment. There was none.

G. Basketball Contest Limitations and Endowment Games: Mr. Oglesby discussed that in the last meeting that schools were higher than ever before on how many exceeded their contest limitations. It was decided to just go to a straight 23 games and doing away with the endowment game for basketball. Sub-Varsity would be at 20 games. Mr. Cuff shared several issues related to the endowment games for basketball and that it has become difficult for the staff to collect the funds. The staff's proposal is to end the basketball endowment game and to keep the football endowment game. This simplifies it for administrations. Mr Hunter asked if it would affect AD's hosting their Hall of Fame games? Mr. Cuff responded that it would be one of the exceptions. The board has allowed the UIAAA to run their Hall of Fame game at the beginning of the year. Coaches need to have a preventative schedule and make sure they schedule games to make sure they don't end up playing extra games.

MOTION: A 23 game limit in basketball, all three levels with no endowment game by Jason Smith. Seconded by Doug Webb. Motion carried.

H. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments (June 28-July 4, 2023): Mr. Jackson reminded the board that Moratorium Adjustment forms are due on May 26th and to remind their regions that if they want to adjust their moratorium, it needs to be seven consecutive days including the Fourth of July and they are welcome to get that form to Mr. Jackson, who will review the form and then send an email back saying they are approved.

I. Wrestling Items: Mr. Jackson recalled that in the last Executive Committee meeting the board discussed having the all of the girls' classifications (3A-6A) wrestle together on a Monday and Tuesday with the caveat that the boys would do so the next year. When word got out that this proposal was being considered, the boys were not happy about that. The coaches association sent out

a survey and 43 schools responded. Regarding state, 60% of the boys want the same classifications, boys and girls together, like was done this year. 95% did not want state held on a Monday. Regarding state venues, 90% want to be at UVU. 60% of the girls coaches who responded want state to be on the same day as the boys like this year, 40% want state on different days. 91% did not want state held on a Monday and 86% want the same venues as last year. Venues are an issue in regards to seating and being able to have enough mats to run the tournaments. There are two proposals: One proposal is that it is run the same way it was last year, with boys and girls of the same classification wrestling two days at a venue. This would require that two of the classifications would have to go to the SVC Center because there are not enough days available at UVU. The 3A and 4A could return to the SVC Center like last year and the 5A and 6A could be held at UVU. With that being said, a lot of the Utah County schools that were 5A will now be 4A, so all those schools would have to travel down to the SVC Center like last year. Option two is that the 3A boys and girls wrestle again at the SVC Center and they can pick the days they want. The 4A boys would move to UVU and would wrestle in the same tournament as the 4A-5A-6A girls over two days, then the 5A-6A boys would wrestle that Friday and Saturday at UVU and that would rotate.

MOTION: Nate Marshall made a motion that Mr. Jackson's option one proposal be adopted for next year: The 4A-5A-6A girls will wrestle at UVU with the 4A boys. The 5A-6A boys will wrestle at UVU on Friday and Saturday of that week and the 3A boys and girls will tentatively wrestle at SVC on a Wednesday and Thursday. Alternate days at UVU for the 3A boys and girls will be looked at once the UVU basketball schedule is released. Jason Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Football: Spring Restrictions/Summer Camps: Mr. Jackson provided a reminder about football summer camps. If holding a camp, they need to go to the football page on the UHSAA web site and sign up.

Heat Acclimatization: A five-day camp requires eight days of heat acclimatization for that camp. The acclimatization must happen the week before. When football a fourteen-day heat acclimatization must occur. It cannot be combined with previous acclimatization's. There is also a day-by-day calendar on the website.

K. Coaches' Certification: Please make sure the regions, principals and AD's are working on getting the coaches certified and in on time.:

L. Coaches' Credentials: Mr. Cluff informed the board that all the coaches' credentials for Spring have been sent out and if they are missing any, to contact the front office. He also reminded everyone to wear the credentials.

M. Endowment Games and Post Season Home Sites (Ticketing): BNN was acquired by PLAYON Sports, which has streamlined things for everyone. Mr. Cluff attended a training. All post season events will be on GoFan ticketing. UHSAA will provide training and assist with all needs. When hosting, all schools will be required to sign up with GoFan to get ACH transfers and UHSAA will pay the schools after by check, which will be the opposite of what was happening before. Robert McDaniel: Granite also requires a cash option. GoFan will be required for all endowment games and early rounds of the state tournament. The schools can also provide a cash option if wanted, but it has to be the same as the GoFan cost. UHSAA will come up with a system to get the money.

N. Executive Committee Terms: Mr. Cuff read through all the region and Executive Committee terms of office for 2023-24. Region 1: J. Johansen, Region 2: R. Shaw, Region 3: T. Dawson, Region 4: E. Liddell, Region 5: J. Smith, Region 6:?, Region 7: R. Bishop, Region 8: K. Henshaw, Region 9: Kim Monkers, Region 10: Q. Linde, Region 11: AJ Gilmore, Region 12: S. Gordon, Region 13: K. Morrell, Region 14: N. Marshall, Region 15: J. Shepherd, Region 16: T. Kennedy, Region 17: C. Morris, Region 18: K. Bailey, Region 19: R. Hardy, Region 20: J. Brinkerhoff, Region 21: K. Jensen, Region 22: Darin Jenkins. C. Hammer chair, Teri Davis USBE Rep., M. Hunter, UIAAA, E. Kelepolo, Diversity and Inclusion Rep.

O. 4A Principal to BOT: There have been a lot of changes in BOT. There will be a 5A school board election the following day at UHSAA to take the two-year term from Murray SD, as they are moving to 4A. Board of Trustees 2023-24: School Board Reps: 1A: Z. McKee, 2A: D. Lund, 3A: D. Warren, 4A: J. Nielsen, 5A: TBD, 6A: Marilyn Richards. Principals: 1A/2A: J. Shepherd, 3A/4A: M. Mees, 5A/6A: T. Quarnberg. Superintendents: 1A/2A: J. Holmes, 3A/4A: L. Rasmussen, 5A/6A: P. Sweat.

MOTION: Darin Thomas made the motion that Mike Mees from Pine View be nominated to take his place on the Board of Trustees as the 3A/4A Principal. Doug Snow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

P. Discussion/Action Items

11. Staff Items:

A. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker shared that all schools received the link for the School Sportsmanship award. Applications are due on May 26. She encouraged more schools to apply for the award and that the Gold Star coach award winners/classification winners are on the website. The nomination process will happen next fall.

B. Dare2Lead Student Leadership Conference - Fall 2023

1. Sportsmanship Specialists – Training in August: Ms. Whittaker encouraged all to send a nomination for a sportsmanship specialist from their region. They would be trained in August with the Student Leadership Conferences to follow. She said she would send out a reminder.

C. Volleyball Contest Limitations - Ms. Whittaker reminded them that they had been asked to go back to their regions and discuss contest limitations for volleyball. She shared that a survey had gone out through ADEC. Ms. Whittaker turned the time over to Pam Olsen, from ADEC to discuss the contest limitations and answer any questions the board may have. 19 responses were given to the survey. 18 were in favor. The changes to contest limitations would be 28 matches with no limitation on the wording. Tournament language would be taken out. Marc Hunter explained that 32 matches were brought to ADEC and they were not comfortable with that many matches. They felt that 28 would be acceptable. Ms. Olsen shared that they looked to the teams in the state that travelled, because they tend to get more matches when they go out of state, and there were very few that got over 28. That was the number that they rounded on. 117 out of 146 schools that have volleyball were surveyed and of those, 83.5% said yes and 16.5% said no. Every classification had 80% of their coaches respond except for 1A. This will go into effect in 2024-25 because most of the girls' volleyball programs have already completed their schedules for the upcoming year. For boys' volleyball, they will need to decide when they want to adopt the new volleyball contest limitations. Question from D. Jenkins: How does pool play in a tournament count against games in the new contest limitations? Answer from Ms. Olsen: In the new contest limitations, it would be game to game. In a tournament, every game counts. The hope is that there will be quad meets, where three or

four schools can meet and play each other and not have to travel to that school individually, especially for the smaller schools.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood proposed that the board adopt the recommendation of 28 games, with every game counting as one for one, commencing in Spring of 2024 with boys' volleyball and then carry over into Fall of 2024 for girls' volleyball. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Golf Items: The weather this Spring caused some challenges. There are both parents and coaches that are requesting to move girls' golf. They consider it a big disadvantage to play golf in the Spring. The Golf Coaches Association is wanting to separate Varsity and JV, moving Varsity to the fall, and JV to the spring. Ms. Whittaker said she doesn't think the Salt Lake Valley courses could handle both teams in the same season. Mr. Snow mentioned that Cache Valley golf courses would welcome having both girls' and boys' golf in the fall. Another suggestion is to flip the boys' and girls' seasons every year or every three years. It was also suggested that maybe the season be extended. Mr. Cuff pointed out that in the past, extending into summer caused problems with vacations, student support, etc., so all attempts are made to have sports over by Memorial Day each year. It was proposed that a committee be formed to look at these possibilities. A decision needs to be made on how to qualify for the state tournament in golf with the change in the realignment and changes in the classifications. The most a course can accommodate for state golf is 16 full teams of 6 and 10-12 individuals. It cannot go past that. The suggestion for classifications that have 16 schools participating, to take the top 16 teams that qualified by overall average team score and then take the top 10 individual qualifiers. For the smaller classifications that don't have 16 teams, they could have the top two in each region go and then the next 50% go or anyone with a full team would qualify, just depending on the numbers. Each classification needs to decide how they qualify. A decision needs to be made in June.

E. Drill Team Items: The third category in drill needs to be decided. All compete in Dance and Military and for the last two years the third category has been Show. There has been a big push from 5A and 6A schools to change the third competition category to Hip-Hop. They feel that most of their dances are Hip-Hop anyway and it would cost less money, so they want to switch. 2A and 4A want to keep Show. 3A is split. Half want to do Hip-Hop; half want to do Show. Some of the coaches in the smaller classifications feel that Hip-Hop is inappropriate and the parents feel the same way. Ms. Whittaker explained that it would be difficult for the judges to have half of the classifications doing Show and half doing Hip-Hop. It was pointed out that with feelings being so split, it wouldn't be a good idea to make a change. Ms. Whittaker suggested that Show be used Hip-Hop and Character as the genre and got rid of all props.

MOTION: Tom Sherwood motioned that the three categories remain Dance, Military and Show, with a Hip-Hop and Character emphasis with no props. Karen Soper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Cheer Items: Ms. Whittaker explained that she met with all the cheer coaches and they are requesting changes to the categories for cheer. Last year they did Show and then three Game-Time routines. They would like to eliminate one Game-Time routine: the Fight Song.

MOTION: Tom Sherwood made the motion to keep Show and two Game-Day routines: Cheer and Dance. Craig Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeremy Lewis from American Fork addressed the board regarding the fine that was assessed due to them not showing up to the cheer competition during the state tournament. American Fork qualified for state in one of the four events, but the cheer coach told the school that they didn't qualify. This is

the reason the cheer coach is no longer with them. It was due to bad communication. It was a communication breakdown. Ms. Whittaker contacted Mr. Lewis during the competition and he wasn't aware they had qualified. Ms. Whittaker went on to say that all teams were given score sheets with a list of which teams had qualified the day of regionals. They were also given a lineup of what time they performed, so the coaches were informed. Mr. Sherwood asked if it displaced another team. Ms. Whittaker responded that yes it did. Mr. Lewis acknowledged that he feels bad about that, but they were informed incorrectly by their cheer coaches, who are no longer coaching at American Fork.

MOTION: It was proposed by Tom Sherwood that the \$500 fine for American Fork remain in place. Rob McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

G. Esports Committee: The Board of Trustees did not approve the sanctioning of Esports for next school year, but a committee is needed to answer the many questions regarding the implementation of Esports. Ms. Whittaker asked anyone who would like to be on the committee to let her know.

H. Swim Items: Mr. Steve Marsing provided a letter from the United States Swimming Association. They would like to add the Utah Swimming Senior Championships to the ODP. The meet would be held the end of November, first of December. It would resolve conflicts. Mr. Marsing recommends that this be implemented.

MOTION: Tom Sherwood made the motion that the Utah Swimming Senior Championships be added to the ODP. It was seconded by Craig Morris. The motion carried.

With BYU going into the Big 12 Conference, there is a conflict with the first weekend of the state swim meet. Mr. Marsing recommended that they move the state meets back by one week and start the season one week later.

MOTION: Kade Morrell motioned to start the season one week later and to move the state tournament one week back also so it could be held at BYU. It was seconded by Darin Thomas. The motion carried.

I. Officiating Update: Mr. Cluff explained that there will be multiple camps held this summer. So far in the season, there have been 141 boys' soccer ejections, with three weeks still left in the season. They are averaging more than six ejections per day. There were 164 ejections last season.

J. Officials Pay Scale Committee: Mr. Cluff asked for volunteers from 1A, 2A and 3A to join the Officials Pay Scale committee. Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Quarnberg have already volunteered. Darin Jenkins, Jade Shepherd and Nate Marshall were put on the committee.

K. Baseball Items: Mr. Cluff explained that there are currently some unbalanced schedules due to the weather. He asked if there anything that can be done with RPI to change that? Mr. Cluff's recommendation is to do nothing. It is what it is. The consensus is to do nothing. Mr. Cluff requested a decision on what to do for the 2A baseball state tournament. He was blindsided by losing UVU due to scheduling issues. He provided the pros and cons for each option. The two options are Russell Swenson Park in Spanish Fork or Dixie High School in St. George.

MOTION: A motion to hold 2A baseball at Russell Swenson Park in Spanish Fork was made by Craig Morris and was seconded by Roberta Hardy. The motion carried.

L. RPI Review: Mr. Cluff explained that every year a review is done on the RPI. The biggest feedback is regarding out-of-state competition. Currently, for classifications 1A-3A you get 1 point. If you are in 4A-6A it is a 1.5-point value. The recommendation is to change to 1.25 value for 1A-3A and to remain a 1.5 value for 5A-6A.

MOTION: Jim Wood motioned that the RPI be changed. Craig Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

M. Basketball Requests: Mr. Oglesby presented that Mount Vernon and Salt Lake Academy are making a request to move back from independent status to region play and competition for state championships. Mount Vernon was invited to explain why they are requesting a change in status. Mike Lambson, the principal, athletic director and boys' basketball coach presented the request. He stated that the reason is they are losing all the I-9 students to Salt Lake Academy's campus and will play for Salt Lake Academy. Without those athletes, there is no need for Mount Vernon to be independent anymore. The students that are playing basketball are only interested in playing for Salt Lake Academy, they don't want to play other sports. Therefore, Mount Vernon would like to go back to what they had been doing for the past 45 years before last year's change. Mr. Cuff referred to the Memo of Understanding, where it stated it would be 5 years in the current independent status for Mount Vernon boys' basketball, until they would consider coming back to region/state tournament participation. Mr. Cuff asked for clarification to see if Mount Vernon now feels that their status has changed from the current independent status. Mr. Lambson confirmed this. He reiterated that they are not educating any of Salt Lake Academy's I-9 students, and therefore won't have them as boys' basketball players. Salt Lake Academy confirmed that Mount Vernon will no longer have access to the I-9 students. Salt Lake Academy also has a Memo of Understanding that gives them independent status for 5 years. He went on to explain that the girls' basketball team at Salt Lake Academy does not have the two girls they brought in and the previous coach is no longer with them. He attended the last meeting held for Region 15 and all those all the schools in Region 15 are in favor of his team going back into that Region. They would like to be eligible for immediate status with UHSAA.

MOTION: Darin Jenkins motioned that the independent status for Mount Vernon does not change for one more year. Independent status will be lifted in the 2024-25 school year. Roberta Hardy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION: Ty Kennedy motioned that Salt Lake Academy remain independent until the end of the five-year period as previously requested in their memorandum of understanding on August 10, 2020. Roberta Hardy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

N. Spring Minimum Number of Contests and End Dates for Sub Varsity: Mr. Cluff recommended that the opportunity be extended to all sub-varsity teams to play up until Memorial Day.

MOTION: Tom Sherwood motioned sub-varsity games be extended until Memorial Day. Jim Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Kade Morrell motioned to waive the Spring minimum number of contests for this year. Craig Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

O. Discussion/Action Items

12. Reports

A. SMAC Report: Mr. Jackson introduced Dr. Karl Weenig, who is the chair of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and also sits on the NFHS medical advisory committee. During a recent meeting a topic came up regarding air quality. There are currently two rules of thought: One is that UHSAA should provide a mandate on air quality and the other is that districts should have mandates. Mr. Jackson asked Dr. Weenig to share information on what we should do with air quality. Dr. Weenig shared an example of his experience with air quality during his daughter's game in Utah County during the wildfires. During the varsity game air quality was fine, but by the JV game, the fires were coming up over the mountain and air quality was not fine. Air quality can fluctuate throughout the day. The text in the manual is almost word for word what the NFHS manual contains. He provided what they are doing around the country. If one district has a policy that is different from another district, what can be done? How do they come to a consensus? Standardization across the state is needed. This is what they are advocating. For students with sensitivity, with anything over 100 you need to be aware and watching for respiratory distress. Between 150-200, everybody can start to experience some respiratory difficulty. With intense workouts, it can get worse. Athletic trainers and medical personnel are recommended to modify their activity with more periodic rests. Over 200, most states across the country will postpone or cancel competition. Air quality tends to get worse later in the day. There is an Air.Utah.Gov website that provides a 3-day forecast. It also has different counties that you can select and monitor. There is also AirNow.Gov. The monitors they use for these websites are in certain spots, so they may be far away from where your school is. The answer to this is PurpleAir. They cost about \$250 and can be mounted by your school. PurpleAir.com also has monitors and a map on their website that shows air quality levels around the state. Dr. Weenig recommended that the schools find a standardized method to use and then to adjust their practices and even modify competitions depending on the air quality. What are the modifications you suggest if we aren't cancelling the games at 150, if continuing to play up until 200? Dr. Weenig responded: More periodic breaks or if the air quality is better at the other school, shift the venue. At the recent NFHS meeting he attended, it was discussed that the pre-game meeting is where your healthcare providers, administrators and referees come together before the event and discuss all things that can affect the game. The modifications if the air quality is high can be discussed during that meeting. Mr. Jackson then shared that there are the three websites that can be used if the air quality monitors aren't in the schools yet. PurpleAir has more sensors in place throughout the state. The question is: Do we as an association want to mandate this or should districts mandate or have a policy on how to govern this? Some districts already have a policy some don't. There is no uniformity. Is it better for us to mandate something and have sports medicine create that with help from members of this board? Football will be an issue, because if you don't play, you can't reschedule that game and teams sometimes travel very far to play. You can't play two games in a week. Mr. Sherwood suggested that a threshold be decided by UHSAA. This was discussed. Mr. Jackson shared that the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommends anything over 200. Mr. Van Wagoner stated that UHSAA could recommend, but not mandate, then the districts can decide what they want to do. Teri Davis shared that right now the Utah State Board of Education is in communication with the Health Department regarding air quality and it would be nice to bring SMAC into the discussion to have guidance from them. So as far as that goes, be patient, because it is being discussed. Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Weenig publicly for being one of the main reasons why Utah had sports competitions during the COVID pandemic.

B. Diversity and Inclusion Report: Mr. Everett Kelepolo shared that the UHSAA Sportsmanship Manual will be changed from the term "homophobic slurs to sexual orientation slurs. Training will occur this fall.

C. 1A Athletics: Mr. Darin Jenkins – Nothing to report.

D. 2A Athletics: Mr. Jade Shepherd – Nothing to report.

E. 3A Athletics: Mr. Nate Marshall – Nothing to report.

F. 4A Athletics: Mr. Darin Thomas – Nothing to report.

G. 5A Athletics: Mr. Bill Sivert – Nothing to report.

H. 6A Athletics: Mr. Quarnberg mentioned that he is seeing a lot of burnout from cheerleaders and their coaches as they try to do both spirit obligations and competitions. He feels a decision needs to be made on whether they are spirit teams or competition teams.

I. Discussion items/Action items

13. For the Good of the Order: Mr. Cuff directed the board to an included article about the Wet Bulb Globe.

14. NFHS Summer Conference – Seattle, Washington (June 28-July 2, 2023): Mr. Cuff encouraged anyone who would like to attend the conference to talk to him after the meeting.

A. Information Item