



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

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| Members Present: | Crystal Brakke Marcus Hill Bob McDowell Bev Petrie | Renee Corneille Anne Marie Leland (alt.) Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Lisa Sayles-Adams | Zuki Ellis Mary Kreger Lucy Payne |
| Staff Present: | Scott Croonquist | Troy Melhus | Kimberly Jansa |
| Guests Present: | Kris Amundson | Jim Grathwol | Lori Grivna |

I. Approval of Minutes of April 28 Meeting

Chair Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the April 28 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 the Omnibus Education Bill has been approved by the House and Senate and it includes some long-time AMSD priorities such as linking the formula to inflation and allowing school boards to renew an operating referendum. Croonquist reported that, unfortunately, the Omnibus Labor Policy bill also passed, and it includes some significant changes to PELRA that will be very challenging. Croonquist noted that the legislative session is winding down as we approach the adjournment date of Monday, May 22. He noted that there are still a few big budget bills to be finalized. There are a few issues we continue to watch, including the pension proposal in the Omnibus Tax Bill. Croonquist thanked everyone for their continued advocacy and support.

Croonquist then reviewed the 2023 AMSD Priorities and how they fared in the Omnibus Education Bill.

III. Review and Discussion of AMSD Membership Survey

Executive Director Croonquist asked committee members to review the draft of the AMSD Membership Survey. Croonquist noted that it has been five years since we conducted a comprehensive survey of our members regarding the communications tools and strategies we use. There was a discussion about the goals for the survey results. Committee members offered a few suggestions including adding a question about the superintendent and school board member Zoom meetings.

IV. Continued Discussion of KnowledgeWorks Proposal and Fall Conference

Executive Director Croonquist shared the updated proposal received from KnowledgeWorks. Superintendent Renee Corneille reported that a small group met recently and concluded that it makes sense for us to move forward with phases 1 and 2 of the proposal, which the committee agreed on.

Committee members agreed that the information gathered in Phase 1 will help determine the content for the fall conference. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

V. Adjournment

Chair Brakke and Executive Director Croonquist recognized the contributions of Superintendent Bob McDowell who is resigning his position effective June 30 and will be moving on to a new opportunity. Croonquist thanked him for his work on the committee and presented him with a gift on behalf of AMSD in appreciation of his service on the committee. With no other business, Chair Brakke reminded members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.