



## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

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Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, October 6, 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 48 participated virtually.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

AMSD Chair Marcus Hill called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Hill welcomed everyone in person and online.

### **II. Routine Business**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of September 8 Meeting**

Chair Hill asked members to review the minutes from the September 8 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

### **III. Student Panel Discussion**

Chair Hill introduced students from Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, Richfield Public Schools, Spring Lake Park Schools, and West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools who served on a panel. The students shared their thoughts on a range of topics including the purpose of education, how to enhance the learning experience, technology, and the post-pandemic environment. Chair Hill thanked the students for their valuable insights and thoughtful discussion.

### **IV. Legislative Committee Report**

#### **B. Approval of Updated Position Papers**

Executive Director Scott Croonquist reminded board members that every year, the position papers are reviewed and updated to reflect new demographic data, research, or actions taken during the previous legislative session. Croonquist reported that the Legislative Committee had approved updates to the position papers on Charter Schools, Compensatory Revenue, Facilities Funding, and Mandate Reduction and Local Control. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated position papers. The motion was approved.

### **V. Guest Speakers**

Chair Hill introduced Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) Executive Director Yelena Bailey and Licensing Supervisor Emily Busta. Bailey and Busta provided an overview of legislation approved in the 2023 legislative session impacting teacher licensure and other PELSB updates. Following their presentation, they answered questions from board members.

## **VI. Executive Director's Report**

Chair Hill invited Executive Director Scott Croonquist to give his report. Croonquist began by thanking Yelena Bailey and Emily Busta for sharing the PELSB updates, as well as commenting on how enlightening the student panel was.

Croonquist shared that not much has changed with the school resource officer (SRO) issue. Clarification is not likely until the next legislative session, as there are no plans for a special session at this point.

Croonquist noted that the Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity will meet on November 13 and will focus on recent education data breaches and cybersecurity issues impacting K-12 schools and higher education.

Croonquist encouraged board members to register for the November 9 annual conference at the Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park and to invite their colleagues to attend.

Croonquist shared a talking points document with board members regarding education funding and the impact of the 2023 Education Bill. Croonquist urged board members to continue meeting with their local legislators to share their budget challenges and the impacts of legislation approved in the last session.

Croonquist provided members with an update on the KnowledgeWorks project. He reported that KnowledgeWorks is synthesizing the data collected from recent workshops and is looking to hold two additional workshops – one that is student-focused and another for educators. Board Members Lucy Payne and Crystal Brakke have been instrumental in putting together these events. Croonquist also noted that the Shakopee School District is hosting an event for student school board representatives on October 24.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Chair Hill reminded members of the upcoming meetings and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.