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Carlene, per our conversation regarding MTSBA voting and getting placed on the agenda.

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2021 Ballot Montana School Boards Association

To: MTSBA Member District Board Chairs
From: Lance Melton, MTSBA Executive Director
Re: Electronic Vote on Association Business
Date: June 30, 2021

The Annual Meeting (held on June 10, 2021 virtually) is typically where the membership votes on the items that require a vote of the membership. Although we had great participation in this year's Annual Meeting, we did not meet the quorum requirements to conduct business of the Association.

The MTSBA Bylaws provides an alternative process for conducting voting on Association issues (other than at membership meetings) as follows:

SECTION 7. VOTING BETWEEN MEETINGS OF MEMBERS. Voting at times other than at annual or special meetings shall be on ballots distributed by the Executive Director as authorized by the Board of Directors. Such ballots shall contain a full explanation of the question presented, shall indicate the number of votes to be cast by the member school district, shall instruct the manner in which the ballot is to be marked and shall be mailed to the chairperson of each member school board by the Executive Director at least thirty (30) days in advance of the deadline for returning the marked ballots. All ballots cast must be signed by the chairperson of the member school board and shall be tallied by the Executive Director. The results of the balloting shall be provided to the membership via mail and/or electronic means.

ARTICLE XII – CONDUCTING BUSINESS THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS. The Association may conduct any business via technology and/or other electronic means. Therefore, any reference in these Bylaws to written notice, mailings, signatures, distribution of information, conducting meetings or otherwise

conducting any business of the Association shall be construed to specifically authorize such conduct in whole or in part through technological means. Such authority shall include but shall not be construed as being limited to: video and conference calls, electronic ballots, electronic meetings, and elections.

The issues that require the MTSBA membership's attention at this time are as follows:

1. MTSBA Principles & Guidelines (NOTE: The Principles & Guidelines are voted on by the membership each year. Please review the Principles & Guidelines attached. The latest version of the Principles & Guidelines were approved by the membership in June 2020);
2. FY23 Dues Revenue Estimate (NOTE: This comes as a seconded motion of the MTSBA Board of Directors). Please review Lance Melton's memorandum (attached) providing your District with documentation of the estimate of revenue that will be generated by the dues formula for FY23, together with a recap of how dues are calculated.
3. Nomination of Scott Walter as MTSBA President-Elect (NOTE: This comes as a seconded motion of the MTSBA Board of Directors); and
4. Nomination of Tom Billteen as MTSBA Vice-President (NOTE: This comes as a seconded motion of the MTSBA Board of Directors).

The following is a live link for your Board of Trustees to cast its vote on these items:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/...

Below are the instructions for submitting your Board's vote on these issues:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING ON PENDING ASSOCIATION MATTERS:

1. Your Board should place these issues on your July or August meeting agenda(s), discuss the items referenced above and vote collectively on these issues. *NOTE: Again, be sure to review the attached memorandum providing background information on how dues are calculated and the FY23 Dues Estimates.*
2. Your Board Chair (or the Clerk of the District on the Board's behalf) must click on the link provided and fill out the ballot consistent with the Board Chair's directive. In that regard, you will need to provide:
 - a. The NAME of your school district. *NOTE: DO NOT submit your District's Number;*
 - b. The NAME of the individual submitting the ballot on the District's behalf. *NOTE: The individual submitting the electronic ballot on behalf of your District has to either be: (1) your Board Chair, or (2) your District Clerk;*
 - c. Fill out the electronic vote according to the position of your Board on each issue;
 - d. Insert the Board Chair's name. By doing so, this constitutes and has the legal impact of your Board Chair's legal signature; and
 - e. Submit your District's ballot.
3. Your District's electronic ballot needs to be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m., on Monday, August 16, 2021**. The link will be closed at that time.
4. MTSBA will tabulate the electronic ballots submitted in accordance with the weighted votes of each District and inform the membership of the results of this vote on Connect2 on or before August 20, 2021.

Thank you!

Debra Silk
Assoc Exec Dir & General Counsel
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