Board of Trustees Meeting Summary August 28, 2014

- 1. Chairman Bill Boyle welcomed everyone and introduced the new members of the Board of Trustees. New members include the following:
 - A. Bart Baird, Cache School District, Region 5
 - B. Scott Rogers, Tooele School District, Region 11
 - C. Alan Parrish, Cottonwood High School, 5A Principals
 - D. Stan Young, Duchesne High School, 1A Principals
- 2. There are six new member schools for 2014-15: American Heritage, American Preparatory, Ashcreek Ranch, Lake Powell, Providence Hall and Venture. There are 142 total UHSAA member schools and 103 member schools participate in football.
- 3. Mr. Mark Openshaw, USBE Representative to the Board of Trustees, discussed the role of the state board and their responsibilities. He talked about the relationship between the USBE and the UHSAA and the state legislature.
- 4. Chairman Boyle and UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials and Board of Trustees roles and responsibilities.
- 5. Mr. Bart Thompson and Mr. Josh Taylor discussed the calendar and provided a presentation on the improved UHSAA website (www.uhsaa.org). Such information includes the current UHSAA calendar, the Ready Reference Calendar guides, try-out checklists, coaches' education information, officials' pay scale, academic all-state application information, etc. Information regarding Register My Athlete was presented.
- 6. Ms. Kim Monkres reviewed the statewide sportsmanship program. Details regarding the sportsmanship program can be found on the UHSAA website. It was emphasized that if a school did not earn the award this year, it should make every effort to win the star this school year. When a school receives five stars, it will be recognized as a "five star sportsmanship school." Every school can be a winner when it comes to good sportsmanship. All member schools are invited to TEAM-up to Raise the Bar, Earn Your Star because Sportsmanship Matters!
- 7. The 2014 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was reviewed and discussed. With the help of many individuals, and the direction of the UHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, the 2014 Conference was a tremendous success. Students have raised several hundred dollars for Special Olympics Utah and the effort continues in each community. Team work and leadership skills were learned and applied. Students from all parts of the state were asked and challenged to make a difference by taking the information and implementing it into their schools and regions.

- 8. The 2015 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was announced for Thursday, June 18, 2015, at Murray High School. The conference will allow for each member school to select a male and female student to participate in the one-day event. It will provide motivational speakers, activities and interactive group discussions on the issues facing education-based athletics and activities. In addition, the student leaders will participate in a community service project.
- 9. Mr. Cuff discussed Board of Trustees elections and terms of office. Elections for those board members whose term expires in 2015 will be held in January at the annual school boards' convention. Information will be sent to districts regarding the elections.
- 10. Mr. Ryan Bishop reviewed corporate sponsors. He discussed the media rights contract with KJZZ, Deseret Digital Media and NFHS Network for the broadcasting of post-season events.
- 11. Mr. Bishop emphasized the importance and responsibility of districts and/or schools to track coaches' education. He discussed the criteria for coaching certification and importance of having certified coaches working with student athletes.
- 12. The Board approved the opportunity for a state champion, if invited and the school accepts the invitation, to participate in the Paragon State Champion game series in girls' and boys' basketball and football.
- 13. Mr. Jeff Cluff, UHSAA Supervisor of Officials, discussed the procedures made regarding a required background check for game officials prior to officiating. The background check takes place when the official registers on-line to officiate. All officials' items, training and testing are located on the Arbiter website (www.uhsaa.arbitersports.com) where officials currently receive their game assignments and other officiating announcements.
- 14. Catastrophic Insurance will continue for those students who participate in UHSAA activities. The UHSAA Endowment Foundation and the UHSAA Budget will reimburse schools for the fifth consecutive year. The UHSAA budget will subsidize \$40,000 of the catastrophic insurance premium to go with the \$123,000 provided by the UHSAA Endowment Foundation. School premiums must be paid to the UHSAA and then member schools will receive a reimbursement check for 100% of the premium later this fall.
- 15. Mr. Mark Van Wagoner, UHSAA Legal Counsel, discussed legal concerns.
- 16. Mr. Ed Worthington, Auditor, reviewed the audit for the 2013-2014 school year. The Board of Trustees approved the audit through a motion.

- 17. Mr. Cuff reviewed the 2014-2015 UHSAA budget. The budget is in great shape. Corporate Sponsorship revenue is at an all-time high for the Association. Savings accounts are good although interest rates are poor and expenses continue to rise. The Board of Trustees approved the budget through a motion.
- 18. A fourth consideration of format and procedures regarding the 2015-2017 realignment of member schools was reviewed by the Board of Trustees. The final approval for the format and procedures to the alignment included member schools with a classification enrollment plus or minus 5% of the school with the highest enrollment in a classification are considered tied in enrollment for the purposes of classification assignment. Previous alignments included schools with a plus or minus 3%. This change will allow more member schools the opportunity to present to the Board specific factors relating to realignment, including socioeconomics, win/loss records and graduation rates. The addition of a success factor to the school's enrollment that would have been applied to the football alignment was defeated by the Board. The Board of Trustees will meet again in November to discuss the placement of member schools into classifications and regions.