



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, August 4, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Quora Education Center, 70 West County B2, Little Canada, MN
Hybrid Meeting – In person and via Zoom

Members Present: Thirty-three members attended the meeting in person and 102 participated virtually.

I. Welcome and Introductions

AMSD Chair Crystal Brakke called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Brakke welcomed everyone in person and online. A few introductions were made.

II. Routine Business

A. Approval of Minutes of May 26 Meeting

Chair Brakke asked members to review the minutes from the May 26 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Executive Committee Report

A. Election of New Executive and Legislative Committee Members

Chair Brakke reported that the Executive Committee had nominated the following AMSD board members to serve on the Executive Committee for 3-year terms:

Laura Oksnevad, School Board Member, St. Anthony-New Brighton Independent School District
Michael Thomas, Superintendent, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominees. The motion was approved.

Chair Brakke reported that the Executive Committee had nominated the following AMSD board members to serve on the Legislative Committee for 3-year terms:

Lisa Wagner, School Board Member, Minnetonka Public Schools
Jeff Holmberg, Superintendent, Centennial School District

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominees. The motion was approved.

B. Election of AMSD Officers

Chair Brakke reported that the Executive Committee had nominated the following board members to serve as AMSD officers for 2023-2024:

Chair: Marcus Hill, School Board Member, West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan School District
Vice Chair: Lucy Payne, School Board Member, Mahtomedi Public Schools
Treasurer: Jenny Loeck, Superintendent, Roseville Area Schools

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The motion was approved.

IV. Recognition of Outgoing AMSD Chair

New AMSD Chair Marcus Hill thanked Crystal Brakke for her outstanding leadership as AMSD Chair over the past year. Hill presented a \$100 donation, in honor of Brakke's service, to the Richfield Spartan Foundation. Chair Hill also recognized outgoing Executive Committee Member Supt. Renee Corneille and presented her a gift in appreciation of her service.

V. Executive Director's Report

Chair Hill invited Executive Director Scott Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist began by thanking the outgoing committee members for their service and dedication to AMSD – School Board Members Thomas Brooks and Zuki Ellis and Superintendents Renee Corneille and Bob McDowell. Croonquist also thanked outgoing Chair Crystal Brakke for her outstanding leadership. Croonquist extended his congratulations to Chair Hill and the new committee members and officers.

Croonquist shared that a survey will be sent via email next week to all AMSD members to begin work on the legislative platform for the next legislative session.

Croonquist also reported that the AMSD Annual Conference is scheduled for November 9 at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. We are again partnering with BrightWorks to host the conference and the topic is *Embracing Student-Centered Learning and Artificial Intelligence*. Croonquist encouraged districts to consider completing an RFP to host a conference breakout session.

VI. Workshop on Student-Centered Learning

Chair Hill introduced Anne Olson and Jon Alfuth from KnowledgeWorks, who facilitated the workshop. Olson and Alfuth presented an overview of a recent survey that was sent to AMSD members and other education organizations to gather feedback about barriers to implementing student-centered learning programs and initiatives. Following their presentation, Olson and Alfuth facilitated breakout sessions – for both in person and virtual attendees. KnowledgeWorks will compile the information gathered today and facilitate additional virtual workshops in August. KnowledgeWorks will provide updates as the work progresses in the coming weeks.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.