# Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2026, 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Quora Education Center, 70 West County B2, Little Canada, MN
Hybrid Meeting – In person and via Zoom

**Members Present:** Twenty-eight members attended the meeting in person and 65 participated virtually.

## I. Welcome and Introductions

AMSD Chair Jim DeMay called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. DeMay welcomed everyone in person and online.

## II. Routine Business

### A. Approval of Minutes of December 5 Meeting

Chair DeMay asked members to review the minutes from the December 5 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

## III. Executive Committee Report

### A. Election to Fill Executive Committee Vacancy

Chair DeMay shared that Laura Oksnevad's term on the St. Anthony-New Brighton school board ended at the end of the year. DeMay reported that the Executive Committee has nominated Oksnevad's colleague on the St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board, Dr. Cassandra Palmer, to fill the remainder of her term. A motion was made and seconded to elect Dr. Palmer to serve the rest of Oksnevad's term on the Executive Committee. The motion was approved.

## IV. Legislative Committee Report

### A. Approval of Updated Position Papers

Executive Director Scott Croonquist reminded board members that AMSD has position papers that are reviewed and updated each year. At its last meeting, the Legislative Committee approved updates to the position papers on Student Mental Health and Teacher Licensure. Croonquist noted that the changes to the Student Mental Health paper reflected new data from the recent Minnesota Student Survey. Croonquist reviewed the change in the opening position statement on the Teacher Licensure paper and noted that this paper was updated with data from the recent Teacher Supply and Demand Report. Chair DeMay asked if there were questions about either of the updated papers. There were no questions, and a motion was made and seconded to approve the updates to the position papers on Student Mental Health and Teacher Licensure. The position papers were approved.

## V. Executive Director's Report

Chair DeMay invited Executive Director Scott Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist reported that there are two more special elections coming up on January 27. Croonquist reported that legislative leaders have agreed on committee deadlines for the 2026 session. March 27 is the policy bill deadline and April 17 is the fiscal bill deadline.

Croonquist reminded board members that the February 6 Board of Directors meeting will be the annual Legislative Session Preview. Croonquist noted that all legislators representing AMSD districts have been invited and he encouraged everyone to extend a personal invitation to their local legislators. Croonquist also shared some suggestions for parking at the event. More information on the Session Preview will be shared in the coming days and weeks.

Croonquist noted that there will be a short break after the Session Preview, which will be followed by a keynote presentation about The Dignity Index in the same room. Additional information on this will also be shared soon.

## VI. Minnetonka Public Schools Presentation

Chair DeMay invited Associate Superintendent Amy LaDue to introduce a group of high school students from Minnetonka High School to share a presentation. The four students shared their presentation *Education Funding in MN: An Equitable Solution to the Funding Crises*. Following their presentation, the students answered questions from board members.

## VII. Guest Speakers

Chair DeMay introduced the speakers from MDE — Dr. Lana Peterson, Dr. Seyma Birinci and Dr. Tai Do — who presented an overview of the results of the 2025 Minnesota Student Survey. Following the presentation, the speakers answered questions from board members.

## VIII. Adjourn

Chair DeMay reminded board members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.