

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF THE MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Helena Public Schools Administration Building

November 25, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Krystal Zentner, Bridger	<i>Brian Davison, Centerville (Zoom)</i>
John Fitzgerald, Red Lodge	<i>Adam Tunnell, Custer</i>
Jim Patelis, Billings	<i>Brad Hoffman, Custer</i>
Aric Harris, Whitefish	<i>Vance Von Bergen, Stanford</i>
Kara Triplett, Lambert	<i>Corey Clark, Geraldine</i>
Dan Mills, Bozeman	<i>Owen Stone, Geraldine</i>
Brian Michelotti, Helena	<i>Blake Lampert, Grenora, ND (Zoom)</i>
Kip Ryan, Helena	<i>Dylan MacLean, Westby (Zoom)</i>
Scott Wilson, Helena	<i>Jacob Bosley, Arlee</i>
Greta Buehler, Helena	<i>Corey Beckham, Arlee</i>
Jenise Cockhill, Helena	<i>Barry Rowilson, Joliet</i>
Ryan Richards, Helena	<i>Clark Begger, Joliet</i>
<i>Delegations:</i>	<i>George Warburton, Joliet</i>
<i>Nate Parseghian, Manhattan</i>	<i>Rob Robinson, Joliet</i>
<i>Cole Maxwell, Livingston</i>	<i>Amanda Dinsdale, Joliet</i>
<i>Scott Rosberg, Livingston</i>	<i>Elliott Crump, Shelby</i>
<i>Nick Coate, Livingston</i>	<i>Mike White, Shelby (Zoom)</i>
<i>Jill Gliko, Belt</i>	<i>Travis Clark, Shelby</i>
<i>Scott Sparks, Denton</i>	<i>Sean Bneddow, Shelby</i>
<i>Mike Richards, Broadus</i>	<i>JD Yarger, Cascade</i>
<i>Carman Harbaugh, Gardiner</i>	<i>Levi Collins, Cascade</i>
<i>Greg Sager, Clyde Park</i>	<i>Ron Redfield, Cascade</i>
<i>Meredith Feddes, White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>Student RR, Cascade</i>
<i>Jim Baldwin, Twin Bridges</i>	<i>Pam Jackson, East Helena</i>
<i>Brandon Gondeiro, Highwood</i>	<i>Paul Condon, East Helena</i>
<i>Marietta Boyce, Winifred</i>	<i>Jadie Jackson, East Helena</i>
<i>Mauri Elness, Circle</i>	<i>Peter Jackson, East Helena</i>
<i>Neal Rosette, Box Elder (Zoom)</i>	<i>Student JH, East Helena</i>
<i>Ed Parisian, Box Elder (Zoom)</i>	<i>Paige Wasson, East Helena</i>
<i>Thomas Dilworth, Box Elder (Zoom)</i>	<i>Corey Ransier, East Helena</i>
<i>Denica Harrison, Centerville (Zoom)</i>	<i>Student CB, East Helena</i>

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgerald at 7:59 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC INPUT STATEMENT

Mr. Fitzgerald read the rules for public comment in an open meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Parseghian addressed the delegation in favor of a neutral site for state championship football competitions. He also suggested not having classification championships on the same weekend as the Cat/Griz football game. Mr. Michelotti suggested this item be taken to the classification caucuses at the Annual Meeting.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Zentner motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 9, 2024, September 26, 2024, and October 24, 2024. Mr. Patelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS/APPEALS

FOOTBALL COMPETITION COMMITTEE – PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Rosberg and Mr. Coate to the delegation. Mr. Maxwell brought forth the idea of forming a committee to add competitiveness to the reclassification of football every two years. The issues of safety and enrollment numbers were discussed. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested this item be taken to the classification caucuses at the Annual Meeting.

8-PLAYER PLAYOFF EXPENSE PROPOSAL – BELT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Ms. Gliko to the delegation. Ms. Gliko brought forth a proposal for the 8-Player classification to increase their class administrative and facilities expense to be able to claim up to \$1500.00 rather than the approved \$500.00. During the first and second rounds, \$500.00 is sufficient coverage for facilities and administrative expenses. However, during the semi-finals and championship games, extra security, portable bathrooms, snow removal and ticket takers are necessary. There is a unanimous vote from the 8-Player classification schools for this change. Ms. Zentner made a motion to approve the 8-Player Classification expense report to include a detailed line-item expense of up to \$1500.00. Mr. Harris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CLASS C REALIGNMENT

Ms. Buehler introduced Mr. Sparks, Mr. Richards, Ms. Harbaugh and Mr. Sager to the delegation. The Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation as well. Mr. Richards explained that Class C voted on two options for realignment for basketball, volleyball and track and field. Option 1 received 66% of the votes, with divisions being: 1) East (19) – Bainville, Broadus, Brockton, Circle, Culbertson, Ekalaka, Frazer, Jordan, Lustre Christian, Medicine Lake/Froid, Nashua, North Country, Plevna, Richey/Lambert, Scobey/Opheim, Savage, Terry, Westby/Grenora and Wibaux; 2) South (19) – Absarokee, Bridger/Belfry, Broadview/Lavina, Custer/Hysham, Forsyth, Fromberg, Grass Range/Winnett, Harlowton/Ryegate/Judith Gap, Melstone, Moore/Hobson, Northern Cheyenne, Park City, Plenty Coups, Reed Point/Rapelje, Roberts, Roy/Winifred, Shields Valley, DGS&G and White Sulphur Springs; 3) West (19) – Alberton, Charlo, Drummond, Gardiner, Harrison, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Manhattan Christian, Noxon, Phillipsburg, Saint Regis, Seeley-Swan, Sheridan, Superior, Twin Bridges, Two Eagle River, Valley Christian, Victor and West Yellowstone; 4) North (18)– Augusta, Belt, Big Sandy, Box Elder, Cascade, Centerville, CJI, Dodson, Dutton/Brady/Power, Great Falls Central, Hays-Lodgepole, Heart Butte, Highwood, North Star, Simms, Sunburst, Turner and Valier. The uncertainty of the future of Harrison athletic programs was also discussed. Mr. Harris motioned to approve Class C realignment to the proposed four divisions with Shields Valley moving to the West. Ms. Triplett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

HOME SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY APPEAL— CASCADE HOME SCHOOL STUDENT RR

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Collins, Mr. Yarger, Mr. Redfield and student RR to the board. Mr. Collins explained the family lives in Wolf Creek which is in Lewis and Clark County but closer to Cascade. The

travel in the winter from Wolf Creek to Helena is treacherous, and Mr. Collins explained that they have recently signed another agreement for five years to have Cascade Schools pick up Wolf Creek students via bus for transport to be enrolled in Cascade Schools. Mr. Fitzgerald states that the MHS Executive Board cannot change where the Home School Student participates as it is a Montana State Law that mandates the home-schooled students can compete for the district in which they reside. It was suggested that the student look at possibly enrolling in Cascade Schools for two classes, while taking the other classes online from home. This would allow the student to participate in Cascade athletics programs.

CLASS B GOLF – SHELBY HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Crump, and Mr. Clark to the delegation, along with Mr. White via Zoom. Mr. Crump explained that the new golf rule hinders participation at the Class B level, and that it was an uninformed vote that took place at the Class B Summer Meeting. Mr. Crump elaborated on the multiple reasons that several Class B administrators take issue with the new rule, with the focus being on reduced numbers of student athletes participating in the post-season. Mr. Crump also stated this proposal would remove the team aspect of golf. Mr. Harris made a motion to revert to the qualifying rule for Class B golf for the 2024-25 season. Ms. Triplett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY APPEAL— EAST HELENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT JH

Ms. Buehler introduced Ms. Jackson, Mr. Condon, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson as well as student JH. The MHS Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Fitzgerald gave the option of an open or closed meeting; Ms. Jackson chose to continue with an open meeting. Mr. Condon explained how the Charter School works at East Helena and that it operates on a pass/fail system rather than a typical letter grading system, thus allowing students to catch up at their own pace. He further explained that this student is doing well in school. Ms. Jackson attested to the personal struggles the student had last year. Mr. Fitzgerald read the requirements to waive the academic eligibility rule from the MHS Handbook. Mr. Patelis motioned to waive the academic eligibility rule with follow-up of an academic report to Mr. Michelotti; Ms. Zentner seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY APPEAL— EAST HELENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DW

Mr. Buehler introduced Ms. Wasson to the board. The MHS Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Fitzgerald gave the option of an open or closed meeting; Ms. Wasson chose to continue with an open meeting. Mr. Condon explained that the student was just cleared of a TBI she sustained in a car accident last year. She has just enrolled in the Charter School and is doing well with one-on-one help in her education at the Charter School. Ms. Wasson explained some life circumstances in the last couple of years for the student. Mr. Fitzgerald read the requirements to waive the academic eligibility rule from the MHS Handbook. Mr. Patelis motioned to waive the academic eligibility rule with follow-up of an academic report to Mr. Michelotti; Mr. Harris seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY APPEAL— EAST HELENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CB

Mr. Buehler introduced Ms. Ransier, Mr. Condon and student CB to the board. The MHS Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Fitzgerald gave the option of an open or closed meeting; Ms. Baker chose to continue with an open meeting. Mr. Condon explained that the student is a junior and had too few credits to graduate. Since enrolling in 227 Academy, she has made up her junior credits and working on senior credits and could possibly graduate early. Ms. Ransier elaborated on family separation issues and social issues facing the student. Since she has started with Charter School, she is seeing success in academics. Mr. Fitzgerald read the requirements to waive the academic eligibility rule from the MHS Handbook. Mr. Mills motioned to waive the academic eligibility rule with

follow-up with an academic report to Mr. Michelotti; Ms. Triplett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MHSA BUILDING PROJECT

Mr. Michelotti reported that he has gone to five superintendent meetings throughout our state and plans to go to four more. In these meetings, he has gone over the multiple needs the Association has and the need to move to a different building. The proposed building is located at 631 N. Last Chance Gulch in Helena. He explained there is a party interested in purchasing the current MHSA building and a buy/sell agreement with that party is being discussed. Ms. Zentner made a motion to approve moving forward with the building purchase including the authority to invest \$50,000.00 as earnest money. Mr. Patelis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED BASEBALL CONFERENCES

Mr. Wilson reported there are 37 schools currently offering baseball. He explained the proposed divisions for 2024-25 school year which include four divisions as follows: East (8) – Billings Central, Billings Senior, Billings Skyview, Billings West, Columbus/Red Lodge/Park City, Huntley Project, Laurel and Sidney/Fairview; 2) Central (8) – Beaverhead County/Twin Bridges, Belgrade, Broadwater, Butte, Butte Central, East Helena, Lone Peak and Park/Sweet Grass County; 3) South (9) – Corvallis, Florence-Carlton, Frenchtown, Hamilton/Darby, Missoula Big Sky, Missoula Hellgate, Missoula Sentinel, St Ignatius/Arlee and Stevensville; and 4) North (10) -- Bigfork, Browning/Heart Butte, Columbia Falls, Lincoln County, Noxon/Thompson Falls, Plains/Hot Springs, Polson, Ronan and Troy. Ms. Triplett made a motion to approve the proposed divisions for the 2025 season. Mr. Patelis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6C DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Ms. Buehler explained that the Class 6C district has requested to move both boys and girls district tournament to February 27-March 1. Ms. Triplett approved the proposed date change, Mr. Patelis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CLASS C GIRLS WRESTLING AWARDS

Mr. Wilson explained that the language in the Handbook in the Awards section for Wrestling team awards only includes language for boys for Class A, Class B and Class C. He is requesting the language include girls team awards as was the original intent. Ms. Zentner made a motion to approve the proposed handbook language change, Mr. Mills seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2026-27 CALENDAR

Mr. Wilson went over the proposed 2026-27 calendar for interscholastic activities. He suggested the Executive Board consider looking at moving the first date of practice for winter sports. He also discussed looking at separating the spring state events from all being on same weekend. Mr. Patelis made a motion to approve the 2026-27 calendar as presented. Ms. Zentner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FOOTBALL REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

Mr. Wilson requested that football schools that are affected by the reclassification in November get an opportunity to present their conference alignment to the Executive Board at the meeting in January, rather than the November meeting. Mr. Patelis made a motion to approve the proposal to finalize the reclassification in November and realignment in January. Mr. Mills seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CLASS A FOOTBALL REALIGNMENT

Mr. Michelotti explained that Class A is proposing a change from two conferences to four conferences (Southwest, Northwest, Central, East). The classification met and voted 17-7 in favor of this move. Mr. Patelis made a motion to approve the Class A realignment; Ms. Zentner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION

Mr. Michelotti explained the timeline and gathering of information from the member football schools. 23 Cooperatives were analyzed and 18 passed, while 5 were flagged and their information put into the rubric. In the 6-Player classification, 5 schools were flagged and their information put into the rubric. 3 were approved to stay, 2 were denied and will appeal. 2 more will move to 8-Player. Within the 8-Player classification, 9 schools were flagged and their information put into the rubric. 5 schools were approved to stay in 8-Player, 3 were denied and 2 will appeal. Overall, there are 8 appeals this year as compared to 27 appeals two years ago.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 6-Player FOOTBALL – BOX ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Rosette, Mr. Parisian and Mr. Dilworth via zoom. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Rosette explained that roster size is always an issue for them as it typically goes down throughout the year. Mr. Dilworth reiterated that roster size issues and brought up competitiveness as well. It is his hope that they can continue at 6-Player until the next reclassification cycle when they are better able to maintain roster size at the 8-Player level. Mr. Patelis motioned to deny the waiver, Mr. Harris seconded. The motion to deny the appeal to stay in 6-Player football passed unanimously.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 6-Player FOOTBALL – CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Ms. Harrison and Mr. Davison to the board via Zoom. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Davison explained that their roster numbers do not correlate to the school enrollment of male students and the logistical difficulties in scheduling 8-Player with their junior high games. Mr. Patelis motioned to deny the waiver, Mr. Harris seconded. The motion to deny the appeal to stay in 6-Player football passed unanimously.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 6-Player FOOTBALL – CUSTER/HYSHAM/MELSTONE COOPERATIVE

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Tunnell and Mr. Hoffman to the board. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Tunnell explained they are dissolving the cooperative agreement with Melstone as there is no interest. Mr. Hoffman stated incoming players are small and the numbers are low from the Hysham community. Mr. Wilson explained the potential need for an adjustment of the rubric for 3 or 4 team coops. Ideas for schools who have minimum participation, but enrollment that puts the coop over the enrollment limit were discussed. Mr. Mills motioned to approve the waiver to remain in 6-Player, and Ms. Triplett seconded. The motion to approve the appeal to stay in 6-Player football passed unanimously.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 6-Player FOOTBALL – DGSG COOPERATIVE

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Sparks, Mr. Von Bergen, Mr. Clark and Mr. Stone to the board. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Sparks explained that they have one student from Geyser, and only 2-3 students from Denton. Their cooperative schools typically have a high mileage to travel to the athletic teams' practices and events which hinders participation. Mr. Harris motioned to approve the waiver to remain in 6-Player, and Mr. Mills seconded. The motion to approve

the appeal to stay in 6-Player football passed with a 4-2 dissenting vote from Mr. Patelis and Mr. Fitzgerald.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 6-Player FOOTBALL – WESTBY/GRENORA COOPERATIVE

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Lampert and Mr. MacLean to the board via Zoom. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Lampert explained that they have a young roster for the future due mostly to the transient nature of the oil field industry in their area. Mr. Patelis motioned to deny the waiver, Mr. Mills seconded. The motion to deny the appeal to stay in 6-Player football passed unanimously.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 8-Player FOOTBALL – ARLEE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Bosley and Mr. Beckham to the board. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Bosley explained that he re-evaluated his junior high enrollment numbers and those change the projected roster sizes for the next two years. Mr. Patelis motioned to deny the waiver, Mr. Harris seconded. The motion to deny the appeal to stay in 8-Player passed with one dissenting vote from Ms. Zentner.

APPEAL TO MOVE TO 8-Player FOOTBALL – JOLIET HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Rowilson, Mr. Begger, Mr. Warburton, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Dinsdale to the board. The MHSA Executive Board introduced themselves to the delegation. Mr. Begger explained his concerns with the rubric calculations and the free and reduced lunch data used. Mr. Warburton read a statement of concern regarding safety issues with them remaining in 11 Player football. Ms. Dinsdale pointed out that the comparisons of winning percentages for Joliet were from both 8-Player and 11 Player football and the results are therefore skewed. Mr. Mills motioned to approve the waiver and Ms. Zentner seconded. The motion to approve the appeal to move to 8-Player Football failed with a tie vote. Dissenting votes were cast by Mr. Harris, Mr. Patelis and Mr. Fitzgerald.

APPEAL TO REMAIN IN 8-Player FOOTBALL – SHELBY HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Crump explained that in looking at past success for that program they had a season with 7 wins, but that was an anomaly as they had subsequent seasons with less than 4 wins. He further stated that if the current season is taken into consideration with the rubric, Shelby passes and can remain in 8-Player football. Mr. Patelis motioned to deny the waiver, Mr. Harris seconded. The motion to deny the appeal to remain in 8-Player Football failed with a tie vote. Dissenting votes were cast by Ms. Zentner, Ms. Triplett and Mr. Mills.

SCHOOLS THAT ARE MOVING CLASSIFICATIONS

Mr. Michelotti explained that after information was gathered and analyzed, the following moves were suggested with no opposition from the programs: Harlowton/Ryegate will move to 8-Player football, Powell County will move to 11 Player/Class B football, while Powder River County and Hays Lodgepole will move to 6-Player football. Ms. Triplett made a motion to approve these moves, Mr. Mills seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN IN THEIR CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

Mr. Michelotti explained the following schools and co-ops will remain in their current classifications as follows: 1) 6-Player – Broadview/Lavina, Grass Range/Winnett, Hobson/Moore, Froid/Medicine Lake, Power/Dutton/Brady, Reed Point/Rapelje, Richey/Lambert, Roy/Winifred, Absarokee, Noxon and West Yellowstone; 2) 8-Player – Drummond/Granite, Harlem/Turner, Scobey/Opheim, St. Regis/Mullan, Lame Deer, Poplar, Rocky Boy and Troy; 3) Class B/11 Player – Fairfield/Augusta, Glasgow/Hinsdale/Nashua, Malta/Saco/Dodson/Whitewater, Red Lodge/Roberts/Belfry, Whitehall/Willow Creek/Harrison and Wolf

Point/Lustre Christian/Frazer. Mr. Patelis motioned to approve as stated, Mr. Harris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CLASS B REALIGNMENT

Mr. Wilson went over the Class B proposal for football division realignment, with changes being that Whitehall goes back to the South, Powell County and Arlee go to the West, and Shelby goes to the North. Mr. Patelis motioned to approve the proposed Class B football realignment for the 2025-26 season. Mr. Harris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCES

Mr. Michelotti discussed the bills paid September 1 – October 31, 2024. Mr. Mills motioned to approve the bills paid. Mr. Patelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Michelotti reviewed the financial statement as of October 31, 2024. Mr. Mills motioned to approve the financial statement. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Michelotti handed out the general office report and commented on the following topics:

Insurance

There are no changes currently.

Coming Events

Mr. Michelotti will attend the NFHS Winter Meeting January 2-6, 2025. The Annual Meeting will be held in Billings January 18-20, 2025. Mr. Wilson will attend the NFHS Rules Committee Meeting January 12-14, 2025, and Mr. Michelotti will attend the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee on January 26-27, 2025.

Staff Update

There are no changes currently. Jane Ryan is a great help in tournament preparation and bulk mailing operations. There has also been success with Rules Interpreters that have been assigned to each sport.

Road to 182

Currently we have visited 180 of the 182 schools and all have been posted to our social media campaign. Mr. Michelotti has been to 5 superintendent meetings and plans on visiting 4 more.

Policy Manual Changes

There are no changes.

Technology

There are upcoming meetings with Arbiter and Dragonfly to better align the operating systems with the membership's needs as well as those of the association.

Montana Officials Association

There is an upcoming Regional Directors meeting December 9-10, 2024.

Other Issues

OPI enrollments were discussed. The new championship gear vendor Northwest Designs Ink was discussed, as well as some disappointment expressed by Universal Athletics. AEDs and smoke monitors have been received and will be dispensed to some member schools that will be determined later. Some specific sportsmanship issues were discussed. The Student Advisory Committee created a poster for sportsmanship that will be distributed to member schools.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

Mr. Ryan reported that we have some new sponsors in NW Designs Ink, Scheels and Western Native Voice. We are up from this time last year in overall corporate sponsorships. The social media engagement is up as well.

OFFICE ACTION

Mr. Michelotti stated 49 hardship waivers have been submitted this year. Of those, 31 have been approved and 18 have been denied. Mr. Michelotti reported there have been no age rule waivers. Mr. Michelotti stated there have been 5 penalties imposed thus far, all of them being self-reported. There were 13 fines and fees so far this year, including postseason ballot non-compliance, expedited appeal fees and late registration for state cross-country.

LEGAL

Mr. Michelotti reported on legal costs this fiscal year to October 31, 2024. He will be attending the NFHS Legal Meeting in April. There are no updates regarding the OCR complaint regarding softball.

REPORTS

2024 State Fall Tournaments/Meets

Cross Country: Mr. Ryan reported that the All-Class State Cross Country Meet held in Missoula at UM Golf course was a successful event.

Golf: Mr. Wilson reported that the Class AA State Golf Tournament in Kalispell was well run. Mr. Harris reported on the Class A State Golf Tournament in Polon, stating everything went smoothly except for the wind.

Soccer: Mr. Harris reported that the Class A Boys Championships in Billings went smoothly with a large crowd. Mr. Michelotti reported that the Class AA Boys Soccer Championships in Billings at Daylis Stadium was a great event and that the Class A Girls Championship was also a success. Mr. Mills stated that the Class AA Girls Championship in Bozeman went well.

Football: Mr. Wilson reported that the State AA Championship in Helena went well. He stated that the utilization of GoFan went very smoothly. Mr. Patelis attended the State A Championship in Billings and reported that this event was great as well. Mr. Wilson attended the Class B Championship in Malta and reported that it was a good event, and well attended. Ms. Zentner reported that the 6-Player Championship in Bridger went well.

Volleyball: Mr. Harris and Mr. McElroy were in attendance. Mr. Harris said it was excellent and that MSU staff was once again outstanding.

Ejections: Ms. Bartels reported 24 ejections for this year so far.

AIM Higher: Mr. Wilson stated there have been 4 workshops so far. He is heading to Great Falls next and then to Billings in January.

GENERAL

MHSA Committee Appointments

Mr. Ryan handed out and previewed the new committee appointments.

Final Action on September Items for Two Week Notice

Mr. Michelotti reported that there have been no comments on the two-week notice for approving music changes; 1) new language for this year that does not allow MHSA Baseball teams to participate against American Legion teams during the 2025 season. 2) bat testing to begin at the 2025 MHSA Class B/C

State Softball Tournament. 3) new ticket prices for the 2025 MHSA State All-Class Wrestling Tournament. 4) having 32 girls' doubles teams at the 2025 MHSA Class B/C Tennis Tournament. Ms. Triplett made a motion to approve all four two-week notices. Mr. Mills seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Ryan discussed the schedule of activities for the Annual Meeting. He gave a brief explanation of breakout and caucus meetings. He explained the Native American Executive Board Member will be voted in as well as Mr. Mills for his full term. In addition, Mr. Ryan went over the Resolutions Committee and the Parliamentarian for the meeting. Mr. Michelotti summarized the awards recipients for the meeting.

PROPOSALS/ANNUAL MEETING

Schools Proposals to By-Laws

Mr. Michelotti reported the following By-Law changes that will likely be submitted by the schools at the Annual Meeting: 1) Concurrent 8th Grade Participation, by North Toole County High School, 2) possible Transfer Rule with a mileage threshold.

MHSA Proposals to By-Laws

Mr. Michelotti also stated the by-law change proposals that will be brought by the MHSA are: 1) Awards Rule Change, 2) NIL Proposal, 3) Two-Year Physical Proposal.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Michelotti handed out proposed budget material for 2025-26. Mr. Harris moved to approve the proposed 6% budget increase in specific areas. Ms. Zentner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no items to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Executive Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting, January 18th and 20th at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center in Billings, MT. Additional meetings will follow April 28-29, 2025, in Helena and June 19, 2025, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Triplett seconded, and the motion passed. Mr. Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 3:34 pm.