**RSAI Regional Meeting Minutes  
Southeast Region  
Via Zoom**June 9, 2020 – 12pm

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

**Laurie Noll**

RSAI SW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2022

RSAI NW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020

RSAI NE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2021

One At-large position expires Sept 2020 (Duane Willhite, North Fayette Valley CSD) elected at the Annual Meeting in October.

**Attendees:***9 Member districts and 2 Non-Member district were represented at the meeting.*

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| **RSAI Member 2019-20** | **Attendees** | **District Name** |
| YES | Joel Pedersen | Cardinal CSD |
| YES | Dan Peterson | Central DeWitt CSD |
| YES | Gary DeLacy | Clinton CSD |
| YES | Thomas Ward Janelle Schneiderman (SBO) Sandy Dockendorf (Bd Mbr) | Danville CSD |
| YES | Daniel Gosa (Bd Mbr) | Davenport CSD |
| YES | Laurie Noll Tim Bower (Bd Mbr) | Fairfield CSD |
| YES | Heidi Harness (SBO) | Keokuk CSD |
| YES | Mike Van Sickle | Louisa-Muscatine CSD |
| YES | Mike Still | Wayne CSD |
| NO | Mike Still | Lenox CSD |
| NO | Mike Van Sickle | Ogden CSD |
| Staff | Dave Daughton | RSAI |
| Staff | Margaret Buckton | ISFIS |
| Staff | Jen Albers | ISFIS |
| Staff | Larry Sigel | ISFIS |

Laurie Noll, Fairfield CSD, convened the meeting at 12:05 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda: *Sandy Dockendorf, Danville CSD, moved approval of the agenda. Dan Peterson, Central DeWitt CSD, seconded. Vote was approved unanimously.*
2. Election of RSAI SE District Representative to the Leadership Group. Thanks to Laurie Noll for serving as the SE Region representative for the current expiring term! (Representative attends Leadership Group meetings virtually each month and has responsibilities at the Annual Meeting in October, sets date/location for this regional meeting and assists with staffing trade show booth at conferences.)

Nominations: *Sandy Dockendorf, Danville CSD, nominated Laurie Noll, Fairfield CSD, to serve as the SE District Representative for another term. Second by Mike Van Sickle, Louisa-Muscatine CSD. Tim Bower, Fairfield CSD, moved to close nominations. Dan Peterson, Central De Witt CSD seconded, Laurie Noll, Fairfield CSD, was re-elected to the RSAI Leadership Group for the Oct 2020 – Sept 2023 term by unanimous consent.*

1. Election of RSAI District Liaison representing District SE to the RSAI Legislative Group (Annual Election). Thanks to Joel Pedersen, Cardinal CSD, for serving during the 2020 session! (Representative attends Legislative Group meeting in Des Moines at ISFIS on Aug. 14, 2020, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny on Oct. 21, 2020, and supports legislative advocacy during the 2021 Session.)

Nominations: *Dan Peterson, Central DeWitt CSD, nominated Joel Pedersen, Cardinal CSD, to serve as the SE Legislative Group Representative for another term. Second by Mike Van Sickle, Louisa-Muscatine CSD. Mike Van Sickle, Louisa-Muscatine CSD, moved to close nominations. Second by Tim Bower, Fairfield CSD. Joel Pedersen, Cardinal CSD, was re-elected to the RSAI Legislative Committee by unanimous consent.*

1. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to RSAI Bylaws if any (Requires 2/3 majority): *No amendments were proposed. A comment was made that holding these RSAI Regional Meetings virtually allowed for more participation and hoped that aspect could continue in future years.*
2. Review of the 2020 Legislative Session and Data Supporting Key Issues Critical to RSAI member districts: *Margaret Buckton, ISFIS, reviewed the legislative actions that have taken place thus far during the 2020 Session on each of RSAI’s priorities.*
3. Establish RSAI District legislative priorities for the upcoming Iowa Legislative Session to forward to the RSAI Legislative Group: *The group considered the 2020 platform and determined that all item should remain on the list for 2021. Additionally, discussion took place among the group on various additional priorities, including flexibility, quality and available broadband access, educator shortage and teacher prep programs, distance being a barrier to services, SSA and a poverty index, 3-year-old preschool, and more. Sandy Dockendorf, Danville CSD, moved approval of retaining the current list of 2020 priorities. Second by Gary DeLacy, Clinton CSD. Vote was approved unanimously. Gary DeLacy, Clinton CSD, moved adding the following to the priorities list. Second by Sandy Dockendorf, Danville CSD. Vote was approved unanimously.*

* *2020 Priorities to Continue: Adequate School Resources, Student Mental Health, Educator Shortage and Quality Instruction, Formula and Transportation Equity, Opportunity Equity for Low SES, Sharing Incentives and Efficiencies, Quality Preschool, School Safety, and Bond Issue Simple Majority*
* *Broadband and internet connectivity – utility like a municipal benefit*
* *Poverty index of 0.3 in the formula*
* *Note: Discussed 3-year-old preschool*
* *Note: Sparsity and distance to services impedes access – how do we address?*

1. Any other business: *Mike Van Sickle, Louisa-Muscatine CSD, shared successful changes through BOEE rules to allow individuals with associates degree to substitute teach. Not all advocacy changes have to go through the legislature and this was supported by RSAI.*
2. Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn by Sandy Dockendorf, Danville CSD. Second by Dan Peterson, Central DeWitt CSD. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm by unanimous consent.*

**Save the date: 2020 RSAI Annual Meeting**

Oct. 21, 2020 4:30-7:30PM (includes working dinner)

FFA Enrichment Center (DMACC Campus)

1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa 50023

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