Executive Committee Meeting Summary  
November 8, 2017

1. Chairman Craig Hammer called the meeting to order and reviewed important dates found in the UHSAA Ready Reference Calendars (see www.uhsaa.org).

2. Mr. Jon Oglesby reviewed the 2017-2018 calendar. State fall golf sites were approved.

3. Mr. Rob Cuff shared information regarding football endowment games. There were 51 games played this year and the UHSAA added over $100,000 additional dollars to the endowment foundation.

4. In their August meeting, the Board of Trustees approved to continue Catastrophic Insurance for the 2017-2018 school year as a benefit for students who participate in high school activities. The UHSAA Endowment Foundation and the UHSAA Budget will reimburse schools for a eighth consecutive year. This school year schools will be reimbursed at approximately 85% of the premium. The UHSAA budget will subsidize $40,000 of the catastrophic insurance premium to go with the money provided by the UHSAA Endowment Foundation.

5. The UHSAA staff reviewed fall activities, which included football, 1A baseball, boys’ golf, volleyball, girls’ tennis, cross country and girls’ soccer.

6. Mr. Marc Hunter, UIAAA, discussed the upcoming NIAAA conference in December and the UIAAA conference in April.

7. A reminder that the nominations for the UHSAA spirit of sport and heart of the arts awards will be due to the UHSAA by January 16, 2018.

8. The Executive Committee reviewed six new school applications: Farmington High School, Lava Heights Academy, Paradigm High School, REAL Salt Lake Academy, Utah Military Academy and WayPoint Academy. Two current member schools have applied to add athletics: American Heritage School and Freedom Preparatory Academy. Recommendations to review new school applications were forwarded to Board of Trustees.

9. Three proposals from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee were approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees. Those approvals included a new physical exam expiration date, cold water immersion and emergency action plans.

10. A realignment report was provided and the committee continues to meet together preparing a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The next realignment committee meeting is in January.
11. The Executive Committee discussed ways to involve those who participate in high school activities through the #MyReasonWhy campaign.

12. Mr. Brenan Jackson reminded regions to remind schools that all coaches need to be put on RegisterMyCoach and certified by schools and/or districts.

13. The Executive Committee discussed the filing of the September lawsuit toward the state legislature and state school board. After discussion the committee made the following motion and recommendation to the Board of Trustees: “The Executive Committee supports a collaborative process with all stakeholders to address specific concerns that have recently impacted policies and governance of the UHSAA. The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that the recent litigation is rescinded and a commitment is put forth to work with legislators, state school board members and all concerned parties. Unified effort and progress will be monitored and evaluated in future UHSAA meetings.”

14. The UHSAA Awards Selection Committee met before the General Executive Committee meeting and selected the 2017 Distinguished Service Award winners. The Award honors outstanding contributors to Utah high school activities and brings together Utah’s finest educators, officials and contributors at the high school level. Award recipients have been sent a letter congratulating them on the selection and they will be recognized at a luncheon during the next Executive Committee meeting in January.

15. High School Sports Participation has increased across the nation for the 28th consecutive year to a record of more than 7.9 million participants as reported by the National Federation of State High Schools.