



## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

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Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, March 3, 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.

### **II. Routine Business**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of February 3 Meeting**

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

### **III. Guest Speakers**

Chair Brakke introduced Sen. Steve Cwudzinski, Chair of the Senate Education Policy Committee and Rep. Laurie Pryor, Chair of the House Education Policy Committee. Sen. Cwudzinski and Rep. Pryor shared an overview of the session and the work of their respective committees and then engaged in a robust question-and-answer session with board members.

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

Brakke asked if there were any introductions. A few introductions were made.

Brakke then invited Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist noted that it has been another very busy week at the Capitol. With the first committee deadline coming up on March 10, the House and Senate Education Policy Committees will likely release their omnibus bills this week. Croonquist also reminded members of other important dates: March 24 is the second committee deadline; April 4 is the third committee deadline and there will be a legislative break April 5-10.

Croonquist reported that Minnesota Management and Budget released the February forecast earlier this week, revealing a \$17.5 billion projected surplus. Of the total amount, \$12.5 billion is carried forward from the previous biennium and is one-time money. For the first time in 20 years, inflation is built into the forecast due to legislation signed into law last week.

Croonquist shared that the Governor's budget bill was released yesterday, including the BOLD literacy proposal. Croonquist noted that attention will now shift to funding committees with the policy committees wrapping up their omnibus bills.

Croonquist reviewed the details of several significant education-related bills with board members.

Croonquist reminded board members that AMSD's Day at the Capitol is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 8 and encouraged members to schedule meetings with local legislators if they haven't already done so.

#### **V. Guest Speakers**

Executive Director Croonquist introduced AMSD Legislative Consultants Kris Amundson and Lori Grivna. Amundson and Grivna shared a presentation about effective legislative advocacy and shared some tips on how to engage with legislators at the Capitol.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

Chair Brakke reminded members of the upcoming meetings and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair Brakke adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.