



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
Friday, August 10, 2018, 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Grand Hall, TIES Conference Center, St. Paul, MN

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Steve Adams called the meeting to order at 7:33 am. Adams welcomed the members present and asked if there were any introductions to be made. Several introductions were made.

II. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of May 25 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 25th meeting. The motion was approved.

III. Executive Committee Report

Election of New Executive and Legislative Committee Members

Chair Adams reported that the Executive Committee had nominated the following board members to serve on the Executive Committee for 3 year terms:

Andrea Cuene, School Board Member, Wayzata
David Law, Superintendent, Anoka-Hennepin
Christine Osorio, Superintendent, North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale
John Strobel, School Board Member, Spring Lake Park

Adams asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of nominees. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adams reported that the Executive Committee had nominated the following board members to serve on the Legislative Committee for 3 year terms:

Michelle Witte, School Board Member, South Washington County
Astein Osei, Superintendent, St. Louis Park

Adams asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of nominees. The motion was approved unanimously.

Election of AMSD officers

Chair Adams presented the Executive Committee nominees to serve as AMSD officers for 2018-19:

Chair: Stephanie Levine, School Board Member, West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan
Vice Chair: Andrea Cuene, School Board Member, Wayzata
Treasurer: Aldo Sicoli, Superintendent, Roseville

Adams asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, a motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of nominees. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Recognition of AMSD Chair

New AMSD Chair Stephanie Levine thanked Steve Adams for his leadership as AMSD Chair over the past year. Levine presented Adams with a donation in his honor to the Hopkins Education Foundation in appreciation of his service.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Chair Levine asked Executive Director to give his report. Croonquist took a moment to thank outgoing chair Steve Adams for his service and leadership over the past year and congratulated Stephanie Levine on being elected chair. Croonquist also thanked Superintendent Aldo Sicoli for all of the support he provides to AMSD as treasurer. Croonquist reminded members to sign the attendance sheets on the tables as well as the sheet recording attendance for purposes of earning CEU credits. Croonquist also noted that a copy of the AMSD legislative platform survey was on each table and encouraged members to fill out the hard copy of the survey or to complete it online. Croonquist gave a brief update on the upcoming Primary Election and noted that AMSD will be releasing an election guide following the election. Croonquist noted that the Senate E-12 Policy Committee will be focusing on special education and will be holding hearings in the coming months. Croonquist ended his report by calling attention to the conference save the date flyer that had been posted on the AMSD website. Croonquist noted that the conference will be held on November 28 and encouraged members to put that date on their calendar.

VII. Guest Speaker

Executive Director Croonquist introduced Paula Forbes, J.D., and Nell Matthews, J.D., and asked them to share an update on the Cruz-Guzman Supreme Court Decision. Ms. Forbes and Ms. Matthews provided an overview of Cruz-Guzman Supreme Court decision and possible next steps. Ms. Forbes and Ms. Matthews concluded their presentation by taking a few questions from AMSD board members.

VIII. Guest Speaker

Chair Levine thanked Ms. Forbes and Ms. Matthews for their comprehensive update and then introduced Rose Chu, PhD, Senior Policy Fellow, MN Education Equity Partnership. Dr. Chu shared an overview of the TeachMN2020 Campaign and answered questions from AMSD board members. Chair Levine thanked Dr. Chu for her excellent presentation.

IX. Adjourn

Chair Levine thanked all members for attending and noted that the materials from the meeting are posted on the AMSD website. Chair Levine reminded members of the upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:09 AM.

Attendance:

Cory McIntyre and Al Ickler from Anoka-Hennepin; Nelly Korman from Bloomington; Nan Yurecko from Brooklyn Center; DeeDee Currier from Burnsville-Eagan-Savage; Kathy Kelly and Naty Severson from Columbia HeightsHolly Link and Michelle Ament from Eden Prairie; Jay Haugen and Jason Berg from Farmington; Kim Hiel from Fridley; Jean Lubke from Equity Alliance; Steve Adams from Hopkins; Anne Becker and Sarah Borchers from Intermediate 287; Bob Erickson and Emily McDonald from Lakeville; Barb Duffrin, Lucy Payne and Mike Chevalier from Mahtomedi; Chris Lennox, Sandra Westerman and Jeff Riddlehover from Mounds View; Christine Osorio from North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, Connie Hayes from NE Metro 916; Melissa Jordan from Northwest Suburban; Kim Riesgraf and Mike Ostaffe from Osseo; Teri Staloch and Todd Sorenson from Prior Lake-Savage; Leadriane Roby from Richfield; Kristine Wehrkamp, Stephanie Burrage and Helen Bassett from Robbinsdale; Paul Durand from Rockford; Tony Taschner, Emily Buss, Mary Kreger and Bob Schutte from Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; Todd Anderson and Aldo Sicoli from Roseville; Leah Slye from St. Anthony; Bruce Hentges from St. Cloud; Astein Osei and Anne Casey from St. Louis Park; Lois Pantoja and Joe Gothard from St. Paul; Marilyn Forsberg and John Strobel from Spring Lake Park; Keith Jacobus and Shelly Schafer from South Washington County; Chace Anderson, Andrea Cuene and Cheryl Polzin from Wayzata; Stephanie Levine from West St. Paul; Wayne Kazmierczak, Tim Wald, Marge Newmaster, Sara Paul and Marissa Vette from White Bear Lake; Lori Grivna, Scott Croonquist, Troy Melhus and Sara O'Rourke from AMSD.