

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Billings Hotel and Convention Center
January 18th and 20th, 2025
8:30 am
AGENDA

Symbol Key (Confidential items are copied onto yellow paper)

A	-	Action Item
ABD	-	Action at Board Discretion
NC	-	No Correspondence
TBD	-	To Be Distributed at Board Meeting
FYI	-	For Your Information (no discussion needed)

A. Call to Order by President / John

**B. Pledge of Allegiance / John
Revisions/Adoption of the Agenda / John and Brian**

C. Public Input Statement by President / John

The Montana High School Association follows the Montana Open Meeting Law. Anyone in attendance at this meeting may request to address the Executive Board by using the available forms. Please indicate the agenda item for which an audience with the Board is requested and submit the request to the chair.

We will now allow for public comment on non-agenda items. This board will listen to comments made about items of public concern, not any comments related to specific individuals, employees of MHS, or students who participate in MHS activities. We cannot take comments that violate any individual's right to privacy."

In order to preserve time, public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per individual. "If you plan on giving public comment, please identify yourself and spell your first and last name when you come up for comment.

D. Approval of Board Minutes

- 1) Minutes **A**
 - a) Regular Meeting – November 25, 2024

E. Delegations / Appeals

5.3 The Executive Board may authorize the Executive Director to make decisions as necessary for the proper operation of Association business. The Executive Board shall hear all appeals of a decision by the Executive Director and may affirm, reverse or modify a decision of the Executive Director. On appeal, the Executive Board may, at its sole discretion, waive or modify the application of a rule in emergency or exceptional circumstances if it determines that the application of a rule as written would not substantially serve the intent or purpose of the rule. However, in no event may a rule be waived or modified by the Executive Board unless all of the following conditions are affirmatively shown to clearly exist:

- a. The emergency or exceptional circumstances were entirely beyond the control of the student, the student's parents or guardians, and, if relevant, the student's school; and
- b. The granting of relief will not prejudice the rights or opportunities of other students or other member schools; and
- c. The granting of relief will not violate any part of the underlying purpose of the rule involved.

General Delegations Schedule

- 1) Appeals **ABD / TBD**
 - a) Academic
 - b) Semester
 - c) Transfer
 - 1) Anaconda High School – Student JJ – 10:00am

- 2) Twin Bridges High School – Student JYGW - 10:30am
- 3) Frazer High School – Student MM - 11:00am
- d) Other
- 2) Delegations
 - a) Brian Rayburn – Chinook High School – 1:00 Saturday

F. Requests	All are ABD
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- 1) Football Realignment
 - a) 8-Player Football Realignment
 - b) 6-Player Football Realignment
- 2) Class C Basketball District Alignment
 - a) North
 - b) South
 - c) East
 - d) West
- 3) Football Reclassification Opting Down Language
 - a) Reclassification Language
 - b) Administrative Ticket Language
- 4) Rules and Regulations – Sportsmanship Clinic Requirement
- 5) MOA Report and Action Items from December Meeting – Amy / Jay 11:30am Saturday
- 6) 6-Player Football Financial Policy Change
- 7) MIAAA Membership/Partnership with MHSA
- 8) Football Administrator Requirement Proposal – inside the ropes
- 9) Boys and Girls Practice Rule

Monday – After Conclusion of Annual Meeting

- 10) Varsity Requests Football
 - a) Park Request for Varsity Football
 - b) Hardin Request for Varsity Football
 - c) Hays Lodgepole Request for Varsity Football
 - d) Heart Butte Request for Varsity Football
 - e) Plenty Coups Request for Varsity Football
- 11) Varsity Requests Basketball
 - a) Powell County Request for Varsity Girls Basketball
- 12) Varsity Requests Volleyball
 - a) Highwood Request for Varsity Volleyball
 - b) Heart Butte Request for Varsity Volleyball

G. Finances	
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- 1) Review and Approval of Bills Paid from November 1 – December 31, 2024 / Brian/Jenise **A**
- 2) Review and Approval of Financial Statement as of December 31, 2024 / Brian/Jenise **A**
- 3) General Office Overview / Brian **FYI/TBD**
 - a) Insurance update
 - b) Staff
 - i) Recent Events
 - ii) Upcoming Events
 - c) Policy Manual
 - d) Road to 182
 - e) Technology Update

- f) Sportsmanship Items
- g) MOA
- 4) Review Corporate Sponsors / Brian / Ryan FYI
 - a) Possibility of Copyright/Trademark of MHSA Logo A / TBD
- 5) Fall Tournament Financial Summary / Brian / Jenise FYI
 - a) Soccer
 - b) Football
 - c) Volleyball

H. Office Action / Brian

- 1) Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian FYI
- 2) Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian - None FYI / NC
 - a) Nineteen-Year-Old Rule
- 3) Penalties Imposed / Brian - None FYI
- 4) Fines and Fees / Brian FYI

I. Legal / Brian

- 1) Legal Costs FYI
- 2) Legal Issues FYI

J. Reports / Miscellaneous

- 1) Winter Rules Clinic reports / Staff FYI
- 2) Ejections / Amy FYI

K. Annual Meeting	All are TBD
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- 1) Schedule of Activities / Kip
- 2) Agenda / Brian
- 3) Personnel
 - a) Parliamentarian
 - b) Resolutions Committee / Brian
 - c) Credentials (Board) / Kip
- 4) Caucus Item Assignments
- 5) Proposals Assignments
- 6) Budget Presentation
- 7) Awards' Selections

L. Two Weeks' Notice Final Action	All are A
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- 1) Plentywood High School from Class C to Class B
- 2) Fort Benton High School from Class C to Class B
- 3) Superior High School from Class B to Class C
- 4) Park City High School will be reclassified from Class B to Class C
- 5) Relocation of MHSA Office
- 6) Baseball Conference for the 2025 Season
- 7) 6C District Basketball Date Change
- 8) Class B Qualifying Golf Criteria
- 9) Class C Girls Wrestling Awards Rule Change
- 10) Football Realignment Changes
- 11) 8-Player Football Playoff Financial Arrangements

M. Assignment of Board & Staff to Final Events

- 1) Assignments / John FYI/TBD

N. Other Items

TBD

- 1) 2026 Annual Meeting Site – Helena Kip / Scott FYI

O. Information for the Good of the Order

- 1) For Your Information
a) Future 2024-25 MHSa Executive Board Meeting Dates:
i) April 28-29, 2025 – Helena
ii) June 19, 2025 -- Zoom