

**NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC)**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
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**ATTENDEES:**

Council Members: Chairman Sarah McHugh, Heidi Sue Adams, Colet Bartow, Pamela Benjamin, MaryKay Bullard, Beth Chestnut, Joanne Didrickson, Eva English, and Aaron LaFromboise.

MSL Staff: Cara Orban.

**Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.**

**COAL SEVERANCE TAX MONIES FOR FY'15 STATEWIDE DATABASES:**

The coal severance tax fund amount has again changed and so there are additional monies to spend. Cara Orban discussed several expenditure options that she was presenting for consideration by the council. Options include purchasing a set of EBSCO e-books that would be available to public libraries, purchasing additional seats for Safari Tech titles that would be available to Montana library staff and state employees and purchasing additional live tutoring sessions for HomeworkMT. The final decision can include any of those options or any combination.

The best combination appears to be \$15,500 for 2,000 additional tutoring sessions, \$8,858 for additional Safari Tech simultaneous users and \$5,642 for additional EBSCO ebooks for public library user access. A committee would need to be formed to help select the ebooks. More information would need to go out about Safari so that library staff would make use of this resource.

After discussion, the council members felt that they needed to have more information about EBSCO database usage statistics to adequately consider the EBSCO e-book option, and needed time to investigate Safari usage and other facts about that option before they could make a decision about where money should be expended.

An online meeting will be held next week.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**