

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Helena Public Schools Administration Building
1325 Poplar St, Helena, MT 59601
April 22-23, 2024 8:30am

Revised 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 / Steve

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

C. 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.

D. Approval of Board Minutes

1) Minutes

- a) Regular Meeting – January 13 & 15, 2024
- b) Annual Meeting – January 15, 2024
- c) Conference Call/Zoom – February 1, 2024

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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 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

- 1) Appeals **ABD / TBD**
 - a) Academic
 - 1) Hellgate Student - JC - 9:30am via Zoom **ABD**
 - b) Semester **ABD**
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 - c) Transfer
 - d) Other
 - 1) Girls Wrestling - Tim McMahon - Helena Public Schools - 1pm **ABD**
 - 2) Capital High Softball Forfeiture - Tim McMahon - 1pm **ABD**
 - 3) MOA Items / Joel Fuhrmann – 1:30pm **ABD**

- 2) Delegations – Reclassification Appeals **ABD**
 - a) Cascade - Jason Raether - 10am **ABD**
 - b) Superior - Jessica Nagy - 10:30am - (Also agenda item F3a) **ABD**
 - c) Fort Benton - Jamie Ball - 11am **ABD**
 - d) Plentywood - Rob Pedersen - 11:30am via Zoom **ABD**

- 3) Delegations – Other
 - a) 6-Player Football Rubric – 9am **ABD**

F.	Requests / Action Items	All are ABD
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- 1) Wrestling Committee Meeting- Scott
 - a) State Tournament - 3 Day Tournament
 - b) Wrestling Weight Classes
- 2) Charter School Rule
- 3) Football - Scott
 - a) 8-Player playoff Bracket for 4 Divisions
 - b) Change process on sending Divisional winners Trophy to Conference President if requested
 - c) Timeline for Football Reclassification
- 4) Softball - Amy
 - a) Realignment of Manhattan to the East for B/C
 - b) Softball - Dissolution of Valier / Cut Bank Coop
- 5) Coop Revisions to handbook language - Greta
- 6) SMAC - Greta
 - a) NFHS Coaching Requirement - CPR and AED Course
 - b) Changing MHSA PreParticipation Physical Form
- 7) Basketball - Greta
 - a) Remove the Master Basketball Schedule Requirement
 - b) Policy for State Basketball Off-Site games - Same Team / Home Gym / Crowd Management
- 8) Track - Allow middle school meet the sametime as district track meet
- 9) Open Gym - Possible Changes to Policy
- 10) Coaching Rule Adjustments
- 11) District #1 Music Festival date change - Amy
- 12) Class A Track and Field - Divisional Qualifier - Top 30 + Ties – Kip
- 13) eSports as an Emerging Sport
- 14) Flag Football as an Emerging Sport
- 15) Baseball – Play In Game - Scott

G. Finances

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| 1) Review and Approval of Bills Paid from January 1 to March 31, 2024 / Brian | A |
| 2) Review and Approval of Financial Statement through March 31, 2024 / Brian - | A |
| 3) General Office Overview / Brian | FYI / TBD |
| 4) Basketball Financial Summary / Greta and Jenise | FYI |
| 5) Wrestling Financial Summary /All Class WR Tournament Finances / Scott and Jenise | FYI |
| 6) Swimming Financial Report / Kip and Jenise | FYI |
| 7) Annual Meeting Financial Report / Kip and Jenise | FYI |

H. Office Action / Brian

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| 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 | FYI |

I. Legal / Brian

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| 1) Legal Costs | FYI |
| 2) Legal Issues - NFHS Legal Meeting - Brian April 11-12 | FYI / NC |
| 3) OCR Complaint – Softball | FYI |

J. Reports / Miscellaneous

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| 1) State Speech & Drama Meets | FYI |
| a) AA – (Joe McElroy); A – (Aric Harris); B-C – (Amy Bartels) | |
| 2) State All-Class Wrestling Tournament / Scott (Jimmy Patelis and John Fitzgerald) | FYI / NC |
| 3) State Swim Meet / Kip | FYI |
| 4) State Basketball Tournaments | |
| a) AA (Greta) – A (Aric Harris) – B (John Fitzgerald) – C (Kara Triplett) | FYI |
| 5) Ejections / Brian | FYI |
| 6) Speech Committee / Amy | A / NC |
| a) Committee member update | |
| b) MFEA Handbook Approval - June following classification meetings. | |
| 7) Spring Sports Rules Clinics / Staff | FYI |
| 8) 2024-25 AIM Higher dates | FYI |
| 9) 2024-2025 Site Selection (still open) for State Events / Bid Subcommittee | A / TBD |
| 10) 2025-2026 Site Selection for State Events / Bid Subcommittee | A / TBD / NC |
| 11) MHSAA Annual Meeting | A / TBD |
| a) 2025-2026 Placement / Scott and Kip | |
| b) Rotation from East / Central / West and Award 2 years in advance | |
| c) Annual Meeting Consideration from Hellgate High School | |
| 12) Audit Report / Brian & Jenise | ABD |

K. MHSAA Standing Committee Appointments

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| 1) Staff Recommendations - Kip | FYI / TBD |
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L. Reclassification of Schools

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| 1) Reclassification | FYI |
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- 2) Spring OPI Enrollment Numbers
- 3) Next reclassification cycle will be 2025-26 – Schools will be identified during this meeting and schools will have until November to consider realignments of district and divisions because of the reclassification changes.
- 4) Recommendations
 - a) Class AA to A – none
 - b) Class A to AA – none
 - c) Class B to A – none
 - d) Class A to B – Butte Central
 - e) Class C to B – Plentywood, Fort Benton, Cascade
 - f) Class B to C – Park City, Superior (Appeal)

M. Personnel & Negotiations
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| 1) General Correspondence | A |
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N. Board Reorganization

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| 1) Election of New Officers / Steve | NC |
| a) President | |
| b) Vice-President | |
| c) Final Thoughts – Steve | |
| 2) Seating of New President / Steve | NC |
| 3) Seating of New Board Members / New President | NC |

O. Assignment to Spring Activities

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| 1) Spring events' – assignments / New President | FYI / NC |
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P. NFHS Meetings

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| 1) NFHS Summer Meeting - Boston | FYI / NC |
| 2) Section Meeting - Whitefish | FYI / NC |

Q. 2024-25 MHSB Executive Board Meetings	All are ABD
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- 1) September
- 2) November
- 3) January
- 4) April
- 5) June

R. Other Items

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| 2) | FYI / NC |