

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary
August 27, 2015

1. Chairman Bill Boyle welcomed everyone and introduced the new members of the Board of Trustees. New members include the following:
 - A. Neil Carrigan, Morgan School District, Region 11
 - B. Jerre Holmes, North Summit School District, Region 16
 - C. Kodey Hughes, Tintic High School, Region 18
 - D. George Henrie, Manti High School, 2A Principals
2. There are five new member schools for 2015-16: American International School, American Preparatory (Draper), Daniel's Academy, Liahona Academy, and Water Canyon. Uintah River has withdrawn membership from UHSAA. There are 146 total UHSAA member schools and 105 member schools participate in football.
3. Mr. Spencer Stokes, USBE Representative to the Board of Trustees, introduced himself and discussed the role of the state board and their responsibilities. He talked about the relationship between the USBE and the UHSAA.
4. Chairman Boyle and UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials and Board of Trustees roles and responsibilities.
5. 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, 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, including the criteria for earning the 2016 star. This is the sixth year for the sportsmanship program, which has provided the opportunity for schools to earn yearly stars. 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 2015 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was reviewed and discussed. With the help of many individuals, including the UHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, the conference was once again 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 2016 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was announced for Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Murray High School. This will mark the fifth annual conference. 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 2016 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. 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.
13. Mr. Rob Cuff, Executive Director, explained that catastrophic insurance will continue for the 2015-16 school year as per Board of Trustees decision in June. The UHSAA Foundation will fund \$124,000 and the UHSAA budget will fund \$40,000 of the \$164,000 premium. This will be the sixth year that schools have been reimbursed for paid premiums. Schools will be reimbursed 100% of the premium this year.
14. The UHSAA staff will provide a first annual UHSAA Summit during the month of September. There will be two sites for principals, administrators over athletics, and athletic directors to choose for their training on state association items. Participants need to register online at <http://www.uhsaa.org/register>. However, there will be no charge to register and lunch will be provided. Training will take place from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on September 16 at Maverik Center and on September 17 at Sevier Valley Center. Every member school should be represented by at least one participant.

15. Two items were approved by the Board of Trustees to be included in the UHSAA Handbook after second readings and discussions in other meetings. The two approved items are a 20 hour practice limitation per week for athletics and activities and a transgender policy.
16. Mr. Mark Van Wagoner, UHSAA Legal Counsel, discussed legal items in an executive session.
17. Mr. Ed Worthington, Auditor, reviewed the audit for the 2014-2015 school year. The Board of Trustees approved the audit through a motion.
18. Mr. Cuff reviewed the 2015-2016 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.