

RSAl Leadership Group Minutes

7 July 2014

10:00am - ISFIS office & GoToMeeting

- I** **Call To Order** - meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Bob Olson. Present were Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel Jen Albers, Bob Olson, Gregg Cruickshank, Brian Rodenberg, and Lee Ann Grimley. Brad Breon arrived at 11:20 a.m. Kevin Fiene and Joel Davis were not able to attend.
- II** **Approve Agenda** - Cruickshank, Rodenburg second. Approved
- III** **Review/Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Rodenburg, Grimley second. Approved.
- IV** **Communications**
- A. Joel shared an invite from Kim and Frank Spillers of Global Horizons regarding a rural repopulation project. Margaret will draft a letter of interest in keeping communication going with Kim and Frank on this initiative.
 - B. RSAl in the media - Traci Giles will continue to update the website and post media communications highlighting RSAl's involvement in rural school issues.
 - C. Report of ISFIS Conference Presence - LeeAnn, Bob, and Gregg reported conversations with Superintendents of districts of all sizes, especially districts that consider themselves rural but have enrollment over 1250. Further discussion at the meeting on lifting the enrollment cap.
 - D. Mark Johnson from the ICN contacted Bob. RSAl's focus is high speed internet access in rural schools and areas whether it comes from the ICN or local telecommunications companies.
- V** **Reports**
- A. Official Membership Status – 15 of 40 districts have paid. ISFIS will follow up with those districts that have not paid.
 - B. Post session and Finance Interim Committee Update – Margaret reported that a one day meeting is scheduled after the election. This does not indicate a serious effort in the short term future to address finance reform. RSAl needs to develop a strategy in November and December to get legislative priorities in front of key legislators on the education committees.
- VI** **Old Business**
- A. Set Regular Monthly Meeting dates/time/location - the next Leadership Group meeting tentatively set for August 28 from
 - B. Discuss RSAl vacancies - Kevin can still be an at large rep on the Leadership Group.
- Brian reported that Nick Trenkamp, Central Superintendent, will serve on the Legislative Group from the NE. Motion by Rodenberg, Grimley second to approve Nick Trenkamp.
Approved

Scott Rinehart, Clay Central Everly Board President, was put forward to fill NW Legislative Rep. Motion by Cruickshank, second by Rodenberg to approve Scott Rinehart for NW Legislative Rep. Approved

VII Unfinished Business

A. Membership

1. Discussion of a membership goal of 45 by the annual meeting and 75 by end of the year. Also, tying legislative goals to other big picture legislative issues. Tie transportation road tax to revenue going to transportation equity for schools.
2. Follow up calls will be made to districts who haven't paid after their July board meetings.

B. District Meetings

1. Agenda - motion by Breon, second Rodenberg to present Option 3 for lifting the enrollment cap to the those assembled at the district meetings for consideration and possible action. Approved.
2. A follow up reminder will be sent on dates and times. Registration is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome.
3. Logistics

C. Website/Communication/Technology

1. Updates to the website were shared.
2. Jen Albers and James Passick will look into a process to segregate RSAI emails.

D. Legislative Group – a date will be set for the group to meet.

E. Annual Meeting – Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Traci will look for a location. Contact will be made with the National Rural Schools Organization to see if someone from their organization can attend. Ray Patrick from the Missouri Rural Schools group cannot attend.

F. ISFIS Contract for Services

1. Motion by Cruickshank, second Rodenburg to approve contract for services agreement between RSAI and ISFIS. Approved.
2. Motion by Breon, second Cruickshank to approve service contract with ISFIS not to exceed \$100,000 or 85% of annual membership revenue. Payments will be made August 1 and December 1.

G. Proposed Budget - Jen Albers reviewed with the group

VIII New Business

- A. Marketing via conferences - Jen will look into getting a booth at SAI and IASB annual conferences.

IX **Misc**

X **Adjourn:**

Grimley, second Breon. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: August 28 at 10:30 a.m. Joel shared thoughts about balancing out meetings during the week vs. weekends so school board members on the Leadership group can attend.

Respectfully submitted

Gregg Cruickshank - Secretary/Treasurer