



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

Members Present:	Steve Adams (alt.) Zuki Ellis Bob McDowell Lisa Sayles-Adams	Crystal Brakke Marcus Hill Lucy Payne Stacie Stanley	Renee Corneille 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 March 31 Meeting

Chair Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:51 a.m. Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the March 31 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 reported that we are in the homestretch of the legislative session. Most of the omnibus finance and policy bills have passed off the House and Senate floors and conference committees are being appointed and beginning to meet. Croonquist shared the education conference committee members, along with their contact information.

Croonquist noted that an issue of significant concern is the proposal to make school hourly workers eligible for unemployment compensation during the summer months. Another significant bill moving forward is the Omnibus Labor Policy bill which would make major changes to the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (PELRA). Croonquist encouraged members to contact their local legislators and members of the conference committee to express their concerns. Croonquist thanked everyone for their continued advocacy and support.

III. Review and Discussion of KnowledgeWorks Proposal

Executive Director Croonquist asked Lucy Payne to explain the KnowledgeWorks proposal and timeline. There was a robust discussion on how AMSD could benefit from KnowledgeWorks' expertise and experience. Superintendent Renee Corneille is convening a small group to discuss this in greater depth and how it might align with the fall conference. The group will report back at the meeting next month. Croonquist asked committee members to continue thinking about this proposal and share feedback before our next meeting. At the May 19 committee meeting, we will try to make a decision about moving forward with the proposal and also potentially becoming the focus of our fall conference.

IV. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Brakke reminded members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.