



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 6, 2019, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Quora Education Center, 70 West County B2, Little Canada, MN

I. Table Discussions Regarding AMSD 2020 Legislative Platform

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Andrea Cuene called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m. Cuene welcomed the members present and asked if there were any introductions to be made. Several introductions were made.

III. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of August 9 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 9 meeting. The motion was approved.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Chair Cuene asked Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist reminded members that there are two attendance sheets at the front table – one for attendance at the board meeting and one for CEU credits. Croonquist reported that the results from the referendum survey of members showed that 12 AMSD members will have questions on the ballot in November. Croonquist reminded members that the AMSD annual conference is on November 13 and that registration will be open today. Croonquist directed members to the platform survey results on the tables, and asked members to write down any additional feedback. Finally, Croonquist reported that Commissioner Ricker is expected to announce a school finance working group sometime soon that will be charged with developing comprehensive recommendations regarding K-12 funding.

V. Overview of Metro Student Conference

Executive Director Croonquist introduced Paula Forbes to share an overview of The Student Conference scheduled for October 21. Before talking about the student conference, Ms. Forbes provided a brief update on the mediation of the Cruz-Guzman lawsuit. Forbes reported that the Minneapolis Foundation has agreed to underwrite the student conference and that they anticipate up to 2,000 students in attendance from high schools throughout the metro area. Forbes noted that charter school students will also be included. Forbes reported that informational toolkits will be sent to all superintendents next week that will include directions for registration. She noted that the conference will be student-led and student-focused. Following her presentation, Forbes fielded a number of questions from members.

VI. Guest Speaker

Chair Cuene introduced Dr. Bill Morris from The Morris Leatherman Company. Dr. Morris shared results from his recent survey which was conducted September 1 – 4. The sample size of the survey was

1,000 and included 800 respondents from the seven county metro area, 100 from Rochester and 100 from St. Cloud. The confidence interval of the survey is plus or minus three percent. Following his presentation, Dr. Morris engaged in a question & answer session with AMSD members.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Cuene thanked members for their attendance and noted that information from the meeting is available on the AMSD website. Cuene reminded members of the upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:08 am.

Attendance:

Al Ickler and David Law from Anoka-Hennepin; Beth Beebe and Les Fujitake from Bloomington; Cheryl Jechorek and Carly Baker from Brooklyn Center; DeeDee Currier and Theresa Battle from Burnsville-Eagan-Savage; Kathy Kelly and Naty Severson from Columbia Heights; Lisa Anderson from Eastern Carver County; Holly Link and Stacie Stanley from Eden Prairie; Owen Michaelson from Edina; Sebastian Witherspoon from Equity Alliance; Kim Hiel from Fridley; Steve Adams and Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed from Hopkins; Mark Zuzek from Intermediate 917; Sue Gliva and Dave Bernhardson from Inver Grove Heights; Michael Baumann and Bob Erickson from Lakeville; Lynne Viker, Patrick Crothers, Barb Duffrin, Courtney McCormick and Alice Seuffert from Mahtomedi; Chris Vitale from Minnetonka; Chris Lennox and Jeff Riddlehoover from Mounds View; Marilyn Forsberg and Connie Hayes from NE Metro 916; Christine Osorio from North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale; Melissa Jordan from Northwest Suburban; Sarah Borchers from Orono; Cory McIntyre and Ron Meyer from Osseo; Teri Staloch and Stacey Ruelle from Prior Lake-Savage; Steve Unowsky from Richfield; Helen Bassett, Carlton Jenkins and Kristine Wehrkamp from Robbinsdale; Julie Workman from Rochester; Paul Durand and Amy Edwards from Rockford; Mary Kreger and Jackie Magnuson from Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; Aldo Sicoli, Karen Schaub and Curtis Johnson from Roseville; Renee Corneille from St. Anthony-New Brighton; Anne Casey and Astein Osei from St. Louis Park; Mike Redmond from Shakopee; Chris Walker and Dave Webb from South St Paul; Keith Jacobus and Shelly Schafer from South Washington County; Darren Kermes from Southwest Metro; John Strobel, Erika Taibl, Jeff Ronneberg and Amy Hennen from Spring Lake Park; Mike Ptacek, Sarah Stivland and Carissa Keister from Stillwater; Andrew Hagen, Monica Dawson, Andrea Cuene and Cheryl Polzin from Wayzata; Stephanie Levine and Peter Olson-Skog from West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan; Tim Wald, Margaret Newmaster and Wayne Kazmierczak from White Bear Lake; Ann Mitchell from MDE; Janie Gholston; Kris Amundson, Lori Grivna, Scott Croonquist, Troy Melhus and Kimberly Jansa from AMSD.