

## **RSAI Leadership Group Agenda**

**October 27, 2015**

**ISFIS Office, 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines IA 50311 and GoToMeeting  
Meeting convened via gotomeeting at 9:45**

**Bob Olson, Brad Breon, Brian Rodenberg, Dan Smith, Gregg Cruickshank in  
attendance. Kevin Fiene joined at 9:50.**

- I     **Call To Order and Introductions - Welcome to Dan Smith, Harmony School Board president, new RSAI at-large member, 3-year term through annual meeting, Fall 2018****
  
- II    ***Approve Agenda (please note, this meeting was held pursuant to reschedule of Oct. 14 due to lack of quorum)* Brad moved, Brian second, agenda approved unanimously****
  
- III   **Review/Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) Gregg moved, Brad seconded approval of Sept. 9 leadership group minutes and Oct. 7 Annual Meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.****
  
- IV    **Select Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer from among Leadership Group Members**  
  
Gregg nominated Bob Olson, Chair, RSAI leadership group. Brad seconded. Gregg moved nominations cease. Brian Seconded. Unanimously approved nomination cease. Unanimously approved Bob Olson, Chair. Brian nominated Kevin Fiene, Vice Chair, RSAI leadership group. Brad seconded. Brian moved nominations cease. Dan seconded. Unanimously approved nomination cease. Unanimously approved Kevin Fiene, Vice Chair.  
  
Brian nominated Gregg Cruickshank, Secretary/Treasurer, RSAI leadership group. Brad seconded. Brian moved nominations cease. Dan seconded. Unanimously approved nomination cease. Unanimously approved Gregg Cruickshank, Secretary/Treasurer.**
  
- V     **Monthly business (Kevin joined at 9:50)**  
Membership and Invoice Pending Report: Jen reported. 53 total members paid. Another 12 invoiced with payments pending, total 65 districts.  
Approve Monthly financials and bills to be paid: Jen shared the monthly financials. Gregg moved approval of monthly financials, including ISFIS reimbursement of \$205.27 for RSAI expenses paid. Brad seconded. Approved unanimously.**
  
- VI    **Report of Conversation with Ralph Johanson, Board President, Davenport**  
Strategic Legislative Advocacy in Common, Oct. 10, 2015, Bob shared details of conversation with Davenport board president, including Davenport's resolution regarding inequities that acknowledges the inequity caused by disparate transportation expenditures. Davenport requested RSAI work together on both inequities. Brad moved, Kevin seconded, approval of RSAI resolution on legislative**

correction to inequities, including transportation and the disparate state and district cost per pupil in the formula. Approved unanimously. Board directs staff to share the resolution with Davenport, with legislators on the interim committee and with RSAI members, encouraging their local support of a similar resolution.

## **VII     RSAI Leadership Group Administration**

### **Annual Meeting Debrief**

Web site updates – reviewed the annual meeting tab to find RSAI press release, template for local press release, position papers and RSAI priorities. Discussion of annual meeting, including reflections of how the discussion was engaging and the advocacy group small groups later, as well as additional priority on inequities in the formula generated from the membership in attendance at the meeting. Also discussed future annual meetings, including how to figure out some virtual connection for members that cannot attend in person. Margaret shared a contact list by priority area of those interested in working on advocating for the issue. Will send that to the leadership group.

Legislative update: discussed attendance center rankings, assessment, Business Sales Tax Exemption (Bob reported on RSAI testimony presented to the Rules Committee.) Margaret will find a place on the web site to post testimony in order to preserve the record.

## **VIII    Mission Critical Actions**

- o Education Coalition Meeting update – Bob shared observations. RSAI will continue to be part of the group, including the regular fact publications. Also discussed the importance of grass roots advocacy with parents and local business.
- o Legislative Planning (Interim Committee, share position papers with legislators, develop transportation funding plan, ongoing work)
- o IASB Breakout Session Panel for Educational Equity – Bob is working with Davenport on this session for IASB conference.
- o IASB Resolution supporting SBAC – consider RSAI resolution on same topic. Kevin moved, Brad seconded, resolution supported unanimously. Margaret will submit written testimony to state board with the resolution, public hearing is Nov. 4, 9:00 – 10:00 at the Grimes State Office building.

**IX     Other Business: Bob shared details of Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance request for a speaker to discuss Iowa's whole grade sharing experiences at their annual conference on Nov 11-12. Brad is available, so Margaret will forward information to Brad and provide support as necessary.**

## **X       Adjourn:**

November 4: Leadership Group Meeting 5:00 gotomeeting  
November 18-19: IASB convention and advocacy panel  
December 2: Leadership Group Meeting 5:00 gotomeeting

Minutes respectfully submitted, Margaret Buckton, staff