

RSAl Leadership Group Minutes

September 11, 2019 at noon

GoToMeeting or at ISFIS 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311

GoToMeeting Attendees: Bob Olson, Dennis McClain, Duane Willhite, Paul Croghan, Laurie Noll, Nick Trenkamp, and Dan Smith.

ISFIS Office Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Jen Albers

I Call To Order and Introductions/Roll

Bob Olson called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

II Approve Agenda

Croghan moved and Noll seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Approve Minutes from August 20, 2019

Willhite moved and McClain seconded approval of the minutes. Approved unanimously.

IV Membership Report

Albers shared the membership report. Discussion ensued around follow up on unpaid renewals and recruitment efforts. Paid memberships to date stand at 96 members with another 15 pending renewal or new members.

V Monthly Financials

Albers reviewed the August 31, 2019 YTD financial statements. Smith moved approval of the financial report through August 31, 2019, and approval of payment to ISFIS for \$10,200. Croghan seconded. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions

- State BOE Rules update: Transportation Rules Information follow-up

Buckton reviewed information and testimony presented on behalf of RSAI on school bus seatbelts, and discussion ensued.

- RSAI Position Papers Update

Buckton discussed the plan for updating RSAI's position papers for the upcoming legislative session.

- Approve list of RSAI Priorities to move forward to the Annual Meeting

Buckton walked through the draft list of RSAI 2020 legislative priorities as drafted by the RSAI Legislative Committee. The Leadership Committee discussed each priority and either approved or edited the draft language for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

Adequate School Resources – *Willhite moved and Croghan seconded adding, "...shall be set no lower than 3.2%" to the priority language. Approved unanimously.*

Student Mental Health – *no changes were presented.*

Educator Shortage and Quality Instruction – *Croghan moved and Smith seconded editing to read, "...hire staff to provide great insurance and support to all Iowa students...", and "...teacher or other staff shortage loan forgiveness programs..." Approved unanimously.*

Formula and Transportation Equity – *Smith moved and Noll seconded adding and editing language to read, "...bringing down all districts to no more than the state average per pupil transportation cost..." and striking the word "requirements". Approved unanimously.*

Opportunity Equity for Low SES – Noll moved and Willhite second approval as presented. Approved unanimously.

Sharing Incentives and Efficiencies, and Quality Preschool - Croghan moved and Smith second approval of both priorities as presented. Approved unanimously.

School Safety – Trenkamp moved and Smith seconded approval as presented. Approved unanimously.

- Annual Meeting:
 - October 16, 2019 at 4:30 – 7:30 pm, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa. Confirm who is attending from Leadership Committee.
 - Review agenda, draft meeting packet, and Leadership Committee responsibilities
 - At-large election. Dennis McClain three-year term up in 2019, so there will be an election. No terms limits.

Buckton reviewed the agenda and draft materials packet for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Edits were suggested. The Committee also discussed the current attendance list for the meeting and recruitment efforts to have as many voices as possible at the meeting. The final version of the Annual Meeting packet will be posted on the RSAI website and circulated no later than September 16th.

- Advocacy Actions before the November election
- Booth duty assignments for IASB Nov Conference - see slots below

Buckton reminded the committee about advocacy actions before the November election and the tradeshow booth assignment times for the IASB November conference. These will be discussed in more detail at the next Leadership Committee meeting.

VI Other Business

There being no other business, Croghan moved to adjourn and Smith seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm.

VII. Next Meeting dates:

- Oct. 16 – Annual Meeting - 4:30-7:30 pm (Ankeny)
- Oct. 16 – Leadership Group Organizational Meeting- 7:30 pm (Ankeny, follows Annual Meeting)
- Oct. 24-26 - NREA Annual Convention (Louisville, KY)
- November & December Leadership Group Meeting Dates TBD
- IASB Conference – RSAI booth duty
 - November 20, 3:30 - 5 pm (one slot)
 - November 21, 9 am - 2 pm (9-10:30, 10:30-noon, noon-2)

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 9/11/2019