



## Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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### Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, August 27, 2021, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Room 301, Anderson Center, Bethel University, Arden Hills, MN

Also conducted via Zoom

<b>Members Present:</b>	Lisa Anderson	Crystal Brakke	Mary Frances Clardy
	Renee Corneille	Kelsey Dawson Walton	Zuki Ellis
	Kim Hiel	Curtis Johnson	Mary Kreger
	Jill Lofald	Bob McDowell	Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed
	Mike Redmond		

<b>Staff Present:</b>	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
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<b>Guests Present:</b>	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Mary Dougherty	Josh Downham
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### I. Approval of Minutes of July 16 Meeting

Chair Dawson Walton called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. Dawson Walton asked members to review the minutes from the July 16 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

### II. Executive Director's Report

Chair Dawson Walton asked Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist reported that it is relatively quiet on the legislative front. A special session is anticipated to convene sometime in September to review recommendations from the Frontline Worker Pay Group that has been established to determine how to allocate \$250 million in bonus pay to frontline workers in recognition of their work during the pandemic. Croonquist reported that the Office of the Legislative Auditor is conducting an evaluation regarding MDE's role in addressing the achievement gap and that Superintendents Renee Corneille and Astein Osei have volunteered to review and comment on the draft survey that will be sent to superintendents. Croonquist shared that the MCA results are being released publicly this morning.

Croonquist reminded committee members of the upcoming AMSD conference scheduled for November 17. Dr. David Heistad and Dr. Julio Caesar from Bloomington Public Schools will present at the conference on their Return on Investment study using the Statewide Longitudinal Data System to follow Bloomington students through their post-high school journeys. There will also be breakout sessions hosted by AMSD districts highlighting their work on the Reimagine Minnesota strategies as well as an unconference component.

### III. Review and Discussion of Draft Updates to the Strategic Plan

Chair Dawson Walton turned the meeting over to Lisa Anderson, who provided a strategic planning update. Anderson asked Executive Director Croonquist to provide a brief overview of the history of AMSD to committee members. Croonquist informed the new committee members that the previous legislative committee had been working on the updates since last spring and had held a half-day strategic planning retreat in July. A subcommittee continued the work following the July retreat to draft updated vision and mission statements and strategic priorities. Anderson shared the draft updates with the committee members and asked for feedback. Several suggestions were offered to refine the vision and mission statements. Following a robust discussion, the group reached a consensus on new vision and mission statements:

Vision: Reimagine public education  
Mission: Advocate for member school districts so they can lead the transformation of public education

A motion was made and seconded to approve these vision and mission statements. The motion was approved.

Anderson noted that she will continue to work with AMSD staff on the strategic priorities and developing metrics to measure progress on the priorities and bring a draft to the September meeting.

#### **IV. Review Results of Legislative Platform Survey**

Executive Director Croonquist highlighted the results of the legislative platform survey. Croonquist noted that this is the first step in the platform development process and that 24 AMSD board members had completed the survey. Croonquist will use the survey results to draft an outline of issues to be included in the 2022 platform for the next meeting. He noted the following timeline:

September	outline of platform reviewed and discussed by legislative committee
October	draft of legislative platform review and discussion by committee
November	draft legislative platform shared with Board of Directors for feedback
December	adoption of platform by Board of Directors.

#### **V. Discussion of Friend of Public Education Award**

Executive Director Croonquist shared an overview of the history of AMSD's Friend of Public Education Award. The committee members discussed a few potential recipients of the award for this year. This discussion will continue at the next committee meeting.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

There being no other business before the committee, Chair Dawson Walton adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.