

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
UHSAA Office
Thursday, August 20, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance: Board Members: Marilyn Richards, Belinda Johnson, Roger Pulsipher, Dale Whitlock, Cory Anderson, Sam Jarman, Larry Bergeson, Jerre Holmes, Tom Sherwood, Steven Gordon, Jim Wood, Bryan Durst, Greg Miller and Laura Belnap. Staff Members: Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby and Jan Whittaker. Excused: Adam Britt. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chair Business:** Chair Holmes welcomed all members to the meeting. He acknowledged that Ms. Belnap and Mr. Bergeson were joining the meeting virtually. He excused Adam Britt and welcomed David Lund who was representing him. Mr. Holmes said his district had started school yesterday and they could not see the smiles through the masks, but could see their smiles through their eyes. They were excited to be back in school. Students understand the requirement to help each other to stay in school. With sports already started, the athletes are helping train and leading the way by wearing masks. It was so refreshing to see a football, volleyball and soccer game.

A. Welcome New BOT Members:

- (1) Larry Bergeson – Washington School District – 3A/4A Superintendent
- (2) Jim Wood – Valley High School – 1A/2A Principal

B. One New UHSAA Member School: DaVinci Academy located in Ogden and participating in activities only. There is a total of 155 member schools with 109 football schools.

C. Reverence/Thought: Ms. Johnson said a few years ago at the National School Board Convention, she heard a talk entitled, “How Big is your Brave?” The statement has stuck with her. Are you brave enough to make the right decision, stand up for the underdog, and let your voice be heard? With schools opening, how big is your brave? Can we stand behind our decisions and continue to make new decisions? Mr. Jarman had said to her prior to the meeting that we just need to remember the 90%. We need to stay positive and go forward.

D. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Whitlock reflected that the reason we stand to say the pledge is to show respect – respect to those who have sacrificed so much for our country. He has always felt it best to have integrity and honor to show that respect. It is the honorable thing to do. We need to show respect also for other’s beliefs and other’s traditions. He loves the flag and he loves our country. He wants to show respect for those who have done so much to make his life what it is today. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

E. Minutes of July 28, 2020 Meeting:

MOTION: Ms. Richards made the motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Approval of Board Agenda: Mr. Holmes said there would be some adjustments. Dr. Weenig will join the meeting virtually at 9:15; Mark Van Wagoner will come at 11:15;

Realignment Public Hearing will be at 10:00; Budget Public hearing at 10:30. There may be executive sessions today for both legal and finance committee regarding staff considerations.

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock made the motion to approve the agenda as outlined with a closed meeting for legal and staff considerations. Mr. Pulsipher second. Motion carried.

G. Executive Committee Meeting Report (summary on website): Mr. Gordon reported the August 6, 2020 Meeting.

- Chairman Hammer welcomed new members: Kacy Fluckey and Greg Wilkey
- Staff orientation for new members
- Catastrophic insurance will be covered at 100% by Foundation and UHSAA
- UIAAA training will be held at the UHSAA Office on September 21
- Website, RegisterMyAthlete and RegisterMyCoach
- Promotion of high school activities in communities
- Social media tools available – Utah campaign to “Mask Up”
- Golf rules and etiquette clinic declaration is due September 15
- Districts and schools must certify coaches, coaches’ credentials will be required at state events
- Sports Medicine - Return to Play Guidelines
- Sportsmanship program – Earn a Star
- Student Leadership Conference postponed until September 2021
- Ejection procedures
- Emerging sport survey will be coming
- Education-based articles from NFHS

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Belnap reported the Board had approved the UHSAA Appeal Committee members, Dave McKee and Mae Miya, for another three years. She said the Board continues to discuss the appeals process and feel students should have a way to appeal. Mr. Cuff said the appeal panel has been very consistent because the chair has been three years. The appeal panel’s function is to review and determine if the policies and procedures have been followed. The appeal allows a family to state their concern. In the past, the appeal panel members would change just as the hearing panel members. State Statute, HB 413, mandated the appeals panel would consist of an attorney as chair, retired superintendent or principal and a retired athletic director or coach. Mr. Cuff feels it is operating as it should.

3. **Realignment:**

Realignment Public Hearing

Chairman Holmes started the public hearing for realignment on August 20 at 10:03 am. He welcomed those in attendance. He said the BOT would listen to their concerns and recommendations to take under advisement.

Ben Lomond and Ogden HS: Lyndon Johnson and Erik Thompson presented. Mr. Thompson said he chose to go to Ogden HS to help athletes have a good experience. Less and less kids are playing football because of the current system. He feels the BOT has the tools to fix the problems. Socioeconomics is important to the success rate of a school. They want to have a chance to win and keep the athletes safe. He heard an inspirational quote on the way to the

hearing, “When the WHY is important enough, you can figure out the HOW.” This is the time for change. Mr. Johnson went to Ben Lomond to follow in his father’s footsteps. There is need to help the athletes there. Most of the athletes work not out of choice, but because of the need to support their families. He is requesting an opportunity to help students feel connected to a successful program. The coaches want to provide them with positive role models and motivation to keep them in school.

Ogden School District: Jethro Helmbrecht, District Athletic Director, feels the UHSAA has placed itself in a great position to make positive changes to the realignment procedures. No longer is school enrollment the only factor for realignment. Free and reduced lunch considerations have helped some, but there is more that can be done. Geography of schools, safety concerns of athletes, RegisterMyAthlete and RPI are tools that can be used to group “like” schools and make a more level playing field. Region 10 has proposed using school participation numbers for the past three years (RMA) and competitive balance based on the average RPI finish for past three years. If these options or something similar are not included in the realignment procedures, he is concerned more schools will break away from the UHSAA.

Nebo School District: Everett Kelepolo, District Athletic Coordinator, asked what enrollment numbers will be used – October 1 count? Ms. Belnap said there has been discussion, but currently it is planned to continue with the October 1, 2020 count. Remote learners would be included in the count.

Ms. Johnson asked if Ogden HS and Ben Lomond HS see the same numbers in other sports as football. Dirk Barber, Ben Lomond HS AD, said the numbers are on the decline across the board – volleyball, basketball and competitiveness are a concern. They have an enrollment of 1300 but only 280 students participate. Ogden HS has 1280 enrollment but only 380 participants. The two schools have a small pool of students because of their family circumstances.

Mr. Cuff said the Region 10 proposal was presented to the Executive Committee, but was not sent on to the BOT for consideration because we do not have sport by sport alignment. The staff proposed regions to be eliminated and align sport by sport and that was not supported.

Mr. Holmes ended the public hearing for realignment. He thanked everyone for their attendance.

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Mr. Holmes was prepared to discuss the format and procedures for the 2021-2023 realignment. Mr. Cuff said the format and procedures need to be approved today or at an additional meeting prior to October 1. The format and procedures must be approved prior to the release of enrollment numbers to prevent any manipulation to the process.

The changes proposed that are different from the last realignment are (1) percentage for free and reduced lunch was reduced to 50% to address demographics and (2) increased the 5% bubble schools to 7% which will include additional schools. Mr. Cuff suggested certain criteria for bubble schools could be required in order to evaluate a bubble school. He is concerned looking at the RPI because we only have two seasons of data. Participation numbers is difficult to assess because there is not a way to verify the information. The removal of regions was not supported, which makes alignment sport by sport not possible using participation numbers. A pilot with football was proposed, but it was not supported. Mr. Cuff asked the question if participation numbers are a factor, will coaches cut more athletes? That could be an unintended consequence. Mr. Wood said the success factor has been discussed and some feel that punished a successful

program. Mr. Whitlock felt looking at the success factor was more to move schools down a classification. Ms. Johnson felt the participation numbers should be a factor when looking at bubble schools. The divide between the schools is becoming wider. Mr. Sherwood was surprised at the push back when it was discussed to pilot no regions in football. They want a region trophy or something (divisional, regional) to recognize smaller accomplishments. It is a difficult decision.

Mr. Holmes said it would make sense to do a pilot on football since it is a separate alignment. Football is different because participation numbers determine depth and lower numbers can be a safety issue. There is no time to recover playing games week after week. Mr. Anderson asked if coaches could evaluate the schools they play. Mr. Jackson felt the staff could make the determination. Mr. Sherwood felt a sub-committee would be helpful and include the coaches' association to develop a new plan. If they help build the plan, they will buy into the plan better. If coaches support no regions, it could be piloted in football. Mr. Jackson said representation would be helpful from each classification and then they could discuss with their peers. Mr. Sherwood said we had three more requests for independent football last year. If it is not addressed, more will request. If more ask for independent status, we are not doing alignment right. Mr. Holmes said he feels there is a wider gap from best to worst in each classification. In 1A/2A, the lower teams have nowhere to go. Is there something we could do for this year to help football programs?

Mr. Cuff said he had an idea come to him. Under the current procedures and proposed procedures schools can qualify in two different areas. In the previous alignments, we have not allowed "double bubble." What if, in football only, we allow a "double bubble?" For example, if Ogden and Ben Lomond are a bubble school in the 7% between 4A and 5A, they could appeal for 4A in football only. Then, they also meet the 50% free and reduced lunch, they could appeal for 3A in football only. We could try this and then for the next alignment create the sub-committee. There could be an unintended consequence, but at least we could try it in football. Discussion continued about eliminating regions to enable to use additional factors such as success sport by sport. Mr. Gordon felt some of the hesitation eliminating regions was how to manage issues administratively and scheduling. If a plan is presented it might ease minds. Mr. Holmes suggested region board of directors based on geographic rather than size of schools could take care of administrative issues.

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock made the motion to accept the staff recommendation to use a "double bubble" for football only. First consideration will be based on 7% enrollment factor and then 50% free and reduced lunch. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

It was discussed if lacrosse would be another sport that could pilot a similar program. Ms. Richards feels they should be given a chance to start their sport before it is changed now three classifications have been determined. This is not new to the lacrosse world. It was decided it would be football only for this alignment.

4. Audit Report (meeting handout): Mr. Holmes thanked Ed Worthington for his constant and consistent service for many years. Mr. Worthington said he started working with the UHSAA when Marion Tree was the Executive Director. He noted the staff does an excellent job with finances. Mr. Worthington reviewed the audit report with members. Years ago, money was set aside each year to cover an emergency if it should arise. We are in the middle of Covid19 and the Association is prepared with funds to carry forward should this year take a turn for the worse. That was a prudent decision.

Prepaid expenses this year consist of liability insurance for 2020-21 paid and a large portion of the expense was trophies purchased for spring activities and were not used. Mr. Cuff stated the plates on the trophies will be changed to reflect the current year.

Mr. Worthington reported the revenue was down about \$100,000 because of the cancellation of spring activities, but the expenses decreased as well. There was a net loss of \$101,165 that can be attributed to the loss of spring activities and legal expenses. Functional expense breakdown is a new requirement of the audit.

The activities expense and revenue were part of the audit report. He compared the spring activities from 2018-19 to 2019-20 and there was a net income loss from spring sports from \$40,000.

The report included an opinion letter in which he said the Association received a clean audit and the finances are very well managed. He said the Association is in great shape and it was a privilege to work on the audit.

MOTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the June 30, 2020 Audit. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. UHSAA 2020-2021 Budget (meeting handout):

MOTION: Mr. Jarman made the motion to go into the public hearing for the UHSAA 2020-21 Budget. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UHSAA 2020-21 Budget Public Hearing

Mr. Cuff asked members to remember we did not have a crystal ball as the budget was prepared. It was prepared with optimism, but conservatively. If we are unable to host events it cuts into revenue, but it also lowers expenses. The 2020-21 Budget is remarkably close to the actual numbers of 2018-2019. Mr. Cuff reviewed the budget for activities and operating revenue and activities and operating expenses. About 80% of revenue comes from activities and 15% from corporate sponsorships. The UHSAA subsidizes catastrophic insurance by \$40,000 with \$150,000 from the Foundation.

Mr. Holmes asked about post season tournaments. Mr. Cuff said the Executive Committee will be discussing post season events at their next meeting on September 30. The staff is making plans for alternate sites for championships. Cross country will have two sites this year at Soldier Hollow and Cedar City HS. The capacity of sites will be taken into consideration.

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock made the motion to come out of the budget public hearing and return to regular session. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock made the motion to approve the 2020-21 Budget. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. UHSAA Items:

A. Summer moratorium - July 4 - July 10, 2020

B. Return to Play Guidelines: Mr. Jackson said Dr. Weenig and staff members have been in communication with the Governor's task force to look at ways to continue to participate in extra-curricular activities. The task force has concerns about consistency and issues surrounding proper procedures when there is an outbreak, or someone tests positive. Chair Holmes thanked Dr. Weenig for joining the meeting and for the voice of reason and expertise he offers.

Dr. Weenig thanked members for all the work that is being done to keep kids safe. His bias opinion is the fall activities are appropriate if protocol is followed. Now there are protocols in place and they can be refined as needed. We need to work with the health departments for what is appropriate and working with the fan base. Wearing masks in stadiums throughout the state helps to provide a uniform policy and sends a common message. They would also like to standardize how the county health departments treat each of the school districts they are responsible. Communication between the athlete, administration and health department for contact tracing, quarantine, etc. is important.

Mr. Jackson said on Tuesday, the task force wanted to require 15 positive cases in a school to have a soft closure or virtual learning. Every organization in the school would be closed for two weeks. If there were 3 individuals in a class or freshman team, sophomore team, etc., the class/team would be quarantined for fourteen days. On Wednesday, the conversation was that those determinations would be left up the county health departments. He has another call on Friday. The task force wants all participants and fans to wear a mask. Dr. Weenig said it was indicated that it did not matter what color the county was, masks would be required at a school function on school property. Mr. Bergeson said a mask is extremely uncomfortable in their 106-degree temperatures. He asked if a shield option had been discussed. Mr. Jackson felt it would need to be listed in the Appendix C. Ms. Belnap said we need to be careful because there was a distinction between mask and face shields with the governor's mandate. Mr. Cuff said Appendix C is what the UHSAA will follow. The concern is the consistency for all activities in the school. The USHAA will encourage face masks for everyone except those athletes engaged in the physical activity. Masks would be required for those athletes on the sidelines. Mr. Bergeson said originally there was a difference between indoor and outdoor activities. Mr. Cuff said that is the change that is coming for uniformity for all activities. Dr. Weenig said maybe we could shoot for face covering to cover masks and shields. Mr. Jackson said the State School Board felt that the building/facility should be treated the same as the classroom and that is where the change came from. Mr. Cuff feels we have support from State Health Department and we need to maintain relationships with them. We need to encourage compliance. Mr. Gordon reported their county is green and they hosted volleyball, tennis and soccer and the health department advised to require masks because schools were coming from yellow counties. Everyone complied and it worked well.

Mr. Jarman reported Alpine School District has required only 25% capacity in the stands and fans must wear face masks. Administrators walk around encouraging masks so there is not a delay to the game. Players are asked to work with parents and encourage them to wear their masks. It is unique allowing fans and unique hosting sports in high school. We want it safe as possible for as long as possible. Some will not comply, but if most are, the game can continue.

Mr. Sherwood discussed they are using a ticketing system for all sports and all levels to limit crowds. It is hard to manage the stands. They had assigned seating, but 80% did not sit in their assigned seats. Most of the fans were masked. They had difficulty getting support at the soccer game. Mr. Holmes said it is not always comfortable, but we want play to continue. Dr. Weenig said he feels we are doing what we can reasonably, to keep the kids playing. Athletes are anxious to keep playing.

C. Communication Items: Mr. Oglesby reported they created a “Mask Up Utah” campaign. The campaign started before the mandates and encouragement from the health department. The UHSAA wanted to be on the side of encouraging participants, coaches and fans to wear masks. We are committed to school safety. There are individually branded “Mask Up Utah” social media graphics for each member school and they have been shared with schools. Staff encourages schools to use campaigns in their commitment to play.

Considerable investment has been made for social media. Over the summer there have been posts to celebrate member schools and UHSAA history. Please have school and district accounts follow the UHSAA social media. Mr. Cuff said Mr. Oglesby and Matt Gerrish have done a tremendous job with the social media platforms. “Please wear your mask so I can wear my uniform” is a great message from our athletes. A little compliance will go a long way. Utah is one of 14 or 15 states that have started football on time. We need to continue getting the message out so we can continue to play.

D. RSL Basketball Request (pp. 4-5): Mr. Oglesby introduced Ms. Becky Hogan who is the Athletic Director for RSL Academy. She is making a proposal for their boys’ and girls’ basketball program to move to independent status. Ms. Hogan thanked the members for keeping sports moving forward in Utah. She said RSL had hired Dave Evans from Wasatch Academy which sped up their process for this request. The basketball program will be similar to their soccer academy. Students would be recruited from around the country and brought to their campus. They would like to request independent status for boys’ and girls’ basketball. They will be building a four-court facility with spectator seating, locker rooms and classrooms in the next 18-months. Mr. Cuff said the Executive Committee had approved and recommended the proposal to the BOT. RSL Memo of Understanding includes a five-year commitment for independent status and they would need to request a consideration to return.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to accept RSL proposal to be independent in boys’ and girls’ basketball. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. Mr. Sherwood asked if local high schools were concerned about losing students to their program. Staff members stated they had cautioned RSL to not burn bridges if they are interested in playing local teams. Motion carried.

E. Compliance Training: Mr. Cuff presented the required annual compliance training.

- Regions are required to post region agendas and minutes on the UHSAA website
- EC agenda and minutes must be posted on the UHSAA website
- BOT agenda must be posted on the UPN
- BOT minutes must be posted on the UHSAA website
- Closed Meetings: 7 reasons for closed meetings were reviewed
- No board action in a closed meeting

7. **UHSAA Procedures and Materials:** Mr. Cuff reviewed page 6-10 of the meeting packet.

- A. 2020-21 Meeting Schedule (p.6)
- B. Reimbursement Claims for Executive Committee Members (p. 7)
- C. Committee Assignments (pp. 8-9)
- D. Hearing and Appeals
- E. UHSAA Legislative Process (p. 10)

8. **UHSAA Participation:** Mr. Jackson said page 11 is a report of participation numbers in Utah for 2019-20. Almost 100,000 students are involved in extra-curricular activities. Girls participation numbers will increase with girls' wrestling.

9. **Promoting High School Activities (pp. 12-28):** Mr. Oglesby said articles have been included with useful information regarding activities. Success in later life is highly linked with high school participation more than high grades, high ACT or standardized test scores. High School athletes earn higher grades, graduate at a higher rate and drop out of school less frequently.

10. **UHSAA Items:**

A. 2020-21 Classifications and Regions (pp. 29-31): Mr. Cuff reviewed members' terms. Mr. Pulsipher and Mr. Whitlock will be up for election. USBA will not be holding their conference in January so elections will most likely be held at the UHSAA Office next spring. The private schools will also hold an election in the spring. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Sherwood's terms are also ending June 30. Mr. Cuff said he included a list of regions and encouraged members to try to attend region meetings especially during a realignment year.

B. About the UHSAA/NFHS (p. 32): Mr. Cuff included information regarding the NFHS.

11. **Visits to Region Boards:** Page 33 is a list of staff assignments to regions. The staff will try to attend one of their first meetings.

12. **UHSAA Items:**

A. UHSAA Website: Mr. Oglesby said the best and most updated information can be found on the UHSAA Website. There is a new NEWS feature on the website.

B. RegisterMyAthlete/RegisterMyCoach: No major changes on the programs. Contact Mr. Oglesby with any problems or suggestions for improvements.

C. Electronic Programs: All tournament programs are online and produced by Mr. Pettingill. He was thanked for his efforts. Schools could help by turning in rosters and photos by deadlines.

D. Yearly Results/Record Book: Mr. Oglesby gave credit to Curt Pettingill for the tireless work he does for the Association. The results and record book has never been better. During the beginning of Covid19, Mr. Pettingill was researching programs for 1920's and 30's. New records should be sent to Mr. Pettingill.

13. **Calendar:** Mr. Oglesby encouraged members to check the calendar on the website because it changes frequently. The 2021-22 Tentative Calendar will be coming soon.

14. **Sportsmanship Committee:** Ms. Whittaker said this is the eleventh year of the “Raise the Bar” initiative. Awards were given out over the summer and notices were sent to all superintendents. The winners are listed on the sportsmanship page. The Sportsmanship Handbook was updated last year and is posted on the website. The red and yellow fan behavior cards are located in the Sportsmanship Handbook. The Student Leadership Conference will be postponed until fall of 2021. The conference will be held on a region level to promote more student participation.

15. **Coaches’ Training:** Mr. Jackson said all coaches need to be certified prior to coaching students. It is the district/school’s responsibility to make sure certification is complete. Principals sign a verification that the certification has been completed and the form is kept on file at the UHSAA Office. The NFHSlearn.com is a great resource for much of the training. He reported one video on bullying, hazing and avoiding inappropriate conduct on the site could take care of three requirements if the district will approve. This site is a great resource for coaches and parent night videos, too. Certification is tracked on the RegisterMyCoach website.

16. **Coaches’ Credentials:** Mr. Cluff said all coaches will be required to have a credential at the post season events. The request form has been available since mid-July. The credentials are being produced and should be shipped soon. The credentials are requested by the school and then the UHSAA Office will verify the certification process is complete before mailing the credential to the school.

17. **Officials:** Mr. Cluff said the registration process is ongoing. Background checks are part of the registration process and 10 have been denied work. He feels we are in good shape for fall sports officials and meeting the needs for game assignments. Pages 40-41 is the officials’ pay scale. This is the third year of a five-year plan and the last year of an increase for officials.

Mr. Anderson complimented Mr. Cluff for his good leadership to increase the quality of officials. He is well respected by the officials and is doing a great job.

18. **Corporate Sponsorships:**

A. KUTV Media Partner: Mr. Oglesby said we are in year three of a multiyear agreement with KUTV for 5A/6A basketball championships and 4A, 5A and 6A football championships. The sponsorship is for post season only.

B. Streaming Partner: Mr. Oglesby said we are in year three of a multiyear agreement with Deseret Digital Media (DDM) or KSL.com. All post season rights are owned by KSL.com. During the regular season, schools can collectively bargain to use who they want. During the post season, KSL.com is the streaming partner for all events.

C. Corporate Sponsorships Update: Mr. Cluff said Shirt Shop has our apparel contract. They just signed to extend through 2025 and are a great partner. The title sponsor is Mountain America with Dairy West, Deseret News, Wilson, Farmers Union and MaxPreps. Dairy West increased their sponsorship and purchased a new wrestling mat for UHSAA for the state tournaments. Mr. Cluff said if members have contacts who would be a good partner to please send contact information to him.

19. **UHSAA Foundation:** Mr. Cuff said page 42 reviews the catastrophic billing. The premium for this year is \$190,000 so the UHSAA Foundation is reimbursing \$150,000 and the UHSAA \$40,000. Schools will be reimbursed at 100%. Endowment games are especially important to help the UHSAA Foundation. Since its beginnings, over 1.5 million dollars have been returned to schools. Nine of eleven years, the schools have been reimbursed at 100%. The Foundation balance is approaching three-million and is doing well.

Foundation Board members include: Jerry Bovee, Chair; Greg Miller (BOT); Chris Neddo, Vicci Gappmayer and Rex Thornton.

20. **Finance Committee Items:**

MOTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to leave executive session. Mr. Pulsipher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holmes reported they had met regarding personnel.

MOTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the proposal for staff considerations for 2020-21. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cuff thanked members for their support and generosity. He thanked the BOT for their service and the staff feels the support from the BOT.

Mr. Holmes thanked the staff for their efforts. He said the staff has been through this new adventure with them. He has watched as the staff has dealt with the Covid19 situation with dignity and professionalism. He feels the staff collaborates with other entities such as the governor's office and it shows teamwork and the desire for students to continue to play. This is not just a job for the staff, but there is passion for the students of Utah. Thank you.

21. **Legal Meeting:** Mr. Van Wagoner discussed the girls' football lawsuit. The trial will begin on September 8 for twelve days and is a bench trial with Judge Howard C. Nielson, Jr. He said they have been working on filings, witness and exhibit lists and depositions. Ms. Richards thanked Mr. Van Wagoner and the Association for their support in this case.

22. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff provided articles to show optimism moving forward. He gave a shout out to all the health care workers and all who are helping to start up sports. He stated we will continue to play as long as we can ensure safety. One of the articles is how to help students with national health crisis. He feels one of the most positive ways to help is to help them get out on the field or court. He thanked BOT members again.

Mr. Bergeson asked to clarify if the mask mandate was in effect for this week's games. Mr. Jackson said there was not time to notify schools this week. They will update as the Appendix C was approved.

Ms. Belnap reported in the legislative session they passed 6001 and it included the possibility of a different enrollment count date than October 1. The State Board has not looked at that yet and will be in discussion moving forward. She said there will be a snapshot on September 1 and compared to October 1 to determine the enrollment count.

Mr. Cuff asked if we should continue/extend with 2019-21 alignment for one more year if the numbers are not available. Mr. Sherwood said he could support that suggestion because there is online learning and classroom learning. He wondered if they could use the Oct 1, 2019 count. Mr. Holmes would caution staying with current alignment because of the concerns expressed today for change. There could be more discussion with the Executive Committee on September 30.

MOTION: Mr. Whitlock made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10.