



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
Friday, October 5, 2018, 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Grand Hall, TIES Conference Center, St. Paul, MN

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Stephanie Levine called the meeting to order at 7:37 am. Levine welcomed the members present and asked if there were any introductions to be made. Several introductions were made. Chair Levine called members attention to the two attendance sheets on the tables – one to record attendance at the meeting and one to earn CEU hours.

II. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of September 7 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 7th meeting. The motion was approved.

III. Guest Speaker

Chair Stephanie Levine introduced the first guest speaker, Congressman Tim Walz, the DFL endorsed candidate for governor. Congressman Walz shared his background and an overview of his vision for Minnesota and why he is running for governor. Congressman Walz then answered a series of prepared questions asked by AMSD Chair Stephanie Levine. Congressman closed by thanking AMSD members for the invitation and opportunity to speak.

IV. Legislative Committee Report

Executive Director Croonquist asked members to review the updated AMSD position papers on Special Education, English Learner Funding, and Facilities Funding. Croonquist reminded members that the position papers had been approved by the board in previous years and that the proposed changes were to reflect updated demographic data, new research and/or legislative changes enacted in 2018. Chair Levine asked if board members had any feedback or comments. After a brief discussion, Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the slate of position papers. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated position papers. The motion was approved.

V. Executive Director's Report

Chair Levine asked Executive Director Croonquist to offer his report. Croonquist began by announcing that registration is open for AMSD's annual conference on November 28. Croonquist shared a brief overview of the conference and noted that the conference will serve as the first of a two part advocacy training series in preparation for the 2019 legislative session. The second part of the training will take place at the December 7 board of directors meeting. Croonquist next updated members on the Senate Education Policy Committee's continued overview of special education and noted that several AMSD members had testified at recent hearings. Croonquist concluded his report by taking a few questions from AMSD members.

VI. Guest Speaker

Chair Stephanie Levine introduced the next guest speaker, Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson, the Republican endorsed candidate for governor. Commissioner Johnson shared his background and an overview of his vision for Minnesota and why he is running for governor. Commissioner Johnson then answered a series of prepared questions asked by AMSD Chair Stephanie Levine. Commissioner Johnson concluded by thanking AMSD members for the opportunity to speak to them.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Levine thanked board members and guests for coming and noted that the handouts from the meeting are on the AMSD website. Chair Levine also encouraged members to register for the AMSD conference. Chair Levine noted the upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:01 AM.

Attendance:

Les Fujitake and Beth Beebe from Bloomington; Kathy Kelly from Columbia Heights; Clint Christopher and Lisa Anderson from Eastern Carver County; Josh Swanson and Holly Link from Eden Prairie; Sarah Patzloff, Ellen Jones and Owen Michaelson from Edina; Kim Hiel from Fridley; Jean Lubke and Regina Seabrook from Equity Alliance MN; Steve Adams, from Hopkins; Sue Gliva and Dave Bernhardson from Inver Grove Heights; Michael Bauman, Emily McDonald and Bob Erickson from Lakeville; Barb Duffrin and Mike Chevalier from Mahtomedi; Julie Frame from MetroECSU; Josh Downham and Bob Walser from Minneapolis; Dennis Peterson from Minnetonka; Jeff Riddlehoover, Chris Lennox and Sandra Westerman from Mounds View; Marilyn Forsberg and Connie Hayes from NE Metro 916; Christine Osorio from North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, Melissa Jordan from NWSISD; Martha VandeVen from Orono; Patricia Magnuson from Osseo; Teri Staloch from Prior Lake Savage; Peter Toensing and Steve Unowsky from Richfield; Carlton Jenkins and Helen Bassett from Robbinsdale; Paul Durand and Chuck Tryon from Rockford; Tony Taschner, Emily Buss and Mary Kreger from Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; Aldo Sicol and Curtis Johnson from Roseville; Andrea Scamehorn, Renee Corneille and Leah Slye from St. Anthony; Bruce Hentges from St. Cloud; Astein Osei and Anne Casey from St. Louis Park; Keith Jacobus, Michelle Witte, Shelly Schafer from South Washington County; Darren Kermes and Deborah Pauly from SouthWest Metro; Chris Walker and Dave Webb from South St. Paul; John Strobel from Spring Lake Park; Mike Ptacek from Stillwater; Andrea Cuene, Chace Anderson and Cheryl Polzin from Wayzata; Byron Schwab, Maureen Ramirez, Peter Olson-Skog and Stephanie Levine from West St. Paul; Wayne Kazmierczak, Tim Wald, Sara Paul and Marge Newmaster from White Bear Lake; Kris Amundson, Lori Grivna, Scott Croonquist, Troy Melhus and Sara O'Rourke from AMSD.