

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:00 PM

Electronic Means, 615 Olof Hanson Drive, Faribault, MN 55021

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

2.A. Reports

2.A.1. Superintendent's Report

2.A.2. MSAB Director

2.A.3. Director of Community Engagment

2.A.4. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site
Council

2.A.5. Student Body Government

2.A.6. Site Council Chair

3. **Old Business**

4. **New Business**

5. **Announcements**

6. **Adjournment**

7. **Committee Work**

Minutes of MSAB Site Council

The meeting of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Site Council was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Present Members: Jeffrey Peterson, Rian Copeland, Harold Weber, Arianna Hansen, Christy Hanson, Sara Vollbrecht, Gary Boettcher, Kallie Decker.

Absent Members: Jessica Hoffer, Sheila Koenig.

Ex Officio Members: Superintendent Terry Wilding, Director John Davis, Special Ed Director Brittany Thomforde, MSAD Director Jody Olson, MDE Representative Kristin Oien, Director of Community Engagement Lance Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Harold Weber, seconded by Gary Boettcher to approve the October 6, 2022, MSAB Site Council meeting minutes. Motioned was carried with all in favor.

2. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

- Legislative requests – two different groupings of legislative requests this year to consider. A bonding request was submitted for the following projects:
 1. Dorm renovation
 2. Asset preservation
 3. Design money for new student center
- Budgetary requests -
 1. Addition to our operations budget
 2. Safety and security with our technology initiative
 3. Professional development
 4. Audiology testing equipment
 5. Implement mental health program
- The Foundation is working on a project to fundraise for a new greenhouse at MSAB.

B. MSAB Director

- Attended the APH annual meeting – award was given to Scott Berglund for “Outstanding teacher of students with visual impairments and other visibilities” He did a great job of speaking at the meeting.
- White Cane Day at the Capitol – went well
- Unity Day – students from MSAD came over to our campus for activities and socializing, along with a group photo.
- Choir/Rock Band Winter Program – December 9th at 10:00 am
- All school field trip to the Children’s Theater for a theatrical production of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”.
- Goalball Tournament – students leaving for Missouri on November 4th.

C. MSA Director of Communication

Month of October has been busy. MSAB Instagram is up and running. Developing new website, will be launched on January 3rd.

D. MSA Board Representative from MSAB Site Council

Discussion was related to school goals.

E. Student Body Government

- Halloween costume contest – students enjoyed it
- Discussing having a field day for gopher pride recipients.

3. Old Business

- Kallie Decker nominated Harold Weber for Chair of the MSB Site Council, seconded by Garb Boettcher. The motion was carried with all in favor.
- Gary Boettcher volunteered to be Vice Chair on the MSAB Site Council. The motion was carried with all in favor.

4. New Business

None.

5. Discussion & Announcements

Next Site Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8th.

6. Adjourn

A motion made by Gary Boettcher, seconded by Christy Hanson to adjourn the MSAB Site Council meeting. The motion was carried with all in favor.