

1 School Board Advocacy

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3 Once the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in its best interest to actively become an  
4 advocate for the education of the students in its District, the following guidelines are established  
5 to help facilitate the process.

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- 7 1. An additional item on the agenda of the Annual Organizational Meeting, usually held in
- 8 May of each year, may include the appointment of one (1) of its trustees as the Board
- 9 Legislative Contact (BLC) to the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA).
- 10 a. In the event of an appointment, the District Clerk will submit the name to the
- 11 Administrative Service Specialist at MTSBA no later than one (1) month after
- 12 the appointment.
- 13 2. The Board will identify this appointee and/or additional trustees as registered lobbyists
- 14 for the District.
- 15 a. If the appointment is made, the District Clerk will make sure that the
- 16 appointed trustee(s) are sufficiently registered as lobbyists for the District
- 17 3. The threshold for reimbursement of expenses before the lobbying license requirement
- 18 becomes effective will be determined by the Commissioner of Political Practices.
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- 20 4. The BLC, or designee, may attend the Day of Advocacy during each legislative session.
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- 22 5. The BLC, or designee, may attend the annual Delegate Assembly.
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- 24 6. The Board may set additional parameters, including the number of trips to the
- 25 Legislature, the number of regional and state meetings approved, etc.
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- 27 7. The Board may include an item on its monthly agenda, giving the BLC an opportunity to
- 28 discuss advocacy information.
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32 Legal Reference:	§ 5-7-112, MCA	Payment threshold – inflation adjustment
33	ARM 44.12.204	Payment threshold – inflation adjustment

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35 Procedure History:

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40 January 2016 Revision note: Changed who to report the appointment to at MTSBA