



## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, January 10, 2020, 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 7:34 a.m. Cuene welcomed the members present and asked if there were any introductions to be made. Several introductions of new school board representatives to the AMSD Board and guests were made.

### **II. Routine Business**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of December 6 Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 6 meeting. The motion was approved.

### **III. Guest Speaker**

Chair Cuene introduced the guest speaker, Commissioner Steve Grove, from the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development. Commissioner Grove highlighted the impact that the changes in technology, automation and demographics have had on our population, specifically related to preparing students to enter the workforce. Commissioner Grove also shared an overview of initiatives he is working on with MN Department of Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker and Higher Education Commissioner Dennis Olson. Following his presentation, Commissioner Grove engaged in a question and answer session with board members.

### **IV. Legislative Committee Report**

#### **A. Review and Approval of Updated Position Paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum and new position paper on Tiered Teacher Licensure**

Chair Cuene reported that the Legislative Committee had approved updates to the position paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum and a new position paper on Tiered Teacher Licensure. The paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum included a few updates to reflect results of last year's elections. The paper on Tiered Teacher Licensure is a new paper to outline AMSD's support of maintaining multiple pathways to licensure. A motion was made and seconded to approve the position papers on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum and Tiered Teacher Licensure. The motion was approved.

### **V. Guest Speakers**

Chair Cuene introduced the next guest speakers, Dr. Thomas Kottke, a cardiologist and medical director for Well-being at HealthPartners and Annie Krapek, senior program manager for Twin Cities Medical Society. Dr. Kottke and Ms. Krapek provided an informative presentation on vaping, including health

risks and tools to address vaping in schools. Following their presentation, Dr. Kottke and Ms. Krapek engaged in a question and answer session with board members.

## **VI. Executive Director's Report**

Chair Cuene asked Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist reminded board members about AMSD's Legislative Session Preview scheduled for February 7. He encouraged board members to extend personal invitations to their local legislators. Croonquist asked members to pick up a packet of AMSD platforms to share with their local legislators, parents, staff and colleagues. Croonquist provided details about a couple of events happening next week. On Monday, January 13, the Senate Republicans are holding a press conference to outline their priorities for the upcoming session. Also on Monday, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page are holding an event to discuss their proposal for a constitutional amendment to make quality education a fundamental right for all Minnesota children. The link to livestream this event will be included in the AMSD Update sent out later today. Croonquist noted that the proposal will likely receive a great deal of discussion during the legislative session and he encouraged board members to share their feedback on the proposed amendment and any other pertinent topics. Croonquist noted that the AMSD Day at the Capitol is March 17 and encouraged members to mark the date on their calendar.

## **VII. 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:***

David Law, Al Ickler, Jeff Simon and Erin Heers-McArdle from Anoka Hennepin; Les Fujitake, Beth Beebe and Nelly Korman from Bloomington; Theresa Battle and DeeDee Currier from Burnsville-Eagan-Savage; Cheryl Jechorek from Brooklyn Center; Naty Severson from Columbia Heights; Lisa Anderson from Eastern Carver County; Josh Swanson, Stacie Stanley, Terri Swartout, Aaron Casper and Holly Link from Eden Prairie; Jason Berg from Farmington; Kim Hiel from Fridley; Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed, Catherine Callahan and Steve Adams from Hopkins; Shane Steinbrecher from ISD 728; Mark Zuzek and Kathy Lewis from Intermediate District 917; Dave Bernhardson from Inver Grove Heights; Michael Baumann and Bob Erickson from Lakeville; Mike Chevalier from Mahtomedi; Josh Downham from Minneapolis; Dennis Peterson and Chris Vitale from Minnetonka; Diane Glasheen from Mounds View; Christine Osorio and Nancy Livingston from North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale; Connie Hayes and Marilyn Forsberg from NE Metro 916; Cory McIntyre and Ron Meyer from Osseo; Teri Staloch and Stacy Ruelle from Prior Lake-Savage; Leadriane Roby and Peter Toensing from Richfield; Helen Bassett and Kristine Wehrkamp from Robbinsdale; Julie Workman from Rochester; Rhonda Dean and Amy Edwards from Rockford; Joel Albright from Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; Aldo Sicoli, Karen Schaub and Curtis Johnson from Roseville; Dave Webb and Chris Walker from South St. Paul; Keith Jacobus from South Washington County; Erika Taibl, John Stroebel and Amy Hennen from Spring Lake Park; Renee Corneille and Wendy Webster from St. Anthony-New Brighton; Astein Osei and Anne Casey from St. Louis Park; Joe Gothard, Steve Marchese and Zuki Ellis from St. Paul; Mustafa Ibrahim from STEP Academy; Annette Sallman, Bob McDowell, Sarah Stivland and Mike Ptacek from Stillwater; Andrea Cuene from Wayzata; Tim Wald and Margaret Newmaster from White Bear Lake; Kris Amundson, Lori Grivna, Scott Croonquist, Troy Melhus and Kimberly Jansa from AMSD.