**RSAI Regional Meeting Minutes  
Southwest Region  
Via Zoom**May 6, 2020 - 12 pm

**RSAI SW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2022**

**Paul Croghan**

RSAI NE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2021

RSAI NW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020

RSAI SE District 3-year term expires Sept. 2020

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

**Attendees:***19 Member districts and 1 Non-Member district were represented at the meeting.*

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| **RSAI Member 2019-20** | **Attendees** | **District Name** |
| YES | Dennis McClain | Adair-Casey CSD |
| YES | Darin Jones | A-H-S-T-W CSD |
| YES | Eric Trager | Audubon CSD |
| YES | Paul Croghan | CAM CSD |
| YES | Casey Berlau | Carroll CSD |
| YES | Chris Coffelt | Central Decatur CSD |
| YES | Chris Bergman | Clarinda CSD |
| YES | Eric Trager | Coon Rapids-Bayard CSD |
| YES | Billie Jo Greene | Creston CSD |
| YES | Mike Pardun | Denison CSD |
| YES | Trevor Miller | Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD |
| YES | Wes Policky Dennis McClain | Guthrie Center CSD |
| YES | Trevor Miller | IKM-Manning CSD |
| YES | Sharon Dentlinger | Interstate 35 CSD |
| YES | Chris Coffelt | Lamoni CSD |
| YES | Jennifer Danley | Murray CSD |
| YES | Paul Croghan | Nodaway Valley CSD |
| YES | Tim Mitchell | Riverside CSD |
| YES | Mike Pardun | Schleswig CSD |
| NO | Justin Wagner | Woodbine CSD |
| Guest | Sue Gehling | Classroom Clinic |
| Staff | Dave Daughton | RSAI |
| Staff | Susie Olesen | ISFIS |
| Staff | Larry Sigel | ISFIS |
| Staff | Margaret Buckton | ISFIS |
| Staff | Jen Albers | ISFIS |

Paul Croghan, CAM CSD & Nodaway Valley CSD, convened the meeting at 12:01 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda: *Dennis McClain, Adair-Casey CSD & Guthrie Center CSD, moved approval of the agenda. Trevor Miller, Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD & IKM Manning CSD, seconded. Vote was approved unanimously.*
2. Election of RSAI SW District Representative to the Leadership Group. *Current term expires in 2022 so no election this year. Thanks to Paul Croghan for serving this year.*
3. Election of RSAI District Liaison representing District SW to the RSAI Legislative Group (Annual Election). Thanks to Tim Mitchell, Riverside 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: *Sharon Dentlinger, I-35 CSD, nominated Tim Mitchell, Riverside CSD. Second by Chris Coffelt, Central Decatur CSD & Lamoni CSD. Dennis McClain, Adair-Casey CSD & Guthrie Center CSD moved to close nominations. Second by Trevor Miller, Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD & IKM Manning CSD. Vote to cease nominations was unanimous. Tim Mitchell, Riverside CSD, was reappointed 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.*
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, authority and local flexibility specifically to use cash reserves in emergency situations, and more. Eric Trager, Audubon CSD, Coon Rapids Bayard CSD & IKM Manning CSD moved approval of retaining the current list of 2020 priorities and adding the following to the priorities list. Second by Trevor Miller, Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton CSD & IKM Manning 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*
* *Flexibility in use of other funds for limited window*
* *Flexibility for cash reserve to fund SSA rather than lower SSA*
* *Broadband high-speed internet connection – equitable, available and affordable for all consumers (not just education but also economic development)*
* *Local Flexibility in operations and instruction: DE role to provide options and guidance but not limit local district decision-making, hold districts harmless (protection from litigation)*

1. Any other business: *No other business*
2. Adjourn: *The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.*

**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