



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2022, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Conducted via Zoom

Members Present:	Lisa Anderson Renee Corneille Jill Lofald	Crystal Brakke Kelsey Dawson Walton Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed	Mary Frances Clardy Mary Kreger Mike Redmond
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Amy Cooper	Mary Dougherty

I. Approval of Minutes of April 29 Meeting

Chair Kelsey Dawson Walton called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m. Dawson Walton asked members to review the minutes from the April 29 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

II. Executive Director's Report

Chair Kelsey Dawson Walton asked Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist thanked members for their participation in the press conference and Day of Advocacy that took place at the State Capitol on Monday. Croonquist thanked Director of Communications and Advocacy Troy Melhus for his work organizing the event in collaboration with Kim Lewis at MSBA. There was good media coverage of the press conference around the state which will be highlighted in today's AMSD Update.

Croonquist reported that it has been a busy week at the Capitol, where we are down to the last 10 days of the legislative session. All supplemental budget bills are in conference committee. The E-12 Education Conference Committee met several times this week to discuss a compromise between the House and Senate bills. The House and Senate alternate chairing the committee hearings. Croonquist reported that legislative leaders continue to meet and reminded committee members that the deadline for passing bills is next Sunday at midnight.

Croonquist reported that there was a breakthrough on student data privacy yesterday. The Senate took up SF2353 and amended it to include the compromise language on student data privacy. Croonquist explained that the bill maintains new requirements on technology vendors to ensure student privacy and security but does not allow parents to opt out of technology platforms necessary for school operations and digital instruction.

Croonquist reported that MN Management and Budget released the April Monthly Revenue report showing net general fund revenues \$1.1 billion over forecast for the month. This does not impact negotiations in the final days of the current session, however, as the Governor and Legislators will use the February Forecast to make any tax and supplemental spending decisions.

Croonquist encouraged committee members to continue advocating!

III. Continued Discussion of AMSD Fall Conference

Executive Director Croonquist reported that the issues and concerns discussed at our previous committee meeting have been shared with AMSD superintendents in a recent meeting. All agree that the fall conference be holistic in nature, addressing school climate and social/emotional health of both students and adults. Croonquist shared that Metro ECSU is interested in partnering with us on the conference and he has been working with John Schultz to define the scope. In addition, there has been a planning group of superintendents identified.

Croonquist asked committee members to save the date of November 10 for the conference which will again be held at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest.

IV. Adjourn

Chair Dawson Walton reminded members of upcoming meetings. There being no other business before the committee, Dawson Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:19 a.m.