



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Board of Directors Meeting, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
Friday, April 12, 2019, 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Quora Education Center, 70 County B2W, Little Canada, MN

I. Welcome and Introductions

AMSD Chair Stephanie Levine called the meeting to order at 7:33 am. Levine welcomed the members and asked if there were any introductions to be made.

II. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of March 1 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 1st meeting. The motion was approved.

III. Guest Speaker

Chair Levine introduced the guest speaker, Dr. David Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation & Assessment, Bloomington Public Schools. Dr. Heistad shared a presentation titled *BPS Screening Tools for Dyslexia*. Dr. Heistad's presentation provided an overview of the screening tools used by Bloomington Public Schools to identify characteristics of dyslexia. Dr. Heistad concluded his time by engaging in a question and answer session with AMSD members.

IV. Guest Speaker

Chair Levine thanked Dr. Heistad for his presentation and introduced the next guest speaker, Representative Jim Davnie, Chair, House Education Finance Division. Rep. Davnie reviewed the House Omnibus E-12 Education Bill. Rep. Davnie presented two handouts detailing the House DFL majority tax bill and the E-12 Omnibus bill. Rep. Davnie reviewed the handouts with board members and then concluded his time by engaging in a question and answer session with AMSD members.

V. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Croonquist thanked Representative Davnie for his time and proceeded to offer his report. Croonquist started his report by noting that the latest issue of AMSD's Connections Newsletter had contained a summary of the House and Senate Education bills. Croonquist noted that Rep. Davnie had covered the House bill, so proceeded to share an overview of the Senate bill and noted the differences between the two bills. Croonquist then shared an overview of the deadlines between now and the May 20 session adjournment. Croonquist noted that the legislature will be on break the week of April 15 and will return on April 23. Croonquist informed members that all of the omnibus bills need to pass off the House and Senate floors by May 1. Croonquist encouraged members to contact their local legislators to encourage them to advocate for an education target that will allow them to include AMSD's priorities. Croonquist then updated members on the Reimagine Minnesota initiative and the Cruz-Guzman lawsuit. Croonquist noted the lawsuit had moved into mediation with hopes of reaching a settlement. If a settlement cannot be reached, the case is scheduled to go to trial in July of 2020. Croonquist noted that the Commissioner of Education and the Attorney General are interested in the Reimagine Minnesota initiative and want to explore how it might help settle the lawsuit. Croonquist ended his report by answering questions from AMSD board members. Lastly, Croonquist announced that AMSD office manager Sara O'Rourke has accepted a position with the Mounds View School District and would be leaving AMSD in June.

VI. Guest Speakers

Executive Director Croonquist introduced the final guest speakers, Josh Downham and Carolyn Zachariason from Minneapolis Public Schools. Mr. Downham and Ms. Zachariason shared an overview of third party billing and issues they have uncovered in working with the Department of Human Services including duplicate Medicaid numbers. Ms. Zachariason and Mr. Downham then engaged in a time of discussion and questions from AMSD members.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Levine thanked board members and guests for attending and noted that materials from the meeting are on the AMSD website. Chair Levine noted the upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:03 AM.

Attendance:

Cory McIntyre from Anoka-Hennepin; Cheryl Jechorek from Brooklyn Center; Dee Dee Currier from Burnsville-Eagan-Savage; Naty Severson from Columbia Heights; Holly Link from Eden Prairie; Jay Haugen from Farmington; Kim Hiel from Fridley; Steve Adams from Hopkins; Benjamin Silbergliitt from Intermediate 287; Michael Bauman from Lakeville; Barb Duffrin from Mahtomedi; Dennis Peterson from Minnetonka; Chris Lennox and Diane Glasheen from Mounds View; Marilyn Forsberg and Connie Hayes from NE Metro 916; Nancy Livingston, Peter Mau and Christine Osorio from North St. Paul- Maplewood-Oakdale; Teri Staloch from Prior Lake Savage; Kristine Wehrkamp and Carlton Jenkins from Robbinsdale; Joel Albright, Emily Buss, Mary Kreger and Tony Taschner from Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; Aldo Sicoli, Lisa Chang and Curtis Johnson from Roseville; Renee Corneille and Leah Slye from St. Anthony-New Brighton; Anne Casey from St. Louis Park; Keith Jacobus from South Washington County; hris Walker from South St. Paul; John Strobel and Amy Hennen from Spring Lake Park; Denise Pontrelli and Mike Ptacek and Bob McDowell from Stillwater; Andrea Cuene and Cheryl Polzin from Wayzata; Stephanie Levine and Peter Olson-Skog from West St. Paul; Sara Paul from White Bear Lake; Kris Amundson, Lori Grivna, Scott Croonquist, Troy Melhus and Sara O'Rourke from AMSD.