



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, April 26, 2024, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

Members Present:	Crystal Brakke Mary Kreger Lucy Payne Stacie Stanley	Marcus Hill Patrick Lee-O'Halloran Bev Petrie	Jeff Holmberg Laura Oksnevad Lisa Sayles-Adams
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Kimberly Jansa	Troy Melhus
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson Lori Grivna	Josh Downham	Jim Grathwol

I. Approval of Minutes of March 22 Meeting

AMSD Chair Marcus Hill called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. Hill asked members to review the minutes from the March 22 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 began with a legislative update. Croonquist noted that the arrest of Sen. Nicole Mitchell threw the Senate into turmoil this week with the cancellation of some committee hearings and scheduled floor business. The end of session negotiations has become considerably more complicated with this development.

Croonquist reported that the House and Senate Omnibus Education Finance Bills have been developed and are now working their way through the legislative process before going to the House and Senate floors for full votes. Croonquist shared that the bulk of the funding in both bills is tied to the Read Act. Croonquist walked committee members through some of the details of the bills via an AMSD summary document.

Croonquist noted that, at the March meeting, committee members agreed to look for a different opportunity to tap AJ Crabill than at our upcoming fall conference. As an alternative, Croonquist shared the suggestion of inviting Dr. Darius Stanley from the University of Minnesota to speak on community engaged leadership. Committee members supported inviting Dr. Stanley and discussed other topics we could tie into Dr. Stanley's keynote. Croonquist will reach out to Dr. Stanley before our next meeting.

Croonquist reminded committee members that AMSD is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! We would like to commemorate the occasion at our August Board of Directors meeting. Director of Communications and Advocacy Troy Melhus shared a special AMSD logo that could be used, which committee members liked. Croonquist asked committee members to share their ideas about this event with him, including special invitees and guest speakers.

Croonquist shared that KnowledgeWorks is developing their final report and planning to form a review committee to provide feedback and guidance. We are working on how best to incorporate the report and recommendations on our website in conjunction with some redesign work planned for our site. Croonquist noted that although the KnowledgeWorks project is nearing its end, the work continues.

III. Adjournment

Chair Hill reminded members of the upcoming meetings before adjourning the meeting at 8:57 a.m.