



## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

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Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, November 5, 2021, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.  
Quora Education Center, 70 West County B2, Little Canada, MN  
Hybrid Meeting – In person and via Zoom

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

AMSD Vice Chair Mary Frances Clardy called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Clardy welcomed everyone and asked if there were any introductions. A few introductions were made.

### **II. Routine Business**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of October 1 Meeting**

Vice Chair Clardy asked members to review the minutes from the October 1 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

### **III. Guest Speaker**

Vice Chair Clardy introduced Dr. Todd Beach, Lead Social Studies Teacher in District 196 and a member of the Social Studies Standards Review Committee. Dr. Beach provided a comprehensive overview of the recently completed social studies standards revision process. After the presentation, Dr. Beach answered questions from board members.

### **IV. Presentation of AMSD 2021 Friend of Public Education Award**

Vice Chair Clardy presented Paula Forbes with AMSD's 2021 Friend of Public Education Award. Clardy noted Forbes' facilitation of the development of the Reimagine Minnesota plan with AMSD superintendents and her passion and commitment to reforming our education system so each and every student receives an equitable and excellent education. Forbes shared words of gratitude for the recognition and continued partnership.

### **V. Executive Committee Report**

#### **A. Report on AMSD FY 2021 Audit**

Vice Chair Clardy reported that the AMSD audit for fiscal year 2021 was recently completed with a clean opinion. Clardy noted that the final audit report and management letters were posted on the AMSD website for review.

### **VI. Legislative Committee Report**

#### **A. Approval of Position Papers on Compensatory Revenue, Early Childhood Education, English Learner Funding, Special Education and Tiered Teacher Licensure**

Executive Director Scott Croonquist reminded board members that every year, the position papers are reviewed and updated to reflect new demographic data, research, or actions taken during the previous legislative session. Croonquist reported that the Legislative Committee had approved updates to the position papers on Compensatory Revenue, Early Childhood Education, English Learner Funding, Special Education and Tiered Teacher Licensure. The Compensatory Revenue paper is the only one with a change in the position – adding advocacy for using factors beyond eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch to determine the level of funding.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated position papers on Compensatory Revenue, Early Childhood Education, English Learner Funding, Special Education and Tiered Teacher Licensure. The position papers were approved.

## **B. Review of Draft 2022 Legislative Platform**

Executive Director Croonquist provided an overview of the draft platform and noted that the proposed draft reflects the results of the survey sent to AMSD Board Members and district staff. Croonquist asked board members to review the draft and to reach out to him or any member of the legislative committee with feedback.

## **VII. Review and Discussion of Draft of Updated Strategic Plan**

Vice Chair Clardy asked Lisa Anderson to share an overview of the updated AMSD strategic plan. Anderson reviewed the strategic plan timeline and highlighted the updates. Anderson shared a one-page document that included the updated belief statements, vision, mission, and strategic priorities that have been approved by the legislative committee. The board members were divided into small groups facilitated by legislative committee members to discuss the updates and share feedback. The committee will review the feedback and bring a revised strategic plan to the December board meeting for final approval.

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

Vice Chair Clardy asked Executive Director Croonquist to present his report. Croonquist extended his congratulations to Paula Forbes. Croonquist noted that it was a fairly successful election for school referendums, with 13 of 18 questions passing for AMSD member districts. Four of the questions that did not pass lost by 115 votes or less. Croonquist also extended his congratulations to the school board members who won their elections.

Croonquist reported that the Frontline Worker Pay Group has not reached an agreement. He noted that the governor and legislative leaders continue to negotiate the terms of the special session with several issues still to resolve.

Croonquist reminded board members that registration for the upcoming annual conference closes on November 10. The conference will include an “unconference” component, and Croonquist invited Supt. Christine Tucci Osorio to provide some insight on what that will look like. Supt. Tucci Osorio explained how the unconference will work and encouraged board members to invite their school board colleagues and staff leaders to attend the conference.

## **IX. Adjourn**

Vice Chair Clardy thanked everyone for their attendance. With no further business, Clardy adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.