



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Andrea Cuene called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m. Cuene welcomed the members present and asked if there were any introductions to be made. Jason Berg, interim superintendent in Farmington, was introduced.

II. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of November 1 Meeting

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

III. Guest Speakers

Chair Cuene introduced the two guest speakers, Senator Paul Anderson and Senator Greg Clausen. The senators shared an overview of their expectations for the upcoming legislative session, specifically in the areas of early childhood, K-12 education, higher education and workforce development. Following their presentation, Senator Anderson and Senator Clausen engaged in a question and answer session with board members.

IV. Legislative Committee Report

A. Approval of 2020 Legislative Platform

Chair Cuene provided a brief overview of the proposed 2020 legislative platform and reminded members that it had been previously reviewed at last month's meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the platform. The motion was approved.

B. Review and Approval of Updated Position Papers on Assessment, Compensatory Revenue, Charter Schools, Early Childhood Education, School Employee Health Insurance, and Taxpayer Subsidies of Private K-12 Education

Chair Cuene reported that the Legislative Committee had approved updates to the position papers on Assessment, Compensatory Revenue, Charter Schools, Early Childhood Education, School Employee Health Insurance, and Taxpayer Subsidies of Private K-12 Education. The majority of the proposed changes are to update student demographic data, census related statistics, or changes to reflect legislative action taken during the 2019 legislative session. Two papers included modifications to the position statement. The paper on Compensatory Revenue was amended to encourage legislators to consider amending the law to include additional factors to be used in determining student eligibility for compensatory services. The proposed School Employee Health Insurance paper is amended to require approval of all collective bargaining groups and the school board before an individual bargaining unit can move to the Public Employee Insurance Program. A motion was made and seconded to approve the

amendments to the position papers on Assessment, Compensatory Revenue, Charter Schools, Early Childhood Education, School Employee Health Insurance and Taxpayer Subsidies of Private K-12 Education. The motion was approved.

V. Executive Director's Report

Chair Cuene asked Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist thanked AMSD Office Manager Kimberly Jansa for ordering new nametags for the board meetings. He also informed members that there is now just one sign in sheet at the registration table that all board members should sign and that there is a box to check for members seeking continuing education hours for meeting attendance. Croonquist reported that the Minnesota Management and Budget officials released the November State Budget and Economic Forecast yesterday. He reminded members that there will be another forecast released at the end of February and it is that forecast that will be used by the Governor and Legislators to make any adjustments to the budget. Croonquist reported that the projected budget surplus is not as robust as is depicted in the newspaper headlines. He explained that the majority of the projected surplus is considered one-time funding and is not projected to carry over to the 2022-23 biennium. In addition, the forecast does not include inflation for state expenditures in the next biennium and that after accounting for inflation, there would actually be a significant shortfall in the 2022-23 biennium. Croonquist thanked members who attended the AMSD annual conference held on November 13, as well as a special thank you to Minneapolis Public Schools for their presentation. There were 140 attendees at the conference and videos of the presentations are available on the AMSD website. Croonquist shared a brief recap of the Reimagine Minnesota event held yesterday at the Minneapolis Convention Center and noted that he will include a link to the University of Minnesota's full report in the weekly AMSD update. Croonquist reminded board members of the upcoming Legislative Session Preview scheduled for Friday, February 7. He noted that invitations have been sent to AMSD legislators, but Croonquist encouraged members to personally invite their local legislators to join them for the meeting. The agenda for the preview will include a presentation from Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Ricker as well as a legislative panel discussion comprised of the chairs and minority leads of the House and Senate Education Policy Committees. Finally, Croonquist reported that March 17 will be AMSD's Day at the Capitol and he encouraged members to put the date on their calendar.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Cuene thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded members of the upcoming meetings. Chair Cuene adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Attendance:

Al Ickler from Anoka Hennepin; DeeDee Currier and Brian Gersich from Burnsville-Eagan-Savage; Carly Baker and Cheryl Jechorek from Brooklyn Center; Kathy Kelly and Naty Severson from Columbia Heights; Clint Christopher from Eastern Carver County; Josh Swanson and Stacie Stanley from Eden Prairie; Owen Michaelson from Edina; Sebastian Witherspoon from Equity Alliance; Jason Berg from Farmington; Kim Hiel from Fridley; Chris LaTondresse, Catherine Callahan, Steve Adams and Joe Ramlet from Hopkins; Tonya Allen from Intermediate District 287; Dave Bernhardson from Inver Grove Heights; Michael Baumann from Lakeville; Barb Duffrin from Mahtomedi; Ed Graff from Minneapolis; Dennis Peterson and Chris Vitale from Minnetonka; Heidi Danielson, Kim Hartung and Diane Glasheen from Mounds View; Christine Osorio from North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale; Connie Hayes and Marilyn Forsberg from NE Metro 916; Cory McIntyre and Kelsey Dawson Walton from Osseo; Teri Staloch from Prior Lake-Savage; Leadriane Roby and Peter Toensing from Richfield; Kristine Wehrkamp from Robbinsdale; Rhonda Dean and Amy Edwards from Rockford; Mary Kreger from Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; Aldo Sicoli, Todd Anderson, Karen Schaub and Curtis Johnson from Roseville; Dave Webb and Chris Walker from South St. Paul; Pat Driscoll from South Washington County; John Stroebel and Amy Hennen from Spring Lake Park; Renee Corneille and Leah Slye from St. Anthony-New Brighton; Anne Casey from St. Louis Park; Mary Vanderwert from St. Paul; Annette Sallman, Bob McDowell, Sarah Stivland and Mike Ptacek from Stillwater; Chase Anderson, Cheryl Polzin and Andrea Cuene from Wayzata; Peter Olson-Skog and Stephanie Levine from West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan; Tim Wald and Margaret Newmaster from White Bear Lake; Kris Amundson, Scott Croonquist, Troy Melhus and Kimberly Jansa from AMSD.