

**MIAA Unified Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
September 29, 2021 – 10:00am**

1. Call to Order at 10:11 am

Attendance: Tom Angelo, Todd Bazydlo, John Breault, Charlie Conefrey, Matt Curran, Josh MacCreery, Sean Mackin, Kristin Nelson, James Scanlon, Ryan Sylvia, Kathy Lutz, Patti Doherty, Peter Smith

Regrets: Peter Boucher, Brian Davis, Joe Francis, Kevin Hausmann, Melanie Martin, Jared Shannon, Jen Walsh, Jessica Winders

2. Governance

An overview of the MIAA/MSAA Conflict of Interest Form and MIAA Governance document was provided. In addition, the meeting protocols and structure of the Unified Sports Advisory Committee were reviewed. New members of the committee are Josh MacCreery (Millbury), Matt Curran (Methuen), Charlie Conefrey (Malden) and Ryan Sylvia (Middleboro).

3. Minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting were approved 8-0-2.

4. Unified Basketball

Kathy Lutz shared an update regarding planning for the interscholastic Unified Basketball season and postseason jamborees. 104 MIAA member schools are currently offering Unified Basketball during the fall 2021 season.

The 2021 Unified Basketball Rules document was reviewed. A discussion took place regarding [Item #3 Player and Safety Equipment](#). Further research will be done to examine possible modifications to support students that utilize assistive devices.

Postseason jamborees will be scheduled from November 10-23. An online intent to enter form will be sent to schools with an entry deadline of October 15. Schools interested in hosting a jamboree are encouraged to contact Peter Smith (psmith@miaa.net) and Kathy Lutz (Kathy.lutz@specialolympicsma.org).

5. Unified Track and Field

A review of the 2021 Unified Track and Field Sectional Meets and participation numbers was provided. Appreciation to all of the host schools for their efforts to provide these meets during challenging weather circumstances was shared by committee members. Bourne High School, Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Methuen High School, Middleboro High School, Milford High School, Millbury High School, Newton South High School and Walpole High School all served as host sites for events.

The 2022 spring season dates were discussed. A subcommittee will meet to review potential Sectional and State Meet schedules in preparation for the Unified Track and Field season. Subcommittee members include John Breault, Josh MacCreery and Kristin Nelson. The subcommittee will report back at the next meeting in January.

6. Updates

The Unified Basketball and Unified Track and Field pages on the MIAA website have been updated. Resources will continue to be added to these pages throughout the school year.

Information about the Middle Level Unified Basketball pilot season was shared with the committee. Efforts to promote Unified Sports at the middle school level will continue.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:44am. The next meeting is scheduled on January 19, 2022 and will be conducted virtually.

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