

Executive Committee Meeting Summary
March 18, 2015

1. Chairman Craig Hammer called the meeting to order and reviewed important dates found in the UHSAA Ready Reference Calendars (see www.uhsaa.org). Academic All-State policy and deadlines and policy were also discussed.
2. State Superintendent Brad Smith provided a USOE report. He discussed recent proposed bills regarding education that were entertained during the 2015 legislative session. He reported that 88 education related bills passed the legislature this session. He talked about finances and the four percent increase to the WPU. He reported on property tax equalization, new graduation requirements in math and the requirement for students to pass a civics citizenship test.
3. Mr. Rob Cuff provided the Committee with a list of winter state champions and a basketball endowment game financial report. The basketball endowment revenue this year is consistent with last year's revenue. The endowment money will be transferred to the Endowment Fund by a Board of Trustees motion next week. The endowment money is currently used to supplement schools' annual catastrophic insurance.
4. The UHSAA staff reviewed winter activities, which included wrestling, basketball, drill team, swimming and diving.
5. Mr. Ryan Bishop reviewed the winter ejection reports for coaches and players. The total number of winter ejections decreased in comparison to past years. The emphasis in sportsmanship has helped the respect and relationships between coaches and officials improve.
6. The 2015-2016 tentative calendar (www.uhsaa.org) was discussed. Dates and sites for next year's UHSAA activities will be confirmed in the April meeting.
7. A reminder that the UIAAA Conference for athletic administrators is April 8-11 in St. George.
8. The committee reviewed and discussed the 2015 criteria to earn a star for the Raise the Bar sportsmanship program.
9. The UHSAA Dare2LEAD Student Leadership Conference will be held on June 18, 2015, at Murray High School. The staff is looking for 100% participation from member schools. Schools should submit the names of one boy and one girl using the link provided in the email sent to principals from the UHSAA.

10. Mr. Bart Thompson reported on Unified Sports in Soccer and Track & Field. The UHSAA and SOUT (Special Olympics Utah) are once again joining together to provide this outstanding experience for student athletes.
11. Mr. Cuff reviewed the course titles from NFHS and provided the national website (www.nfhslearn.com) as a resource for education-based activities.
12. Ms. Kim Monkres discussed the sport of diving and interested parties presented concerns to the Committee. In the January meeting, the Executive Committee through a motion made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to not continue sanctioning diving. This item will now go to the Board of Trustees for further discussion and action.
13. Executive Committee members discussed feedback from regions regarding a proposal from KJZZ-TV concerning the securing of regular season live TV rights for 3AA, 4A and 5A football and 4A and 5A basketball. No motion was made.
14. The Executive Committee approved a Summer Moratorium adjustment for Grantsville High School.
15. The Executive Committee approved a memo of understanding in the sport of football for Ogden High School to go independent status for the 2015 and 2016 football seasons.
16. Mr. Josh Taylor discussed Register My Athlete and the electronic submission procedures for the Academic All-State Award.
17. Mr. Cuff announced the 2014-15 Super Fan Award recipients:
 - Keven Bambrough—nominated by Northridge High School
 - Tawni and Jeff Porcaro—nominated by Maple Mountain High School
 - Leona and Robert Potts—nominated by Carbon High School
 - Tom Palmer—nominated by San Juan High School
 - Lloyd Grant—nominated by Tabiona High School
18. Mr. Cuff, Chair of the Awards Selection Committee, announced the selection of the 2014-15 Circle of Fame inductees:
 - Martell Menlove
 - Phil Russell
19. The 2014-15 Spirit of Sport Award winner is Makenzie Lewis, a student athlete at Desert Hills High School. The Heart of the Arts Award winner is Hanna Strebel, a student at Tabiona High School. All the Award winners will meet with the Board of Trustees for a luncheon as part of the regular meeting later this month.
20. Mr. Cuff provided the Committee with an article that reflected the good things that are happening through education-based high school activities.