



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2023, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

Members Present:	Crystal Brakke Jeff Holmberg Jill Lofald Bev Petrie Michael Thomas	Marcus Hill Mary Kreger Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Lisa Sayles-Adams	Barb Duffrin (alt.) David Law (alt.) Laura Oksnevad Stacie Stanley
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Kimberly Jansa	Troy Melhus
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson	Josh Downham	Lori Grivna

I. Approval of Minutes of September 29 Meeting

AMSD Chair Marcus Hill called the meeting to order at 7:54 a.m. Hill asked members to review the minutes from the September 29 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

II. Executive Director's Report

Chair Hill asked Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist noted that the registration deadline for the Nov. 9 annual conference is next week (Nov. 3) and he asked committee members to share registration information with interested colleagues and staff in their district.

Croonquist provided members with an update on the KnowledgeWorks project. He reported that Shakopee Public Schools hosted a student school board representative gathering this week that included a thought exchange activity. KnowledgeWorks is still working to hold two additional focus groups – one that is student-focused and another highlighting teacher voice – that will likely be virtual. There will be a preliminary comprehensive report distributed by KnowledgeWorks in the next few weeks.

Croonquist shared that he and Kris Amundson and Lori Grivna, AMSD's legislative consultants, have been meeting with legislators to share concerns with some of the new requirements adopted in the 2023 legislative session and discuss potential legislation for 2024. The education chairs have indicated that they are planning early hearings on school resource officers, staff shortages, pension reform, and a student panel discussion.

III. Review and Discussion of Draft Legislative Platform

Executive Director Croonquist reviewed the draft legislative platform, which was developed from the outline reviewed at last month's meeting. There was a robust and thoughtful discussion among committee members about the platform priorities and which issues to highlight in the document. Committee members agreed that it is important to stress the need to provide funding for the new

programs and mandates adopted last session and to urge legislators to refrain from adopting any new mandates in the 2024 session. Croonquist said he would develop a revised draft and email it to committee members for review prior to next week's board meeting. The revised version will be brought to the Board of Directors for review and feedback at the November 3 meeting.

IV. Adjournment

With the platform discussion taking more time this morning, Chair Hill noted that the remaining agenda items will be pushed to next month's meeting. Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m.