Executive Committee Meeting Summary August 7, 2024

- Chairman Craig Hammer welcomed everyone to the first meeting and introduced five new members of the Executive Committee: Josh LeRoy, Cyprus HS, Region 4; Roger Arbabi, Park City HS, Region 10; Daryl Guymon, Logan HS, Region 11; Devin Smith, North Summit HS, Region 15; and David Cluff, Milford HS, Region 20.
- 2. There are 159 total UHSAA member schools.
- 3. Ms. Teri Davis provided a USBE Report to the Committee.
- 4. Chairman Hammer and UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials and Executive Committee roles and responsibilities.
- 5. Mr. Rob Cuff, Executive Director, explained that catastrophic insurance will continue for the 2024-25 school year as per Board of Trustees decision in May. The Board of Trustees voted to reimburse catastrophic insurance premiums at 100% this school year. Reimbursements for catastrophic insurance premiums will be reviewed annually in May. The UHSAA and its Foundation have returned over 1.6 million dollars to UHSAA member schools over the past 14 years.
- 6. Mr. Jeff Cluff overviewed the improved UHSAA website (<u>www.uhsaa.org</u>) and provided training for the information found there. He also discussed the Aktivate program for athletes and coaches.
- 7. Mr. Brenan Jackson shared ideas for the promotion of high school sports and activities to our communities.
- Region rules and etiquette clinics for golf were discussed. The deadline for 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A boys golf is September 15. The deadline for 1A boys golf and all girls' golf is April 15.
- 9. Mr. Jackson emphasized the importance and responsibility of districts and/or schools to certify coaches. He discussed the criteria for coaching certification and importance of having certified coaches working with student athletes. Coaching credentials will be implemented this school year in all UHSAA sanctioned sports.
- 10. Mr. Chris Shipman discussed the Academic All-State award and provided the dates as to when nominations may be submitted during the school year.

- 11. Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs provided an update on the service initiative Show Up For Sports.
- 12. Ms. Jan Whittaker reviewed the statewide sportsmanship program. The UHSAA Sportsmanship Handbook is posted on the UHSAA website. This is the fifteenth year for the sportsmanship program, which has provided the opportunity for schools to earn yearly stars. All member schools are invited to TEAM-up to Raise the Bar, Earn Your Star because Sportsmanship Matters!
- 13. Ms. Whittaker provided an update for Esports, which will become a UHSAA sanctioned activity for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 14. The 2024 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, will take place this fall in Regions. The UHSAA will provide opportunities for training and curriculum discussion at the end of the month.
- 15. The Executive Committee voted to use a new software program for baseball pitch counts and the Committee also passed an additional mercy rule for baseball at 15 runs after 4 innings. The 10 runs after 5 innings will continue to be part of the baseball mercy rule.
- 16. Mr. Cluff reviewed ejection procedures for coaches and student athletes and coach ejection procedures were discussed.
- 17. The 2025-2027 realignment of member schools was reviewed and discussed. The Committee passed a motion for recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
- 18. Mr. Cuff provided compliance training to the Committee.