

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Location - Helena Public Schools Administration Building

Address - 1325 Poplar St, Helena, MT 59601

Date - April 17-18, 2023

Time - 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Symbol Key

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| 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 Jim H – Pledge of Allegiance

B. Revisions/Adoption of the Agenda / Jim H and Brian

FYI / NC 1. Welcome New MHSA Board Members– (Sunday at 6:00 pm)

- Aric Harris – Class B
- Kara Triplett – Class C
- OPI Representative
- **Mini- In-service / travel vouchers, rooms, procedures (hearings), veteran’s comments, etc.**

FYI / NC 2. Bids’ Sub-Committee / Jim H (Sunday at 6:00 pm)

C. Public Input Statement / Jim H

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.

D. Approval of Board Minutes

- A** 3. a) January 14 & 16, 2023
b) January 16, 2023, MHSA Annual Meeting
c) March 15, 2023 Conference Call

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.

ABD 4. Possible Appeals (Age, Academic, Transfer, Semester. Reclassification)

Semester –9:00 a.m.

a) Academic Appeal - Browning Student - AAB

5. **Board Delegations**
Times:

a) MHSV Volleyball Committee – Iona Stookey & Patrick Hiller – 11:00 am Monday

F. Finances

- A** 6. Review and approval of Bills Paid from January 1 to March 31, 2023 / Brian
- A** 7. Review and Approval of Financial Statement through March 31, 2023 / Brian
- FYI / TBD** 8. General Office Overview / Brian
- FYI** 9. Basketball Financial Summary / Greta
- FYI** 10. Wrestling Financial Summary and All Class WR Tournament Financial Report / Scott
- FYI** 11. Swimming Financial Report / Kip and Merle
- FYI** 12. Annual Meeting Financial Report / Kip & Greta

G. Legal / Brian

- FYI / NC** 13. NFHS Legal Meeting – Indianapolis – April 20-21
- FYI** 14. Legal - Brian
- a. Costs
 - b. Other Issues

H. Office Action

- FYI** 15. Penalties Imposed / Brian
- FYI** 16. Waivers of Transfer Rule Petitions (Hardships) / Brian
- FYI** 17. Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian
- a. 19-year-old
 - b. 15-year-old
- NC**
- FYI** 18. Expectations of Board Members working State Events / Kip

I. Reports

- FYI** 19. State Speech & Drama Meets / AA – Jim; A – ; B-C – Amy
- FYI** 20. State All-Class Wrestling Tournament / Scott, John, Krystal, Jimmy
- ABD** 21. Wrestling – Ad-hoc Committee Report - Girls' Wrestling / Scott
- FYI** 22. State Swim Meet with Merle Gunderson Report / Jim H & Kip
- FYI** 23. State Basketball Tournaments / AA –, Steve, Doug & Greta, A – Jim, Aric & Scott;
B – John & Amy / C – Krystal, Luke, Kara & Kip

- 24. Pre-tournament meetings discussion – Do we need a coaches/Admin meeting.
- FYI** 25. Ejections / Brian
- A** 26. Speech Committee / Amy
- A** 27. Music Committee / Amy
- FYI** 28. Spring Sports Rules Clinics / Staff
 - a. Baseball, Golf, Softball Tennis & Track and Field
- A / TBD** 29. 2023-2024 Bids (still open) for State Events / ***Bid Subcommittee***
 - a. State A Speech and Drama January 26-27, 2024
 - b. State C Golf May 13-18, 2024
 - c. State Baseball May 16-18, 2024
 - d. State A Tennis May 23-24, 2024
 - e. State B-C Tennis May 23-25, 2024
 - f. State A-B Track May 24-25, 2024
- A / TBD** 30. 2024-2025 Bids for State Events / ***Bid Subcommittee***
- A / TBD** 31. 2024-2025 Annual Meeting Placement / Kip
- ABD** 32. Audit Report / Brian & Greta

J. Information for the Good of the Order

- FYI** 33. General Correspondence
 - a.

K. Miscellaneous

- ABD / NC** 34. Two-Week Notice Items from January – Final Action / Brian
 - a. None
- ABD / NC** 35. NFHS Network - Regular and Post Season Video Streaming rights

L. Requests

- ABD** 36. MHSA Survey
 - a. Preseason days of practice – 8 or 10
 - b. Reclassification Criteria – 1.5 factor for Private Schools
 - c. Digital Book for Schools
- ABD** 37. MHSA Post Season Ticket Prices
- ABD** 38. MOA Items – From March Regional Director's Meeting
 - a. One Way Mileage for Officials – Regular Season and Post Season
 - b. Sub-varsity Fee Increase
 - c. Soccer Assigning – Policy and Fee Changes
 - d. MOA Handbook Editorial Revision Committee
- ABD/TBD** 39. MHSA Softball/Baseball Walk-up Music / Amy
- ABD** 40. MHSA Physical Form Change - Brian
 - a. Corporate Sponsor Addition – Logan Health
 - b. Removal of Covid-19 Language
- ABD / NC** 41. NFHS Center for Officials Services (NFHS COS) Update / Brian & Amy

- ABD 42. MHSA Technology – Dragonfly - Brian
- ABD 43. MHSA Football Classification Committee – Scott / Brian
- ABD 44. MHSA Jewelry Policy – NFHS Changes - Staff
- ABD 45. OPI Renewal Units for Clinics - Amy
- ABD 46. Cooperative Sponsorship Enrollment Waiver – New rule / Brian
- ABD 47. Practice Rule – ½ the # of initial required practice days when transferring to new school - Brian
- ABD 48. Coaches – Summer Coaching rule is Sunday after state Tournament per sport / Scott
- ABD 49. Legislative Items – Brian
 - a. Senate Bill 306
 - b. MHSA Presentations at Montana American Indian Caucus
- ABD 50. Squad Rule –Allow ½ the number of starters during the season on club teams.
- ABD 51. Volleyball – Changing Sides during competition – Kip / Iona Stookey – TIME?

M. MHSA Standing Committees' Appointments

- A / TBD 52. Staff Recommendations / Kip & Staff
- 53. Diversity on Advisory Committee Discussion – 2 At Large Positions

N. Reclassification of Schools / Brian

- FYI 54. Reclassification
 - a. Fall and Spring OPI Enrollment Numbers
 - b. Next reclassification cycle will be 2025-2026 – Schools will be identified during the April 2024 meeting and schools will have until November to consider realignments of district and divisions because of the reclassification changes.
 - c. Schools Moving in 2023-24:
 - 1) Class B to A – Bigfork
 - 2) Class C to B – Fairview, Chinook, Lone Peak, Superior, Park City, Ennis, Darby
 - 3) Class B to C – Forsyth

O. Personnel & Negotiations

P. Board Reorganization

- NC 55. Election of New Officers / Jim H
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. **Final Thoughts – Jim H**
- NC 56. Seating of New President / Jim H
- NC 57. Seating of New Board Members / New President

Q. Assignment to Spring Activities

- A / TBD 58. Spring events' – review January's assignments / New President

R. National Federation Meetings

