



## Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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### AMSD Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, October 30, 2020, 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Conducted via Zoom

<b>Members Present:</b>	Lisa Anderson	Renee Corneille	Andrea Cuene
	Kelsey Dawson Walton		Zuki Ellis
	Marilynn Forsberg (alt)		
	Kim Hiel	Curtis Johnson	David Law
	Astein Osei	Christine Osorio	Mike Redmond
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
<b>Guests Present:</b>	Kris Amundson	Mary Dougherty	Josh Downham

### I. Approval of Minutes of September 25 Meeting

Chair Curtis Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:51 a.m. Chair Johnson asked members to review the minutes from the September 25 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

### II. Executive Director's Report

Chair Johnson asked Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist reported that the legislature passed a comprehensive bill during the October special session that included the omnibus bonding bill as well as tax provisions and a few supplemental appropriations. There were no education-related provisions included in the bill. The Governor will likely call another special session in November to renew the peacetime emergency.

Croonquist shared that AMSD superintendents are meeting regularly via Zoom to communicate challenges, share best practices and support each other. Croonquist shared summaries of surveys that AMSD conducted on behalf of the superintendents including surveys on enrollment, equity policies/statements and the metrics being used to transition between learning models and make decisions related to athletics and activities.

Croonquist noted that three AMSD districts (Fridley, Orono & Shakopee) have referendum questions on the ballot on November 3 and wished them success.

Croonquist invited Superintendent Christine Tucci Osorio to provide an update on the School Finance Working Group. Superintendent Osorio reported that the work is winding down. She noted that the working group members submitted ballots to indicate their respective priorities for inclusion in the final report. The final decision was to include all of the recommendations in the report. The proposals that gathered the strongest consensus were related to the 80/20/10 proposal to reform the general education revenue program including recognizing geographic

cost differences and tying the formula to inflation. The working group has one more meeting where it will adopt the final report and present it to Commissioner Ricker.

### **III. Discussion of DRAFT 2021 Legislative Platform**

Executive Director Croonquist reviewed a draft of the 2021 legislative platform. Croonquist noted that the platform is a reflection of the feedback AMSD received from a survey of AMSD board members as well as district staff such as business managers and communications directors. Members discussed several sections of the platform and how aggressive the platform should be given the projected state budget deficit. The draft will be shared with board members at the next meeting and board members will have an opportunity to discuss it in breakout sessions.

### **IV. Approval of AMSD Position Papers**

Executive Director Croonquist shared an overview of the updates to the position papers on Assessment, Charter Schools, Compensatory Revenue, Taxpayer Subsidies for Private K-12 Education and Tiered Licensure for Teachers. Croonquist thanked Superintendent Renee Corneille for her work in updating the Assessment position paper. Superintendent Corneille noted that she worked with St. Louis Park Assessment Director Silvy Lafayette to update the paper. Croonquist asked members if there was any feedback. A couple of suggestions were offered to the Compensatory Revenue position paper. Croonquist indicated that staff will implement the changes and a revised version will be brought to the committee in November for approval.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the position papers on Assessment, Charter Schools, Taxpayer Subsidies for Private K-12 Education, and Tiered Licensure for Teachers. The position papers were approved.

### **V. Adjourn**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.