

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
Helena Public Schools Administration Building
1325 Poplar St, Helena, MT 59601
November 20, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.
Revised Agenda

Symbol Key (Confidential items are copied onto yellow paper)

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

A. Call to Order by President / Steve

B. Pledge of Allegiance / Steve

C. Revisions and Adoption of Agenda / Steve & Brian

D. Public Input Statement by President Steve

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 MHSA, or students who participate in MHSA 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.

E. Approval of Board Minutes

- A**
1. Approval of Board Minutes
 - a) September 11, 2023
 - b) October 17, 2023 Zoom Call

F. 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 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 parts of the underlying purpose of the rule involved.

General Delegations Schedule

- ABD Monday, 9:30 a.m. - Item # 2e- Bozeman Academic Appeal - E.F.
- ABD Monday, 9:45 a.m. - Item # 2b- Northern Cheyenne Semester Appeal - K.M.C.
- ABD Monday, 10:00 a.m. - Item # 22 - 8 Player Realignment - Mike White
- ABD Monday, 10:30 a.m. - Item # 28a - St Regis / Mullan, ID coop Request - Jesse Allan
- ABD Monday, 10:30 a.m. - Item # 19 -12C/13C/14C changes – Volleyball, Basketball and Track - Jesse Allan
- ABD Monday, 11:00 a.m. - Item # 2a - Butte Central Semester Appeal - C.S.
- ABD Monday, 11:30 a.m. - Item # 2c - Plenty Coup Academic and Transfer Appeal - T.H.
- ABD Monday, 11:30 a.m. - Item # 2d - Plenty Coup Academic Appeal -.C.B.L
- ABD Monday, 1:00 p.m. - Item # 2f - Browning Academic Appeal - T.W.
- ABD Monday, 1:15 a.m. - Item # 2g Browning Academic Appeal - E.C.

- ABD 2. Academic / Semester / Age
 - a. Butte Central Semester Appeal - C.S.
 - b. Northern Cheyenne Semester Appeal - K.M.C
 - c. Plenty Coups Academic and Transfer Appeal- T.H
 - d. Plenty Coups Academic Appeal- C.B.L
 - e. Bozeman Academic Appeal - E.F.
 - f. Browning Academic Appeal - T.W.
 - g. Browning Academic Appeal - E.C.
- ABD 3. Transfer

G. Finances

- A 4. Review and approval of bills paid September 1 to October 31 / Brian
- A 5. Review and approval of financial statement through October 31/ Brian
- FYI / TBD 6. General Office and Financial Overview / Brian

H. Office Action

- FYI 7. Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian
- FYI 8. Waivers of the Age Rule (19 year and 15 year) / Brian
- FYI 9. Penalties Imposed / Brian

I. Reports

- 10. State Tournaments / Meets
 - FYI a. State Cross Country / Kip
 - FYI b. State AA Golf/ Scott; State A Golf / Kara
 - FYI / NC c. State Football
 - 1) AA – Steve and Scott
 - 2) A – Scott
 - 3) B –
 - 4) 8-Player - Krystal
 - 5) C/6 - Kara
 - FYI d. State Volleyball / Kip & Staff / Joe and Aric
 - FYI e. State AA Soccer – Boys and Girls – Brian
State A Soccer – Boys – / Girls – Aric Harris
 - FYI / NC f. All State Band, Orchestra & Chorus / Joe
 - g. General discussion on state forms

- ABD / TBD** 11. Ejections / Brian
- FYI / TBD** 12. AIM Higher /– Workshop Schedule / Locations / Scott
- ABD** 13. Class C Realignment - Kara
- ABD** 14. MOA Report / Amy
- FYI / NC** 15. TBA
- FYI** 16. TBA

J. Legal

- FYI** 17. Legal Costs and other Legal Items

K. Requests

- ABD** 18. NFHS Network Holdings, LLC – Extension to 2033+ / Brian / Scott
- ABD** 19. 12C, 13C and 14 C changes – Volleyball, Basketball and Track / Brian
- ABD** 20. 2025-2026 Calendar / Scott
 - a. 2024-25 Calendar Revised/Scott
- ABD** 21. Football Timeline / Scott
- ABD** 22. 8 Player Football Realignment - Scott / Mike White
- ABD / NC** 23. Student Leadership Advisory Committee / Amy
- ABD** 24. Emergency Action Plan Implementation / Greta
- ABD** 25. Grass Range / Winnett / Fergus Co-op Dissolution for Football / Scott
- ABD** 26. Prime Time Determination for Scheduling Basketball games / Brian
- ABD** 27. Southern C Track and Field Divisional Qualifying Standards / Kip

L. Reclassification / Realignment
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ABD 28. Football classification will be organized on a two-year basis to align with reclassification of schools. Enrollment ranges are as follows: Six-player = 1-65; Eight-player = 66-130; Eleven-player = 131+. A rubric using four criteria will be used for schools that petition to play at the level below the current placement:

- A. Grades 8 – 11 boys' enrollment and future boys' enrollment projections.
- B. Roster size from the past four years.
- C. Success factor (including win/loss record and postseason success) in the current placement for the past five years.
- D. Free and Reduced Lunch Percentage from OPI.

Each of these factors will be weighed equally.

If a school does not meet the rubric calculation, they may participate in the lower classification, but will not be eligible for playoff consideration. A school that opts down in classification may become eligible in the second season if their rubric calculation in the fall of the first season falls within the criteria.

If each school in an existing co-op has participation numbers to support a team at a lower classification, they must dissolve the co-op and participate on their own at the lower classification. Note: The MHSAA will determine the roster number for Six-player and Eight-player football regarding "numbers to support a team."

Football co-op agreements are two years.

Football is on the two-year cycle with Reclassification - Special Consideration or Requests

Co-ops to participate in Eight-Player

	<u>Two Year Average</u>	<u>Fall-2023</u>
a) St Regis / Mullan	90	90

Six Player to Eight-Player

b) Twin Bridges	60	59
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M.	General
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ABD / NC 29. Final Action on September Items for Two Week Notice / Brian

1. The MHSA Executive Board approved the following for **music**:

- Ronan High School has been approved to move from District 2 to District 1
- An additional member will be permitted to be on the music committee in 2024-25. This member would fill the role of representing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Approved the change of the State Festival student entrance fees from \$15.00 to 20.00 for the 2023-24 school year.
- Approved increasing the admission prices for spectators for All -State Music Concert from \$10.00 to \$15.00 beginning in 2024-25.

2. The Board approved a change to the MHSA Handbook for 2024-25. The MHSA will remove the names of schools participating in each sport and activity section of the handbook. This change will allow the MHSA office to distribute the handbooks significantly earlier in future years. The MHSA will provide other ways to distribute this information.

3. The Board removed the following sections from the 8-player and 6-player football sections of the MHSA Handbook, as they are no longer accurate or necessary:

- ~~Class C Six-Player football will play an eight (8) week regular schedule. Playoffs will begin on the ninth week.~~
- ~~Eight-Player football will play a nine (9) week regular season schedule. Playoffs will start on the tenth week.~~

ABD / TBD 30. MHSA Committee Appointments / Kip

N.	Annual Meeting / Brian & Kip
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ABD / TBD 31. Schedule of Activities

ABD / TBD 32. Agenda

FYI / NC 33. Personnel
a. Parliamentarian – Dennis Murphy
b. Resolutions Committee / Brian
c. Credentials (Board) / Kip

ABD / NC 34. President's Report (Thoughts for Steve)

- ABD / NC** 35. Office Report (Thoughts for Brian)
- ABD / TBD** 36. Caucus Items
 - a. Budget
 - b. Proposals
 - c. Others?
- ABD / NC** 37. Committee Reports
 - a. Rule Review Committee – Mike Perry
 - b. Music Committee – Dusty Molyneaux
- ABD/ TBD** 38. Awards' Selections
 - a. Service Citation
 - b. Meritorious Service
 - c. Mildred Adams
 - d. AIM Higher Contribution

<i>O. Proposals / Annual Meeting</i>

- A** 39. Schools' Proposals to Rules and Regulations [Board Must Act to Approve or Deny – see Article IX, Section (3)]
 - a)
- FYI** 40. Schools' Proposals to By-Laws (review only) – Deadline is December 1st
 - a) Ejection Rule Change Proposal - Dennehy
 - b) 2 in Bricks and Mortar rule - Billings West
 - c) Charter School Rule - MHSA
 - d) NFHS Network violation Rule - MHSA
 - e) Add new Board Members - MHSA
 - f) Adding New Sport - Flag Football
 - g) Adding New Sport - E-sports - Sidney High School

<i>P. Proposed Budget</i>

- A / TBD** 41. 2024-2025 / Budget Review / Brian

<i>Q. Executive Session / Possible Appeals – Late Submissions</i>
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- ABD / TBD** 42.

<i>R. Information for the Good of the Order</i>
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- FYI** 43. Correspondence

<i>S. Other Items</i>

- ABD** 44.
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<i>T. Next Meeting</i>

- NC** 47. January 13 & 15, 2024 – Annual Meeting– Best Western GranTree – Bozeman