**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**November 20, 2018 Noon**

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

Attending via conference call and gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Dennis McClain, Laurie Noll, Paul Croghan, Jen Albers, and Nick Trenkamp joined the meeting in progress. Margaret Buckton attended at the ISFIS office and connected online.

**I        Call To Order:** Chair Olson called the meeting to order at noon.

**II       Approve Agenda:** Croghan moved and Noll seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

**III      Approve Minutes of Oct. 24 2018 Leadership Group Organizational Meeting:** McClain moved and Croghan seconded approval of Oct. 24 minutes. Approved unanimously.

**IV Membership Report:** Albers shared the membership report, with RSAI member districts now passing 100. Board members were assigned to follow up with some of the pending districts.

**V Monthly Financials**: Albers walked through the financial report for monthly financials ending Sept. 30, 2018. Croghan moved approval of the monthly financial report including reimbursement to ISFIS of $9,660 for consulting services. McClain seconded. Approved unanimously.

**VI      Mission Critical Actions**

* October Annual Meeting stats – 30 districts attended, 30 individuals including 11 RSAI leaders (4 sups represented 2 districts each) and 3 districts had multiple attendees. This is a slight increase compared to the prior year in the number of districts and individuals attending.
* Approve final draft of School Safety Priority:

**7. School Safety (Draft):** ~~The Legislature should provide~~ Rural schools need the resources, training and support necessary for Iowa student and staff safety at school, including 1) resources for technology and facilities by extending the state penny~~through 2050~~, and 2) additional funding for security personnel and training to protect against active shooter and other emergency situations presenting harm. Noll moved consideration of the priority language on school safety. McClain seconded. Discussion ensued. Noll moved amended of the language as indicated in tracking changes above. McClain seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously. After discussion, the priority language was approved unanimously.

* Election implications for RSAI Priorities: new House Education Chair. Margaret explained some of the changes anticipated in critical leadership positions in the House and expected continued leadership on the Senate Education Committee by Sen. Sinclair. Extension of the state penny remains a top priority with good indications of likely action. Flexibility issues will remain on the Republican agenda. School funding will still likely be a challenge.
* Next steps on Advocacy supports – Position Papers, beginning of session video on priorities, set up local conversations on priority of the state penny, meet with BOEE on teacher shortage flexibility, what else? Visit scheduled with Sen. Sinclair.
* PD opportunity for RSAI districts in DE pilot: Margaret explained the opportunity and the benefit of RSAI being an organization recognized to participate in this opportunity.
* Joel Davis tribute on RSAI website <http://www.rsaia.org/about.html>
* Transportation Rules/Time limitations Update – Murray waiver request is pending decision by Ryan Wise, DE Director. Margaret explained next steps in the rules review process and encouraged other districts up against the busing time limits to consider a similar waiver request.
* Targeted districts for Leadership Group outreach (new brochure to help recruiting will be sent electronically and is off to print soon): Map and list from membership report of those still pending. Discussed possible connections to new members.
* AARP project regarding involving senior citizens in education experiences in rural areas: Buckton will send out an email to all ISFIS subscribers asking for their interesting in being part of this focus group. AARP will be coordinating the brainstorming session at a future date.
* Debrief of IASB Conference (thanks Nick, Paul and Bob for staffing the booth) Next year, we need to have ribbons or pins or some other thing to hand out and should send an invite to RSAI member board members to stop by and see us and pick up their thing. RSAI leaders should have some kind of ribbon too.

**VI      Next Meeting dates**

 Dec. ~~11~~ Noon (gotomeeting) ~~Dec 19~~ group decided by consensus to skip this meeting and convene with enthusiasm on Jan. 16.

Jan. 16 Noon (gotomeeting) Note: third Wednesday in Jan

Feb. 13 Noon (gotomeeting)

Mar. 13 Noon (gotomeeting)

Apr. 10 Noon (gotomeeting)

May 8 Noon (gotomeeting)

June 12 Noon (gotomeeting)

No meeting in July

Aug. 9 Legislative Group Meeting at ISFIS (At-large members)

Aug. 14 Noon (gotomeeting)

Sept. 11 Noon (gotomeeting)

Oct. Annual Meeting and Leadership Group Organizational Meeting TBD

**VII Other Business** Olson discussed the articles he’s been sharing with folks, and Buckton showed the new networking and tips tab from the RSAI Resources web page. We will send out notice for all to share ideas, articles and resources with each other via this internet placeholder. See the information on the RSAI web page here: <http://www.rsaia.org/resources.html>

Croghan moved to adjourn at 12:38 and Trenkamp seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate

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