



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, May 26, 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 7:36 a.m. Brakke welcomed everyone in person and online.

II. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of May 5 Meeting

Chair Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the May 5 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Executive Committee Report

B. Review and Adoption of 2023-24 AMSD Budget and Membership Dues

Chair Brakke reported that the AMSD Executive Committee has approved the proposed 2023-24 AMSD budget and noted that the documents were available on the website with the meeting materials. Chair Brakke noted that the membership dues are relatively flat with some small variations due to enrollment changes. Brakke reminded board members that the dues structure has two components – a fixed fee and a variable fee based on the resident student count.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023-24 AMSD Budget and Membership Dues. The budget and dues were approved.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Brakke invited Executive Director Scott Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist began by thanking the AMSD team – Office Manager Kimberly Jansa, Communications Director Troy Melhus, and lobbyists Kris Amunson and Lori Grivna – for their work during the legislative session and over the past year. Croonquist also thanked AMSD board members for their advocacy throughout the session and noted that it made a significant impact as demonstrated by the passage of some long-time AMSD priorities, including allowing school boards to renew an existing operating referendum, linking the formula to inflation, and significantly addressing the cross-subsidies in the special education and English learner programs.

Croonquist noted that he included a summary of AMSD's activities over the past year in his annual report that is posted on the website with the meeting materials. He also noted that next year's Session Preview will be held on Feb. 2 as the 2024 session does not convene until Feb. 12. Croonquist thanked the guest speakers from MDE for their support during the session and for providing an overview of the Omnibus Education Bill to the AMSD Board this morning.

V. Guest Speakers

Chair Brakke introduced Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, and Cathy Erickson, Director of School Finance, from MN Department of Education. The speakers provided a comprehensive overview of the Omnibus Education Bill & education related legislation. Following their comments, Unni and Erickson fielded questions from board members.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Brakke thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair Brakke adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.