



## Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, December 2, 2022, 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 Chair Crystal Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Brakke welcomed everyone and asked if there were any introductions. A few introductions were made.

### II. Routine Business

#### A. Approval of Minutes of November 4 Meeting

Chair Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the November 4 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

### III. Guest Speakers

Chair Brakke introduced Jon Alfuth and Anne Olson from KnowledgeWorks. Mr. Alfuth and Ms. Olson discussed transforming public education through competency-based education and personalized learning opportunities for students. They shared key policy areas and examples from other states as well as ideas for how Minnesota might move forward. Following their presentation, Alfuth and Olson answered questions from board members.

### IV. Executive Committee Report

#### A. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Chair Brakke shared that two current executive committee will be transitioning off the committee at the end of the year. Brakke thanked Mary Frances Clardy and Kelsey Dawson Walton for their contributions to the committee and presented them with a gift on behalf of the AMSD Board of Directors in appreciation of their service.

### V. Legislative Committee Report

#### A. Approval of 2023 Legislative Platform

Chair Brakke reported that the 2023 Legislative Platform was approved by the Legislative Committee and the platform was before the board of directors today for approval. She noted that the proposed platform was very similar to the draft reviewed at the previous board meeting with some formatting changes made and the addition of a graph showing the history of the funding formula. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023 Legislative Platform. The platform was approved.

#### B. Review and Approval of Position Paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum

Chair Brakke reported that the position paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum was recently revised to include results from the November election. Brakke shared that there were no other substantive changes to the paper and asked members to review it. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated position paper on School Board Renewal of an Operating Referendum. The position paper was approved.

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

Brakke invited Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist thanked Mary Frances Clardy and Kelsey Dawson Walton for their service on the executive committee and their contributions to AMSD and public education.

Croonquist shared that the statewide student conference organized through the Together We Make a Difference initiative has been scheduled for January 13 at Park Center High School. Croonquist thanked Supt. Cory McIntyre and his team for their work with Forbes Solutions and the MN State High School League in planning the conference. Croonquist noted that Forbes Solutions will be sending an invitation and registration information out soon to superintendents, high school principals, coaches, and athletic directors.

Croonquist noted that the state budget forecast will be released on December 6. The Governor's budget proposal is due to the Legislature by January 24.

Croonquist reminded members of the Legislative Session Preview scheduled for January 6. The event is scheduled to be held in a hybrid format. Croonquist shared that all legislators that represent AMSD districts have been invited, and he encouraged members to also extend a personal invitation to their local legislators. Croonquist noted that Rep. Cheryl Youakim and Sen. Mary Kunesh, the incoming chairs of the House and Senate Education Finance Committees, are confirmed to serve on a legislative leadership panel. The ranking minority leads of the committee will also be invited once they are named. An invitation has also been extended to Gov. Walz to share some remarks.

Croonquist also let board members know that AMSD's Day at the Capitol has been scheduled for March 8.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Chair Brakke reminded members of the upcoming meetings and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair Brakke adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.