



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, May 5, 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 7:32 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 April 14 Meeting

Chair Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the April 14 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Guest Speakers

Chair Brakke introduced Rep. Mary Frances Clardy, Rep. Ben Bakeberg Sen. Claire Oumou Verbeten and Sen. Jim Abeler. The speakers provided informative updates on where things stand at the Capitol with just over two weeks to go in the session. Following their comments, the legislators engaged in a question-and-answer session with board members.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Brakke invited Executive Director Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist began by thanking the guest legislators for taking time from their busy schedules to join us this morning.

Croonquist reminded members that the mandatory date of adjournment – May 22 – is quickly approaching. Croonquist encouraged members to utilize the resources on the AMSD website to assist with their advocacy efforts.

Croonquist reported that the Education Conference Committee started meeting this week with staff reviewing the differences between the House and Senate bills and also reviewing the appropriations and property tax spreadsheets. Croonquist noted there are two issues of significant concern – the proposal to extend unemployment benefits to school hourly workers effective this summer without providing funding for districts to cover the cost and making class size/staffing ratios a term and condition of employment subject to collective bargaining. These issues will likely be decided in the next several days, so Croonquist urged members to contact members of the conference committee, their local legislators, legislative leaders, and the Governor as soon as possible.

V. Adjourn

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