



RSAI Regional Meeting Agenda - NW Region

April 5, 2022 at noon (following the AEA Superintendent's Meeting)

Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas or via Zoom

(contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for link to join/observe)

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. RSAI Overview and Processes
3. RSAI Regional Representative to the Leadership Group.
(No election this year for NW Region. Thanks to Justin Daggett!)
4. RSAI Regional Representative to the Legislative Committee.
(Annual Election, representative(s) attend Legislative Committee Meeting in Des Moines during August, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny during October, and supports legislative advocacy efforts during the 2023 Session. Thanks to Brian Johnson, Prairie Valley CSD & Southeast Webster Grand CSD, for serving during the 2022 legislative session!)
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Election
5. Consideration of Amendments to RSAI Bylaws, if any.
(Amendment recommendations require 2/3 majority vote to move onto the RSAI Bylaws Committee).
6. Review of the 2022 Legislative Session and Supporting Data by Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton, RSAI Professional Advocates
7. RSAI Priorities and Services Discussion
8. Vote on 2023 Legislative Priorities Recommendation from NW Region
(Requires simple majority vote to forward recommendations on to the RSAI Legislative Committee)
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

**RSAI NW Region 3-year term
expires Sept. 2023
(Justin Daggett)**

RSAI SE Region 3-year term
expires Sept. 2023
(Laurie Noll)

RSAI SW Region 3-year term
expires Sept. 2022
(Paul Croghan)

RSAI NE Region 3-year term
expires Sept. 2024
(Nick Trenkamp)

One at-large position
expires each Sept.
for election at the Annual
Meeting each October
(Dennis McClain)

Save the Date: 2022 RSAI Annual Meeting

Oct. 25, 2022 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



<http://www.rsaia.org/legislative.html>

2022 RSAI Legislative Priorities

Adequate School Resources: the increase in SSA should be no lower than 3.75% in FY 2023 due to abundant state surplus, maintain balanced state and local resources, be predictable, and assure adequate time for budget planning and staffing.

Educator Shortage and Quality Instruction: maximum flexibility to hire staff to provide great instruction, including several strategies to attract and retain quality staff; flexibility to meet offer and teach requirements, loan forgiveness programs, a special education generalist credential, creation of a Public Service CTE strand, hire retirees without IPERS impact, and elimination of barriers to licensure.

Local School Board Authority: locally elected leaders closest to the community are in the best position to determine the interest of students, staff and stakeholders. District leaders need maximum flexibility to provide a great education to all students. The Legislature, the Executive Branch and the courts should follow Iowa Code 274.3 and liberally construe statute to effectuate local control.

Quality Preschool: funding of quality PK at the 1.0 per pupil cost for full time or prorated proportionally and formula protections against budget and program impacts of PK enrollment swings (budget guarantee/on-time spending authority).

Opportunity Equity: resources based on at-risk need, in addition to enrollment. All school boards should have 5% dropout prevention funding. School districts should be granted spending authority for FRPL waived fees and Iowa should study the impact of poverty on educational outcomes.

Sharing Incentives/Efficiencies: extension of Whole Grade Sharing, Reorganization and Operational Sharing Incentives. The 21-student cap should expand to allow access to any new flexibility. Weightings should be sufficient to encourage and support sharing opportunities.

Assessing and Addressing Staff/Student Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health: access to funded mental health services for children and supports for staff. Address the shortage of mental health professionals and provide resources over the next two years for local districts to train school staff based on a local needs and community capacity to collaborate for a collective solution.

Formula and Transportation Equity: formula equity, closing the state and district per pupil gap within ten years and continued transportation equity support without burdensome reporting requirements.

Internet Connectivity and Access: expanded access to high-speed Internet for all Iowans including incentives, investments, and creative solutions to close the technology gap for students, businesses and community members in rural Iowa. Low income should not be a barrier to internet access.

(As approved by RSAI membership at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 26, 2021 and the Leadership Group on Nov, 19, 2021)