

Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, May 17, 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 Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed Bev Petrie Michael Thomas	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 April 26 Meeting

AMSD Chair Marcus Hill called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. Hill asked members to review the minutes from the April 26 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. <u>The minutes were approved.</u>

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, with just a few days remaining in the session, the Omnibus Education Policy and Finance bills have been finalized. The Education Policy Bill has already cleared the House and Senate and is on its way to the Governor. The Education Finance Bill still needs to be approved by the House and Senate before going to the Governor.

Croonquist reported that the issues we have been tracking are mostly complete. Croonquist shared a summary of pertinent bills via an AMSD summary document.

Croonquist reported that Dr. Darrius Stanley from the University of Minnesota has been secured as the keynote speaker for our fall conference. Dr. Stanley will speak on community engaged leadership. Croonquist asked committee members how they would like to proceed with conference planning, specifically regarding additional speakers and breakout topics/presenters. Croonquist invited committee members to share thoughts and feedback on the conference with him. We will also plan to discuss this further at our next meeting.

Croonquist shared that the initiative with KnowledgeWorks is winding down. A review panel will be convened to provide feedback including committee members Oksnevad, Payne and Stanley. The final report will be published in July, and we will work with KnowledgeWorks staff to incorporate the report and recommendations on our website in conjunction with some redesign work planned for our site.

Croonquist reminded committee members to continue thinking about people who may be interested in filling upcoming vacancies on our committees.

III. Review AMSD Membership Survey

Chair Hill asked committee members to review a draft of the member survey. Croonquist shared that we have done a survey the last few years seeking input on our communications and advocacy work and asking for feedback about potential ways to improve. There was a discussion among committee members and a few suggested edits to the survey were made.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Hill reminded members of the upcoming meetings before adjourning the meeting at 8:51 a.m.