**RSAI District Meeting Draft Minutes**

**RSAI Territory NW**

**Humboldt CSD Central Office**

23 3rd St. N, Dakota City, IA 50529

June 19, 2018 10:00 a.m.

**RSAI NW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020**

**Bob Olson**

RSAI SE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020

RSAI SW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2019

RSAI NE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2018

1 At-large position open in 2018 (Dan Smith, Harmony)

Attendees:

* Dan Frazier, Belmond-Klemme CSD
* Dennis McClain, Clay-Central Everly CSD
* Mike Sherwood, Webster City CSD
* Greg Darling, Humboldt CSD
* Christine Bothne, Twin Rivers CSD
* Brian Johnson, Southeast Valley CSD
* Todd Lundgren, Southeast Webster Grand CSD
* Tara Paul, Estherville Lincoln Central CSD
* Elizabeth Severson, Clarion-Goldfield Dows CSD
* Bob Olson, Clarion-Goldfield Dows CSD
* Marty Fonley, Algona CSD
* Margaret Buckton, RSAI/ISFIS staff

Olson convened the meeting at 10:02.

1. Lundgren moved approval of the agenda. McClain seconded. Approved unanimously.
2. Election of RSAI District Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group. Terms are specified in bylaws. Ongoing office is a 3-year term. No election this year since Olson’s term is through 2020.
3. Election of RSAI District Liaison representing District NW to the RSAI Legislative Group (Annual Election). Thanks to Tara Paul/Superintendent Estherville Lincoln Central for serving in 2017-18!
   1. Paul nominated Fonley as Regional Rep to the RSAI legislative group. Johnson seconded. McClain moved that nominations cease. Bothne seconded. With no other nominations, Fonley elected unanimously by consensus.
4. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to RSAI Bylaws if any (Requires 2/3 majority) – no amendments were proposed.
5. Review of the 2018 Legislative Session and Data Supporting Key Issues Critical to RSAI member districts: Margaret Buckton, ISFIS, reviewed the 2018 Session, priorities that RSAI worked on, including extension of the state penny, extension of the Operational

Sharing Incentives, Tax policy, school funding (SSA), transportation and formula equality, and elimination of Praxis test for teacher licensure in Iowa.

1. Establish RSAI District legislative priorities for the upcoming Iowa Legislative Session to forward to the RSAI Legislative Group (Requires simple majority vote). Discussion ensued, mostly centering on teacher shortages and the priority of quality instruction in rural districts. A question arose about the IPERs Cap, year of origin and information on IPERS limitations. Buckton will look into it and get information back to the group. Under the priority of student needs, at-risk and poverty, the group emphasized needs of at-risk students, talked about the need for resources for ELL students for longer than 5 years when some students require 7 and expressed concerns about the ELL standards that require proficiency within 5 years when the research base indicates it can take longer than that for many ELL students. The group also discussed a pending teacher shortage that has already hit their districts, with very few applicants for many positions that used to get dozens if not more. The groups also discussed the praxis test and how that can be a barrier to recruiting from across state lines or for teachers that may have retired in other states but might be willing to teach in Iowa. They mentioned the possibility of tying waiver of Praxis test to a geographic shortage concept rather than a content/subject area shortage. By consensus, the group agreed to continue the previous year’s priorities, place an emphasis on teacher shortage/quality instruction in rural Iowa, on continuing commitment to the equity provisions of SF 455 begun in the last session.
2. Any other business; The group discussed the possibility of E-Learning days, home rule and district authority. Frazier also discussed RSAI growth and if there were particular districts that should be targeted for strategic reasons. Conversation ensued but no decisions were made. Olson talked about using the weekly legislative RSAI Capitol Recap videos for informing and engaging the School Improvement Advisory and Advocacy Committee in Clarion-Goldfield-Dows.
3. Fonley motioned for adjournment, Paul seconded. Approved unanimously. Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:55.

**Save the date: 2018 RSAI Annual Meeting**

Oct. 24, 2018 4:30-7:00PM (Light working dinner will be served)

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Conduct annual business, set Legislative Priorities, and plan for successful advocacy