



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, April 14, 2023, 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 7:33 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 March 3 Meeting

Chair Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the March 3 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Guest Speakers

Chair Brakke introduced Rep. Heather Edelson, MDE Asst. Commissioner Bobbie Burnham and Sen. Erin Maye Quade. The speakers provided a comprehensive overview of the Read Act. The speakers then engaged with board members in a robust question-and-answer session. Asst. Commissioner Burnham also shared an overview of the proposed new state agency – The Department of Children, Youth and Families.

IV. Executive Committee Report

Chair Brakke reminded board members that it has been AMSD's practice to approve a streamlined version of the legislative platform a few months into the session after getting a better idea of which issues have the best chance of advancing. Brakke asked board members to review the proposed AMSD 2023 Conference Committee Priorities document, which was approved by the AMSD Legislative Committee at their last meeting. There was a discussion among board members about how best to utilize this document in their advocacy efforts. A motion was made and seconded to approve the AMSD 2023 Conference Committee Priorities. The document was approved.

V. Executive Director's Report

Brakke then invited Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist shared that the 2023-2024 AMSD Board Meeting Calendar has been posted to the website and asked members to add the dates to their calendars.

Croonquist shared a recap of AMSD's Day at the Capitol which was held on March 8. Over 100 people came to the Capitol to meet with their local legislators, attend committee meetings, and advocate for AMSD's legislative priorities. Croonquist thanked all who participated.

Croonquist reported that committee deadlines have passed. The omnibus finance bills still need to clear the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees before moving to the floor. Conference committees will likely not begin until the end of April. Croonquist reminded members that the mandatory date of adjournment is May 22.

Croonquist reviewed a document summarizing the education proposals from the Governor, House and Senate as they relate to AMSD's priorities. He also provided an overview of several other significant issues including major changes proposed to the Public Employment Labor Relations Act. Board members shared thoughts on a variety of issues. Croonquist urged board members to continue their advocacy efforts and share feedback with him.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Brakke reminded members of the upcoming meetings and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair Brakke adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.