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### **AGENDA**

## **Montana Small Schools Alliance**

### **QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING 11:30 A.M.**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**  
**MSSA Office, 710 South Atlantic Street**  
**Dillon, MT 59725**

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#### **AGENDA CHANGES**

- 11:30 a.m.      1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair**
- 11:32 a.m.      2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 19, 2019 Board Meeting**
- 11:35 a.m.      3. CHANGES/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA (action)**
- 11:40 a.m.      4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (action items)**  
    A. Standards Discussion (continued)
- 12:10 p.m.      5. NEW BUSINESS (information/action items)**  
    A. Rural Excellence Scholarship Selection for 2020.  
    B. Update Rural Policy Manual  
    C. 2020 Workshop Dates and Sites
- 1:00 p.m.      6. MSSA REPORTS**  
    A. NREA/NREAC - Dan  
    B. MACSS - Cathy  
    C. MSU - Jayne  
    D. Western - Laura  
    E. MTSBA - Jan  
    F. Professional Development - Dean

**Next meeting time, date and location.**

- 1:45 p.m.      7. ADJOURN**

**Lunch to follow or I can have a working lunch brought in:**

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## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (action items)

A. *Standards Discussion (continued)* – Patty, Linda and Pete would like to be able to discuss this with us in April. I agreed as they will visit with the variance to standards team regarding our outline of the variance we discussed. I would like to see us develop a draft at our January meeting and forward that to them to share with the variance team. Then I would recommend having our April meeting in Helena to make it convenient to have the necessary parties there. If we are not ready to move on then I think we need to table this issue until we are ready to recommend something.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS (information/action items)

A. **Rural Excellence Scholarship Selection for 2020.** Attached please find the two applicants we have at this time. If more come in by our meeting I will have them there. We can discuss and then vote at the meeting or shortly after that meeting as in the past.

B. **Rural Policy Manual Update.** I have included the policy numbers we need to adopt to keep our manual current. There are 4 new and 12 revisions! (NEW) 1015FE Personalized Learning Opportunities, 1116FE Independent Investment Accounts, 3650 MT Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act, 3550 Student Clubs, 7515 Obligations and Loans, 8500 Cyber Incident Response. (REVISIONS) 1005FE Proficiency Based Learning, 1006FE Transfers for School Safety, 1009FE Educator Recruitment and Retention, 1014FE Intent to Increase Non-Voted Levy. 1014FE-F1 Increased Levy Form, 1110 Taking Office, 1120 Annual Organizational Meeting, 1402 School Board Use of Email and Mobile Messaging, 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure, 1420F Public Comment Form.

C. **2020 Workshop Dates and Sites.** – Attached please find a draft of workshop dates and sites. MACSS suggested holding our August Standards trainings and then September's round of conferences within a day of each other. We just do not have the personnel to make that happen. Maybe we can revive the idea of a summer institute for membership in 2021.

### 6. MSSA REPORTS - Any news from your organization is always interesting and valuable.

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