



## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, October 2, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Quora Education Center, 70 West County B2, Little Canada, MN  
Also conducted via Zoom

### **I. Welcome**

Chair Curtis Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. Johnson welcomed everyone physically in attendance at Quora and those participating remotely.

### **II. Routine Business**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of September 11 Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 11 meeting. The motion was approved.

### **III. Presentation of 2020 AMSD Friend of Public Education Awards**

Chair Johnson presented Dr. Nicola Alexander and Dr. Michael Rodriguez, both from the University of Minnesota, with AMSD's 2020 Friend of Public Education Awards. Dr. Alexander and Dr. Rodriguez shared a few words of gratitude for the recognition and continued partnership.

### **IV. Guest Speaker**

Chair Johnson introduced Superintendent Christine Tucci Osorio, co-chair of the School Finance Working Group, who provided some background information on the work of the group. Superintendent Tucci Osorio then introduced Dr. Tom Melcher of the Minnesota Department of Education. Dr. Melcher presented a summary of the group's draft recommendations. Following his presentation, Dr. Melcher answered questions from members.

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

Executive Director Scott Croonquist offered his congratulations and gratitude to the Friend of Public Education Award winners. He reported that there will likely be another special session around October 12 when the current peacetime emergency order expires. Croonquist shared that there is a possibility the bonding bill will be addressed in the next session. Croonquist noted that the last AMSD Update included information on a forum that will be hosted by former Supreme Court Justice Alan Page and Minneapolis Federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari for educators to discuss their proposed constitutional amendment on October 6. The Legislative Committee is reviewing the amendment and will be developing a position paper on the proposal. Croonquist noted that work on the legislative platform is underway and a draft should be ready for review at the next Board of Directors meeting with final approval in December. Croonquist reported the Legislative Committee is also working on updating the 13 AMSD position papers. Croonquist reminded members that the 2020 Election Issues Guide is available on the website and encouraged everyone to use it to engage and educate local legislative

candidates. Croonquist asked that any feedback regarding this hybrid meeting be shared with him to be sure proper enhancements are made going forward. Croonquist thanked AMSD Communications Director Troy Melhus and Office Manager Kimberly Jansa for their work in preparing for the hybrid board meeting.

## **VI. Adjourn**

Chair Johnson thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded members of the upcoming meetings. There being no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.