



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, June 9, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

Members Present:	Crystal Brakke Mike Funk (alt.) Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Stacie Stanley	Renee Corneille Marcus Hill Lucy Payne	Zuki Ellis Mary Kreger Lisa Sayles-Adams
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Troy Melhus	Kimberly Jansa

I. Approval of Minutes of May 19 Meeting

Chair Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:44 a.m. Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the May 19 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 it is going to take time to unpack the far-reaching legislation that was adopted during the session. He said he would continue to share guidance from MDE and other state agencies as it is released. Croonquist noted the law extending unemployment benefits to hourly-wage school workers is effective May 28. Another timely item relates to the new authority for school boards to renew an existing operating referendum. School districts that have a referendum expiring in FY24 must approve a board resolution by June 15 to renew the referendum.

III. Update on KnowledgeWorks Proposal and Policy Conference

Executive Director Croonquist reminded committee members that work was moving forward with phases 1 and 2 of the proposal from KnowledgeWorks. A small group met yesterday to discuss a survey to gather information, and Croonquist asked members to review the draft of the survey. KnowledgeWorks will collect and synthesize the survey results and organize focus groups and workshops with interested stakeholders. The survey will be distributed next week.

IV. Review Communications Survey Results

Executive Director Croonquist shared the results of the recent communications survey that was sent to AMSD members. A total of 27 responses were received and the feedback was positive regarding the types of communication used and the frequency of communications. Some helpful suggestions were offered related to the Day at the Capitol.

V. Preliminary Discussion of AMSD Friend of Public Education Award

Executive Director Croonquist asked members to review the handout summarizing the history of the Friend of Public Education Award. Croonquist noted that the last time a legislator was recognized was 2018. The committee discussed some potential candidates for the award as well as possibly restructuring the award. After a good discussion the committee members agreed to revisit this topic next month.

VI. Executive Director's Performance Evaluation

AMSD staff was excused from the meeting so the committee members could discuss Executive Director Croonquist's annual performance review. Chair Brakke reviewed the results of the performance review survey with committee members. A motion was made and seconded to authorize a two percent cost of living increase and a two percent performance bonus for the executive director. The motion was approved.

VII. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Brakke adjourned the meeting.