



## Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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### Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, March 31, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Conducted remotely via Zoom

<b>Members Present:</b>	Tim Anderson (alt.) Renee Corneille Mary Kreger Lucy Payne	Crystal Brakke Zuki Ellis Bob McDowell Bev Petrie	Thomas Brooks Marcus Hill Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Lisa Sayles-Adams
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa
<b>Guests Present:</b>	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Josh Downham	Jim Grathwol

### I. Approval of Minutes of February 24 Meeting

Chair Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the February 24 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 noted that the House and Senate Education Finance Committees approved their respective Omnibus Education Finance Bills. The bills were referred to the House and Senate Taxes Committees. The legislature will be on a break from April 5-10. Following the break, the bills will need to clear the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees before moving to the floor. Conference committees will likely not begin until near the end of April. Croonquist reviewed a comparison document showing how the 2023 Education Omnibus Bills align with AMSD's priorities.

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

Croonquist also shared the MSHSL Summary Report on the Together We Make a Difference initiative. This initial report was prepared by Forbes Solutions, and highlights the input received and the feedback gathered. The report is the first step in the process of creating a student code of conduct.

### 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 a few months into the session and getting a better idea of which issues have the best chance of advancing. Croonquist shared the draft AMSD

Conference Committees Priorities document and asked for feedback from committee members. A few edits to the document were suggested. Croonquist will make the suggested changes and send to committee members for approval before bringing the document to the Board of Directors on April 14.

#### **IV. Review and Discussion of AMSD Position on Significant Legislation**

The significant issues were discussed during the review of the comparison document.

#### **V. Discussion of Potential Topics for Fall Conference**

Executive Director Croonquist noted that Metro ECSU is interested in partnering with us for a joint conference again this year. Lucy Payne shared that KnowledgeWorks has developed a State Policy Framework for Personalized Learning and could provide resources on that topic if there is interest. The committee discussed this potential topic and how to make it relevant and impactful for our members. A sub-committee will convene to begin conference planning details. AMSD Office Manager Kimberly Jansa will check in with the Marriott Northwest on available November dates.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

With no other business, Chair Brakke reminded members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.