



## Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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### Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2024, 7:30 – 9 a.m.  
Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

<b>Members Present:</b>	Michael Bolsoni (alt.) Marcus Hill Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Stacie Stanley	Crystal Brakke Jeff Holmberg Laura Oksnevad Michael Thomas	Mike Funk (alt.) David Law (alt.) Lucy Payne
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Scott Croonquist	Kimberly Jansa	Troy Melhus
<b>Guests Present:</b>	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Josh Downham	Jim Grathwol

#### I. Approval of Minutes of December 15 Meeting

AMSD Chair Marcus Hill called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Hill asked members to review the minutes from the December 15 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 reported that a group of legislators and staff are working on a compromise to address the school resource officer issue. Legislative leaders have committed to holding hearings on the issue in the first days of the 2024 session.

Croonquist reported that committee deadlines were released this week. The policy deadline is Friday, March 22 and the fiscal deadline is Friday, April 19. The constitutionally mandated date of adjournment is May 20. Croonquist also noted that the February forecast will come out at the end of February, which is the one the Governor and Legislature will use to make any adjustments to the biennial budget.

Croonquist reminded committee members that next week is the Legislative Session Preview. He reviewed the agenda with members. Also, Croonquist encouraged members to invite their local legislators to the event.

Croonquist reported that the AMSD Day at the Capitol is coming up on March 5. We are hoping to get Chairs Sen. Mary Kunesh and Rep. Cheryl Youakim to join us for updates as we kick off the day.

Croonquist shared that our past practice has been to streamline the legislative platform into a Session Priorities document once the session is in full swing. Croonquist asked committee members to think about this for further discussion next month.

Croonquist asked committee members for feedback about conducting a budget survey as has been the past practice. There was a robust discussion about how best to move forward with this, including timing and sharing of results.

### **III. Review Recommendations in KnowledgeWorks Report & Discuss Feb. 9 Workshop**

Executive Director Croonquist invited members to provide feedback on the streamlined recommendations from the KnowledgeWorks report. Committee members discussed connections between the recommendations, as well as strategies on how best to move this work forward. Croonquist reminded members of the workshop scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9 here in Room 301 of the Anderson Center, which will be facilitated by our partners at KnowledgeWorks.

### **IV. Discussion of AMSD Position on Potential Issues in 2024 Session**

Executive Director Croonquist asked committee members for their thoughts on issues coming up in the legislative session including retirement/pension reform, state health standards, changes to the open meeting law, phones in schools, universal free school meals, and a formula increase.

### **V. Discussion of Topic for Fall Conference**

Due to time constraints, we will move the fall conference topic discussion to next month's meeting.

### **VI. Adjournment**

Chair Hill reminded members of the upcoming meetings before adjourning the meeting at 9:04 a.m.