



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, January 28, 2022, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

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

Hybrid meeting with Zoom option

Members Present:	Jason Bodey (alt.) Renee Corneille Curtis Johnson Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed	Crystal Brakke Kelsey Dawson Walton Mary Kreger Mike Redmond	Mary Frances Clardy Zuki Ellis Bob McDowell
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Mary Dougherty	Josh Downham

I. Approval of Minutes of December 17 Meeting

Chair Dawson Walton called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m. Dawson Walton asked members to review the minutes from the December 17 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 update. Croonquist reported that the 2022 legislative session convenes on Monday, Jan. 31. He noted the last week has been filled with press conferences, committee hearings, and meetings with legislators. Gov. Walz released his supplemental budget proposal and legislative leaders outlined their session priorities. Croonquist shared that the first bill introductions for the session were released in the House. He also noted that legislative leaders have announced the committee deadlines for the session.

Croonquist thanked Superintendents Corneille, McDowell and Mhiripiri-Reed for their great presentations at the Session Preview held on Jan. 7. He noted that we had about 200 attendees in total, with the majority joining via zoom.

Croonquist reported that a working group has been formed to review and discuss the potential implementation of the Page Amendment. Mahtomedi Superintendent Barb Duffrin is a co-chair of the working group and a few other AMSD superintendents are serving on the group.

III. Review and Discussion of Governor's Supplemental Budget Proposal

Executive Director Croonquist reported that Gov. Walz's supplemental budget recommendations total about \$785 million in FY 2023 and \$1.7 billion in the 2024-25 biennium for E-12 education. The specific bill language has not yet been released so all the details of the proposal are not yet clear.

Croonquist shared an overview of the Governor's budget recommendations with the committee members.

IV. Review Session Priorities

Executive Director Croonquist reminded committee members that it has been AMSD's practice to approve a streamlined version of the legislative platform after gathering information from legislators and getting a better idea of which issues have the best chance of advancing. Croonquist noted that feedback will be sought from board members at the February meeting and a draft 2022 Legislative Priorities document will be brought to the legislative committee for review and adoption at the next meeting. Croonquist noted that the more focused we can be in our priorities, the better chance we will have for success.

V. Discussion of Topic for Fall Conference

Executive Director Croonquist asked committee members to share their thoughts about a potential topic for the 2022 conference. Committee members discussed a few ideas and agreed to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Dawson Walton reminded members of upcoming meetings. There being no other business before the committee, Dawson Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.