



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

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

Hybrid meeting with Zoom option

Members Present:	Crystal Brakke Zuki Ellis Jill Lofald Bev Petrie	Mary Frances Clardy Marcus Hill Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Lisa Sayles-Adams	Kelsey Dawson Walton Mary Kreger Laura Oksnevad (alt.) Stacie Stanley
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson	Mary Dougherty	Josh Downham

I. Approval of Minutes of September 30 Meeting

Chair Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:54 a.m. Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the September 30 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

II. Executive Director's Report

Chair Brakke asked Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist reminded committee members that registration would close soon for the conference scheduled for November 10 at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. He also encouraged members to share registration information with their board colleagues and district staff.

Croonquist provided an update on the Together We Make a Difference initiative with the MN State High School League to address racial harm incidents in school activities. There were seven regional meetings attended by more than 1,200 students and dozens of activity directors, principals, superintendents, school board members and others. The students involved did a great job! Many common themes emerged from these meetings. Earlier this week, Forbes Solutions facilitated a Synthesis Workshop attended by a group of students, activity directors, principals, and superintendents to review the data collected at the regional meetings and identify common themes and ideas. Paula Forbes and her team will now summarize the information and develop a report that will serve as the foundation for a statewide student conference that is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 5. Dario Ortero and Robin Francis from Forbes Solutions will be at our November Board of Directors meeting to provide an update on the initiative and share a video.

III. Review and Discussion of Draft Legislative Platform

Executive Director Croonquist reviewed the draft legislative platform, which was developed from the outline reviewed during the previous meeting. Croonquist also noted that the draft platform is strictly text at this point and that graphs and/or photos will be added to the next iteration. The committee had a robust discussion about several items on the draft platform. Croonquist will edit the draft based on

the feedback from the committee. The draft will then be reviewed by the board of directors at the November meeting for further review and discussion. This committee will need to approve the final platform at the meeting scheduled for November 18.

IV. Review of Standing Position Papers

Chair Brakke next turned to a discussion of six standing position papers and a session brief for review. The position papers were on Compensatory Revenue, Early Childhood Education, English Learner Revenue, Mandate Reduction and Local Control, Taxpayer Subsidies for Nonpublic K-12 Education, School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum and the Session Brief is on the Proposed Constitutional Amendment. The papers have been updated to reflect current demographic data, new research, and to reflect legislative action from the last session. Croonquist reported that no significant changes were proposed to these papers. Croonquist said that the paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum will be held until next month so it can be updated to reflect the results of the election.

Croonquist shared that he and Chair Brakke discussed revisiting the Guns on School Property paper following the compelling presentation of the guest speaker at last month's board meeting. Committee members agreed that they would like to develop a more comprehensive paper on Guns on School Property.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated position papers on Compensatory Revenue, Early Childhood Education, English Learner Funding, Mandate Reduction and Local Control, Taxpayer Subsidies for Nonpublic K-12 Education, and the Session Brief on Proposed Constitutional Amendment. The position papers were approved.

V. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Brakke reminded members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.