



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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AMSD Legislative Committee Meeting Friday, May 14, 2021, 7:30 am – 9:00 am Conducted via Zoom

Members Present:	Lisa Anderson Nicole Hayes (alt) Astein Osei John Stroebel	Renee Corneille Kim Hiel Christine Osorio	Andrea Cuene Curtis Johnson Mike Redmond
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Mary Dougherty	Josh Downham

I. Approval of Minutes of April 30 Meeting

Chair Curtis Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. Johnson asked members to review the minutes from the April 30 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 update. Croonquist reported that it is almost certain the legislature will once again need a special session to adopt the biennial budget. The E-12 Conference Committee has met regularly but has only reached agreement on a few relatively minor policy issues. The conference committee is not able to adopt finance provisions until the Governor and legislative leaders determine spending targets for the various finance committees. Croonquist reported that most of the AMSD conference committee priorities are still on the table but the spending target will largely determine how many are able to be included in the final bill. AMSD consultants Kris Amundson and Lori Grivna noted that House and Senate negotiators remain deadlocked on several policy issues including police reform, the Governor's emergency power authority, elections and clean car rules. Croonquist noted that the peacetime emergency will expire on June 14, at which time the Governor will likely call a special session to renew the order.

III. Discussion of Topic and Timing of Annual Conference

Executive Director Croonquist asked members for feedback regarding the AMSD annual conference this fall. Potential topics suggested were personalized learning, student mental health, "coming back better" and student engagement. AMSD staff will do some research on venue availability and costs and bring that information to the next committee meeting.

IV. Adjourn

With no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.