

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
UNIFIED SPORTS COMMITTEE

MARCH 2, 2017

A meeting of the Unified Sports Committee was held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bisson and David Shapiro (Chair).

MEMBER ABSENT: Eben Shaw.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Ed Baehr, Jody Benson, and Ian Frank.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Benson/Bisson, the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNIFIED BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS AND END-OF-YEAR FESTIVAL:

Festival: After discussion, it was determined that each festival should have no more than six teams at a site and that a series of 20-minute games would be played. Drinks and pizza would be provided to the teams at the conclusion of the festival and that Unified t-shirts would be available for purchase at each site.

Playoffs: It was determined that with a number of schools declaring to participate in the end-of-year festival that any team wishing to participate in the playoffs would be eligible. Winslow High School has agreed to host the 2017 Unified Championship Game.

2017 UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD: The Unified Track Bulletin was updated with the following information:

- There are no qualifying standards.
- Unified events will be:
 - ✓ 100M Dash
 - ✓ 4x100M Relay
 - ✓ Shot Put
 - ✓ Long Jump
- Teams may utilize track athletes as partners but these athletes may not compete in the same events in which they compete during the meet (sprinters may not sprint, throwers may not throw, jumpers may not jump).
- Unified events will be embedded into regular season track meets.
- Scoring, other than the two relay, will consist of 75% of the athletes' time/distance and 25% of the partners' time/distance.
- Teams must declare who their athletes and partners are prior to the meet.
- An end-of-year festival will be held at Lisbon High School on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 for all Unified teams.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP: With a change in leadership with the Maine Student Council leadership, an attempt will be made to hold a meeting to discuss a partnership with that group and Special Olympics Maine. It was also discussed that a couple of members from the Maine Special Olympics Student Leadership Council be invited to the New England Student Leadership Conference this summer.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Unified Sports Committee will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Baehr/Bisson, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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