



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, February 24, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Conducted remotely via Zoom

Members Present:	Crystal Brakke Marcus Hill Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Lisa Sayles-Adams	Renee Corneille Jill Lofald Lucy Payne Stacie Stanley	Zuki Ellis Mary Kreger Bev Petrie
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson	Josh Downham	Lori Grivna

I. Approval of Minutes of January 27 Meeting

Chair Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the January 27 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 asked committee members to review the draft 2023-2024 AMSD Meeting Schedule. Croonquist requested that committee members let him know if they are aware of any conflicts with key conferences or events. The final calendar will be distributed in March.

Croonquist reported that the first six weeks of the session have been full of action, with a lull this week due to the winter storm. Extra hearings have been added next week to make up for the ones canceled the past few days. The first committee deadline is March 10. Croonquist shared that most of AMSD's legislative priorities have been heard in committee and remain alive for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Croonquist reported that Minnesota Management and Budget will present the February 2023 Budget and Economic Forecast on Monday, February 27. This forecast will establish the final parameters the Governor and Legislature will use to develop the biennial budget.

Croonquist reminded committee members of AMSD's Day at the Capitol which will take place on March 8. Croonquist urged members to schedule meetings with their local legislators if they haven't already done so. Croonquist also shared that MASA and MSBA are planning a joint Day at the Capitol on March 20.

III. Discussion and Approval of 2023 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 shared that since we are awaiting the budget forecast, and do not yet have the House and Senate budget targets or Governor's budget adjustments, it might be most prudent to wait until next month to discuss and approve the Session Priorities.

IV. Review and Discussion of AMSD Position on Significant Legislation

Croonquist shared a list of significant education-related bills that have been introduced this session. The bills are not necessarily on AMSD's platform, but they are bills that could have a significant impact on our member districts. Croonquist reviewed the bills and asked committee members for feedback and direction about AMSD's position on each bill. Chair Brakke noted that we will continue to refer to this list as we move through the session.

V. Discussion of Potential Topics for Fall Conference

Chair Brakke noted that we will discuss topics for the fall conference at next month's meeting. Executive Director Croonquist asked that any ideas be shared with him in the meantime.

VI. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Brakke reminded members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.