

RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

April 7, 2015

ISFIS Office, 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines IA 50311 and GoToMeeting

- I** **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Olson at 5:03 p.m. All were present.
- II** **Approve Agenda** – motion by Fiene, second by Rodenberg to approve the agenda. Carried
- III** **Review/Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** – motion by Davis, second by Fiene to approve the February minutes. Carried – there was not a quorum for the March meeting.
- IV** **Communications**
- Articles on the RSAI news tab from Jason Clayworth and Charlie Litchfield, the Davenport Superintendent threatening to intentionally overspend budget authority, and the Iowa Farmer Today Article on small school sharing with quotes from Margaret and Gregg.
 - Joel and Bob met with a handful of superintendents at the Prairie Lakes AEA retreat.
- V** **Membership**
- Official Membership Status is 46 paid, outstanding invoices with Twin Cedar and Prairie Valley, a verbal commitment from Western Dubuque, a commitment from Hamburg to join (dues waived due to negative authority), and Keystone AEA decided not to join.
 - There has been communication with Harlan, Carroll, and Davis County.
- VI** **RSAI Leadership Group Administration**
- Financial Report – motion by Fiene, second by Rodenberg to approve.
 - Set future meeting dates – June 9 @ 5 p.m.
 - July regional meeting checklist
Margaret shared itinerary from last year's meetings.
Discussion about best format – face to face/combo face to face and virtual, weekend or mid-week.
 - End of legislature virtual meeting will be held in June.
- VII** **Mission Critical Actions**
Legislative Priority Status
- Transportation – establish a framework proposal(s).
 - Possibly present a session at ISFIS Annual Meeting on adequacy of funding, transportation, and poverty.
 - Sean is working on contacts and networking with Farm Bureau regarding PPEL flexibility. Margaret said the leadership group should contact legislators to encourage support for and movement on the bill.
 - Membership Dues Structure 2016 – discussion and a motion by Fiene to reduce dues for fiscal year 2015/16 to \$750, pending approval at the annual meeting, second Davis. Carried
 - Invoices sent July 1 will reflect the \$750 dues.

- Annual Meeting – discussion but no date, location, and time set.

IX Others?

- Discussion on having vendor booths at ISFIS Annual Meeting May 21 and IASB Convention November 18 and 19. Also, contacting IASB and asking them to have a break out session on rural school issues at the convention.

X Adjourn: Motion by Davis, second by Fiene to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

Next meeting via GoTo Meeting is May 6 at 5 p.m.

Gregg Cruickshank - Secretary