

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 17, 2016

Those in attendance: Dean Oborn, Terry Bawden, Richard Osborn, Scott Carlson, Heather Bennett, Belinda Johnson, Michelle Kaufusi, Blaik Baird, Craig Seegmiller, Scott Rogers, Neil Carrigan, Dale Whitlock, Jeff Schena, Greg Miller, Kim Pickett, Jerre Holmes, Kodey Hughes, Bill Boyle, Mike Savage, Amber Shill, Tamara Lowe, Bryan Durst, Kristen Betts, Stan Young, George Henrie, Rick Nielsen, Garrett Muse, Spencer Stokes, Rob Cuff, Kim Monkres, Ryan Bishop, Josh Taylor and Jeff Cluff. Excused: David Brotherson and John Penrod.
Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Chair Betts welcomed members. She excused Willie Penrod and David Brotherson. She welcomed Rob McDaniel, Principal Cyprus HS, who was representing Willie Penrod.

Superintendent Rogers introduced Alan Mouritsen, Tooele School District School Board Member. Superintendent Rogers has asked Mr. Mouritsen to complete his term ending June 2017 and has the support of the entire school board. Mr. Mouritsen participated in high school sports and is an attorney. He is interested in running in the election in January.

MOTION: Ms. Bennett motioned to accept Mr. Mouritsen as the new Region 10 representative until June 30, 2017. Mr. Oborn second. Motion carried.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Whitlock led members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Osborn recited a poem by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken." He said the Board was making considerations and choices that make a difference.

C. Minutes of Previous Meetings – August 25, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Seegmiller motioned to approve the minutes of August 25, 2016. Ms. Kaufusi second. Motion carried.

D. Additional Agenda Items for Today's Meeting: Mr. Cuff said there would be discussion regarding the State School Board.

2. Executive Committee Meeting Report: Mr. Young reported.

A. September 28, 2016 meeting (summary on UHSAA website):

- 2016-2017 Calendar
- Endowment game report
- Sportsmanship Initiative – Battle of the Fans, Student Leadership Conference
- Unified Sports
- Coaches' certification
- Baseball pitch count
- UIAAA – Lacrosse, new survey
- Summer Moratorium (entire school)
- Realignment time table

- NFHS Network broadcast program
- Spirit of Sport, Heart of the Arts
- UHSAA Summit

B. November 9, 2016 (summary on UHSAA website):

- 2016-2017 Calendar
- Catastrophic Insurance reimbursement
- Fall activities report
- UIAAA report
- New School applications – Green Canyon, Great Basin, APA Draper for full membership
- Legal and legislative items
- Baseball pitch count was approved, penalties determined
- “MyReasonWhy” campaign
- Distinguished Service Award nominees
- NFHS

3. **Football Endowment Games Report:** Mr. Cuff reported 103 of 106 football schools participated in an endowment game. He thanked members for school support. The games raised \$100,904 which is the third best since the new financial format. Three schools had gates over \$10,000 (\$5000 split). They were: Cottonwood vs Olympus, Bonneville vs Fremont, Ridgeline vs Skyridge. The Foundation Board, with \$40K from the UHSAA budget, is reimbursing schools 100% for catastrophic insurance premiums.

MOTION: Mr. Picket motioned to move the football endowment revenue to the UHSAA Foundation account. Ms. Lowe second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Second Annual UHSAA Summit:** Mr. Cuff reported on the second annual UHSAA Summit held at SLCC and Richfield. Three breakout sessions were presented by staff and a general session on concussions and sport safety. Special Olympics presented on Unified Sports.

- Mr. Taylor encouraged schools to participate in Unified Sports. Email Mr. Taylor if interested.
- Ms. Monkres said she appreciated the opportunity to rub shoulders with administrators. They discussed the legislative process of the UHSAA. Nice to put faces with names.
- Mr. Bishop liked the BBQ lunch in Richfield and Taco Bar at SLCC
- Mr. Cluff said his break out was an opportunity to discuss ejections, officials and many controversial topics. He also talked about the ejection process.

Ms. Johnson said that she has been in several meetings that the discussion has been referred back to the UHSAA Summit. She gave kudos to the staff. Mr. Schena said he learned a lot at the Summit and especially the breakout session with Mr. Cluff. They discussed recruiting, lack of officials, 3 officials in basketball, etc. He felt the only way we can recruit officials is if they are treated with respect and appreciated for their efforts.

5. **Fall Activities Report:**

A. Volleyball: Ms. Monkres said the tournament was great with a “nail-biter” championship match.

B. Girls' Tennis: Some weather related issues. Everyone cooperated and were flexible as changes had to be made to move indoors.

C. Football: Mr. Bishop reported the 1A, 2A, and 3A held their championship games at SUU. He really appreciated the Board members help at the event. The 3AA, 4A and 5A finals were being held the next day at the University of Utah.

D. Boys' Golf: Mr. Bishop said it was a great tournament despite a few weather issues. He thanked the Utah PGA for their great efforts and investment in high school golf.

E. Cross Country: Mr. Bishop said the event was held at Highland HS and Sugar House Park. He really appreciated the efforts of the Highland HS administrators, AD's and Board members.

F. Girls' Soccer: Mr. Taylor said he appreciated the help from Jordan HS and Juan Diego for hosting girls' soccer semifinals. The finals were held at Rio Tinto which is a great site.

G. 1A Baseball: Mr. Cluff reported the tournament was great with good crowds and great weather. Piute won for the first time since 1998.

Mr. Cuff congratulated all the championship winners and all participants. Mr. Schena reported all of Beaver County must have attended the championship football game. There was great support from small communities. Ms. Shill said she enjoyed attending football semifinals. Ms. Bennett said it was fun attending the soccer and football events. It is such a great opportunity for students.

6. **2016-2017 Calendar (pp. 55-56):** Mr. Taylor reported on the calendar. Most sites have now been determined for the remainder of the year. The 2017-2018 Tentative Calendar should be posted soon on the website. It has been a little more challenging with six classifications.

7. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings:

A. Spirit of Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Award: Mr. Bishop said applications are being sent to the schools for these two awards and will be due January 20. The Spirit of Sport awards a student or coach who has overcome a challenge to excel in athletics. The Heart of the Arts will be awarded to a student or coach who has overcome a challenge to excel in arts.

B. Media: Mr. Bishop reported we continue to work with Deseret Digital and KJZZ. NFHS Network has been streaming some of the events. He explained the two media streaming contracts. One is with DDM (liveksl.com) and their platform is free because it is an advertising model and NFHS Network's model is a pay per view. Having both models has caused some issues. The NFHS Network and DDM contracts end next year and new negotiations might help that situation. The two partners have allowed more activities streamed than ever before. The pay per view model has been a concern for some, but the fact is, without NFHS Network they would not have had the opportunity to see those streamed games at all. All post season rights are owned by the UHSAA.

C. Sponsorship Update: Mr. Bishop reported Wilson will continue their sponsorship with UHSAA. Les Schwab, Deseret News, and Utah Dairy Council help the UHSAA be on solid ground with sponsorships.

D. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Monkres said the “Battle of the Fans” has begun and videos are due on January 30. She anticipates an increase in participation.

E. UHSAA Student Leadership Conference: Mr. Monkres reported the conference will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017. The site will be at Murray HS or Jordan HS. It is being discussed to have the participants do a service project at the conference. Mr. Oborn read a quote he received from Brian Hunt, Northridge Principal, at a Region 1 meeting, “One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than one hundred teaching it.” Principal Hunt is taking pictures of good sportsmanship and posting them around the school. Mr. Dean thought it was a great idea to focus on good sportsmanship and post pictures.

F. Unified Sports (UHSAA/SOUT): Mr. Taylor said schools could still contact him if they are interested in starting a program for soccer and track.

G. Rosters on RegisterMyAthlete: Mr. Taylor said team rosters helps to manage eligibility.

H. Website Scoreboards: Mr. Taylor encourages coaches or a designated person to input scores into MaxPreps which feeds to our website scoreboards.

I. NFHS #MyReasonWhy (p. 57): Mr. Taylor said the national campaign has begun and encourage schools to participate. The campaign is asking students: “Why do you participate in high school activities.” The Association would like to see more Utah submissions on the NFHS website. Staff members have attended region sportsmanship student conferences and Mr. Bishop said it reaffirmed the reason we do what we do. The students are awesome.

8. **BOT Elections Update:** Mr. Cuff reviewed pages 24-25 for elections in January. Nothing can be finalized until the new regions are determined for 2017-2019. Adjustments will be made where possible if members are in a different region after the realignment. Those whose terms end in June 2017: Scott Rogers, Region 10; Kim Pickett, Region 15; Bill Boyle, Region 19. Reappointments/Appointments are: Terry Bawden, Granite District; Amber Shill, Canyons District; Tamera Lowe, Davis District. Charter schools will have an election in May if not represented on BOT through realignment. Bill Boyle said he would be leaving the BOT in January and his replacement through June 2017 will be Lori Maughan.

9. **Lacrosse:** Mr. Cuff said this was an information item for today’s meeting. A new survey will be going out to schools regarding lacrosse interest. The principals want district board members to be informed of the request. Mr. Morris, AD at Waterford HS, said their request was to sanction lacrosse which has been coming about for several years. He is a member of the Executive Committee and is the chair of the boys’ lacrosse high school league. Mr. Brae Burbidge from the lacrosse community was the spokesman of the power point presentation: Points of discussion:

- Lacrosse is the fastest growing team sport in the nation
- Utah is one of the strongest lacrosse programs in the United States
- Utah Lacrosse community supports sanctioning
- Utah Lacrosse community and its resources are ready to support the UHSAA, AD’s and School Administrators
- It is time for lacrosse student-athletes to be recognized in their high school community and endorsed via an education-based high school activity

Ms. Betts thanked them for their presentation. She felt it was good information for them to take back to their school boards for discussion.

10. New School Member Applications:

A. New school applications for 2017-2018:

(1) Green Canyon High School (pp. 58-59): Principal Dave Swenson and his AD, Odell Speth, talked about the new school in Cache Valley. The mascot will be the Wolves and the school colors are forest green, silver with black accents. Green Canyon will receive students from Sky View. Their projected enrollment is 847 for 10-12. Only incoming seniors living within Green Canyon borders will be allowed to stay at Sky View or go to Green Canyon. Seniors will make their choice by December 16. Construction is ahead of schedule by about 3.5 months.

MOTION: Mr. Seegmiller motioned for the staff to complete a site visit for membership consideration. Ms. Johnson second. Motion carried.

(2) Great Basin High School (pp. 60-61): Principal Jim Sandoval reported that Great Basin High School is located at the Clearfield Job Corp. They would like to participate in boys' and girls' basketball, boys' soccer and volleyball. They have facilities for basketball and volleyball, but they do not have soccer fields. Their projected enrollment is 195. Students participating would be full time students at Great Basin HS. There is not dual enrollment. Students attend from five different states, but they become Utah residents once enrolled. They have about 60% boys and 40% girls. The students choose to attend and are not at-risk students. It is a special purpose school (private) funded by the government. Mr. Cuff reminded Mr. Sandoval that Great Basin would have independent status for the first two years of membership, and then they can apply for full membership.

MOTION: Mr. Seegmiller motioned for the staff to complete a site visit for membership consideration. Mr. Bawden second. Motion carried.

(3) American Prep – Draper (p. 62): Mr. Durst said American Prep Draper is requesting full membership. October 1 enrollment is 65. They are building a new building with facilities for sports. They have a soccer field not interested in football. They plan to have a boys and girls sport in each season. They have hosted state drama events.

MOTION: Mr. Boyle motioned for the staff to complete a site visit for full-membership consideration. Mr. Young second. Motion carried.

11. Reports: Ms. Betts invited Terry Shoemaker, Superintendent Association Executive Director and USBA Associate Director, to join Mr. Van Wagoner and Dave Spatafore to report on the State School Board. She also welcomed Craig Hammer, Executive Committee chair, to join them. Ms. Betts thanked the Sub-Committee members: Dean Oborn, Amber Shill, Jerre Holmes and Dale Whitlock. The Sub-Committee reported on the meetings held with State School Board members.

Concerns the State School Board presented:

UHSAA process takes too long for change

Appeal panels' inconsistent decisions

Want the transfer rule to not be subjective

Additional standing appeal panel (retired judge/attorney, superintendent/school board member and coach/AD) to ensure procedures are followed

Sub-Committee:

- Couldn't speak for entire membership
- Opportunity to work with the School Board for some resolution
- The effect the transfer rule enforcement has on UHSAA Staff
- There are good points in the proposed transfer rule
- Academic classes being included in the proposed transfer rule was a concern
- Rules and policy making should remain with the UHSAA

Terry Shoemaker:

- He notified State School Board that local school boards, superintendents and public educators were watching closely
- A few State School Board members would like a much greater influence over UHSAA
- New State School Board leadership in December
- UHSAA conversation has been on the high side
- Local school boards, superintendents and principals are closest to students

Dave Spatafore:

- He has had conversations with legislators regarding UHSAA. He discussed the meetings with the Sub-Committee and State School Board Committee.
- He feels it important to take the high road and listen to Association members

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal and legislative items. Mr. Seegmiller second. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock motioned to leave executive session. Mr. Nielsen second. Motion carried.

The BOT discussed how to best approach the State School Board. Mr. Cuff said that whenever there is a change in the Constitution or By-Laws, a ballot is sent to the governing boards (one vote per school). There would be an opportunity to survey schools prior to the next realignment meeting. If a survey is sent, a board president and superintendent signature would be requested. Mr. Cuff and Ms. Betts stated to the State School Board they wanted feedback on the proposed R277-409. Mr. Rogers felt it needed to be surveyed how member schools felt about the State School Board role in propagating rules for UHSAA. Ms. Bennett asked how quickly the survey could be sent. That same day.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe motioned to create a survey to gather information from member schools and hold voting for a future meeting to support or not support of the State School Board proposed rule. Mr. Whitlock second. Mr. Hammer said the region chairs had reported their lack of support of the rule and the State School Board involvement. It was discussed signatures would be needed. Mr. Seegmiller felt we should use the "normal" process with governing boards. Mr. Hughes feels a need to make a stance or preliminary motion pending the survey results. Ms. Lowe wants data prior to voting. Ms. Lowe and Mr. Whitlock withdrew the motion and second.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe motioned to send out a survey. Mr. Seegmiller second. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

Discussion was held on question(s) to include on the survey. Ms. Betts felt it important to follow our own process sending the ballots to the governing bodies of member schools. Mr. Hammer said the Executive Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees and that was provided by the survey the Executive Committee did. Mr. Boyle pointed out the Board of

Trustees members are elected officials and can speak for the schools in their region. Mr. Hughes is concerned to send a one question survey. A second question could be if members support or oppose the effort of the USBE to legislate rules for high school extra-curricular activities. Mr. Henrie feels this Board is capable of taking the vote today. Ms. Shill reminded members that the State School Board was told the power of the membership is the 149 schools. Ms. Betts would be more comfortable to go through the process of surveying schools and then make a statement with a reaction to the data.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe made a motion to survey the membership through the governing bodies with two questions. Mr. Oborn second. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett motioned to make the statement that the UHSAA Board of Trustees are opposed to the State School Board Rule R277-409 as written and oppose USBE imposing governance over the Utah High School Activities Association. Mr. Rogers second. Motion carried.

11. Realignment:

A. Meeting Schedule:

- Tuesday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m. at UHSAA Office – Hearing of tied bubble schools regarding their preferred classification. Forms will be provided to the tied bubble schools with instructions. Also, first consideration of Region assignments.
- Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. at Jordan High School – Public Hearing.
- Thursday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. at UHSAA Office – Second consideration of region assignments.

MOTION: Mr. Henrie motioned to accept the proposed realignment meeting schedule for the Board of Trustees. Mr. Pickett second. Motion carried.

B. Form Packet: Mr. Cuff said a request was made to have criteria for the bubble schools. The forms created were an attempt to gather criteria information to help the BOT.

- Success factor within region (2014-2015 and 2016-2017)

Members asked that 2016-2017 data be removed from the form and that region and classification be added.

MOTION: Mr. Carlson motioned to approve the form with the discussed modifications. Mr. Osborn second. Motion carried.

- Free and reduced lunch – October 31, 2015 data is available.

Schools may only be considered a bubble school one time either as an original bubble school or as a bubble school based on free and reduced lunch, but not both. We want data that can be verified by the public and not manipulated. Mr. Boyle said they qualify as a “community.” Mr. Cuff said the USBE provided percentages school by school.

MOTION: Ms. Johnson motioned to use the October 2015 Free and Reduced data on the USBE website and the form as presented. Mr. Pickett second. Motion carried.

Success factor and free and reduced lunch will be included on same form as requested by BOT.

- Reasons for preference (geography, district schools, etc.)

This form will be for schools wanting to move up a classification. A school can move up in everything and football or one or the other.

MOTION: Mr. Rogers motioned to approve the form. Mr. Carlson second. Motion carried.

C. Enrollment: The current alignment numbers were distributed without specific school names. This was the staff's starting point recommendation. Mr. Cuff reminded board members it is important to keep viable classifications. The format and procedures provides 5A and 6A with four regions and 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A would have three regions or four regions (as needed for number of teams or geography). Discussion regarding ratios and ranges continued. Board members explored different scenarios adjusting the number of schools in classifications.

MOTION: Mr. Seegmiller motioned to accept the first consideration of the 4A (21), 5A (26) 6A (24) classification alignment. Mr. Rogers second. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett motioned to accept the first consideration of the 1A (30), 2A (21), 3A (21) classification alignment. Mr. Hughes second. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Rogers motioned to accept the first consideration of the six classifications for football: 1A (12), 2A (12), 3A (12), 4A (21), 5A (26) 6A (24). Mr. Boyle second. Motion carried. (First consideration for six classifications and football classifications attached.

12. For the Good of the Order: UHSAA Distinguished Service Nominees:

5A Coach/Advisor of the Year	James Barnes, Herriman HS
4A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Robin McClellan, Uintah HS
3A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Loren Anderson, Grantsville HS
2A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Bobby Porter, Layton Christian
1A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Troy Norris, Panguitch HS
Athletic Director of the Year	Jim Crosbie, Ridgeline
Female Official of the Year	Lori Mills
Male Official of the Year	Todd Hyer
Small School Music Educator	Chris Taylor, Park City HS
Large School Music Educator	Sam Tsugawa, Springville HS
Speech Educator of the Year	Doug Welton, Salem Hills HS
Theatre Educator of the Year	Mike Wagner, Tabiona
Distinguished Contributor	Sam Jarman, UHSAA Executive Committee
Distinguished Contributor	Ron Nelson, UHSAA Board of Trustees
Distinguished Media Contributor	Cache Valley Media Group

Meeting adjourned.