**RSAI Regional Meeting Agenda**

**RSAI Territory NE**

**North Linn Community School District**

**Board Room**

3033 Lynx Drive, Coggan, Iowa

May 21, 2018 6:00 p.m.

**RSAI NE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2018**

**Lee Ann Grimley**

RSAI SE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020

RSAI SW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2019

RSAI NW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020

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

In attendance, **Chris Fenster, Sup, North Linn, Lee Ann Grimley, Board member, Springville, Duane Willhite, Sup., Valley**

**6:12 call to order.**

1. Approval of the Agenda Wilhite moves, Fenster second, approved unanimously.
2. Election of RSAI District Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group. Thanks to founding member Lee Ann Grimley for serving as NE region representative for RSAI’s first five years! Terms are specified in bylaws. Ongoing office is a 3-year term. *(Leadership group meets monthly, with virtual meetings that typically last up to an hour. Leadership Group members also have responsibilities at the RSAI annual meeting, this year scheduled for Oct. 24, 4:30 PM, at the FFA Enrichment Center, DMACC Ankeny Campus)*

Nominations Willhite nomites Trenkamp. Fenster second. Wilhite moves closed nomination, Fenster second. Motion carries by unanimously consent. Trenkamp is elected as the NE Region Representative to the RSAI Leadership group.

1. Election of RSAI District Liaison representing District NE to the RSAI Legislative Group (Annual Election) Thanks to Darin Strike/Superintendent, West Fork for serving the remainder of Duane Willhite’s term for 2017-18, as Duane was elected to the At-large position on the RSAI Leadership Group.

Nominations: Fenster nominates. Wilhite second. Fenster moves close nominations and Wilhite second. Strike is nominated by Unanimous consent.

1. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to RSAI Bylaws, if any (Requires 2/3 majority)
2. 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.
   1. Transportation and equality – continue the effort
   2. Oppose vouchers at all costs. Need accountability for taxpayer dollars.
   3. State Penny extension
   4. At-risk student inequity – work on the difference in the ceiling
   5. Operational sharing – keep it in the wings, categorized as issues that are critical for long term sustainability of rural schools.
   6. SSA – keep it on the list, can’t just cry uncle. Talking points on property tax impact of PTRP, etc.
   7. Quality instruction for rural students – incentives to get teachers to work in rural schools, grow your own strategies, student loan forgiveness, flexibility for bus driver training – too restrictive.
   8. Mental health supports.
   9. Adequate funding for AEAs is critical for rural school success.

Approved by unanimous consent.

1. Any other business - none
2. Adjourn: Fenster moved, Wilhite seconded, Adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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

Oct. 24, 2018 4:30-7:00PM (includes working dinne)

FFA Enrichment Center (DMACC Campus)

1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa 50023

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