

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:00 PM

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

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

3. **Reports**

3.A. Superintendent's Report

3.A.1. Outreach Possibilities

3.A.2. Strategic Plan Wrap-up

3.B. MSAB Director

3.C. MSA Director of Communications

3.D. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site Council

3.E. Student Body Government

3.F. Site Council Chair

4. **Old Business**

5. **New Business**

6. **Announcements**

7. **Adjournment**

8. **Committee Work**

Minutes of MSAB Site Council

The meeting of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Site Council was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Member Attendance

- Chair Harry Weber – present
- Vice Chair Gary Boettcher – absent
- Sara Vollbrecht – present
- Jeffrey Peterson – present
- Rian Copeland – present
- Kallie Decker – present
- Arianna Hansen – present
- Christy Hanson – present
- Sheila Koenig – present
- Jessica Hoffer – present

Ex Officio Members:

- Superintendent Terry Wilding – present
- MDE Representative Kristin Oien – absent
- Director of Community Engagement Lance Hall – present
- Special Ed Director Brittany Thomforde – absent
- MSAB Director John Davis – absent
- MSAD Director Jody Olson – absent

Welcome and Roll Call

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

No Minutes.

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. Design funds
 3. Asset preservation funds
- Operating budget requests -
 1. Addition to our operations budget
 2. Increase Technology
 3. Professional development
 4. Audiology testing equipment
 5. Implement Mental Health Program
- Strategic Plan – we are in the wrapping up stage. On March 2, we will have representatives review accomplishments and analyze future steps and goal areas.

- Continue to improve our campuses. Encourage staff, students and parents to complete survey.
- Board Meeting
 1. Focused on Word's Best Workforce Report.
 2. Discussed Procedures.
 3. Developed a schedule moving forward for Spring.
 4. The board will meet on March 15, which will be a work session to focus on accreditation process and strategic plan.
 5. MSA wrestling team presented on their trip to Kentucky and placing third in the tournament.

B. Policy and Procedure Review

Procedure #5200 – Supporting Transgender and gender-expansive students.

C. MSAB Director Report

No report given.

D. Director of Community Engagement Lance Hall

- Over the past few months - redeveloped our website.
- Goal is to keep website updated.
- Charlie Ainsworth, videographer, will be interviewing at the blind school.
- Increasing our social media presence.
- Going forward – expanding our visibility and marketing.
- Trying to get some involvement from the parent/child institute at the blind school to promote more about MSA and get the word out.

E. MSA Board Representative

Report given by Mr. Terry Wilding.

F. Student Body Government

Apparel link has been posted in the announcements and newsletter.

G. Site Council Chair

- Several staff and students out due to illness and vacations.
- Discussion concerning school calendar.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

None.

5. Adjourn

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