**RSAI Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Oct. 7, 2015 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

FFA Enrichment Center

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1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa 50023

1. Call Annual Meeting to Order 5:45 p.m. Approval of the Agenda. *Dennis Phelps moved approval of the agenda, WiIlie Stone second, approved*
2. Annual Meeting Business: *Gregg Cruickshank moved approval of 2014-15 financial statements, and 2015-16 budget including professional advocate and dues. Dennis McClain second, approved.*

* 2014-15 Annual Audit
* 2015-16 Budget & Professional Advocate Payment
* 2015-16 RSAI Membership Dues

1. Election of RSAI At-Large member for a one-year term. Current At-Large member serving staggered term to expire Sept. 2015 is Joel Davis, board member Coon Rapids/Bayard. At-Large members serve a 3-year term, serve on the Leadership Group and the Legislative Group.
   1. Nominations *Gregg Cruickshank nominates Kerri Nelson Superintendent, Shenandoah, Paul K second. Dennis Phelps nominates Dan Smith, Board Member, Harmony, Brian Arzani, Second. Kevin Fiene moved to close nomination, Willie Stone second, body voted that nominations cease*.
   2. Election vote: Kerri Nelson 6 districts, Dan Smith 18, *Dan Smith elected to 3-year at-large term for RSAI Leadership Group.*
2. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to RSAI Bylaws (Requires 2/3 majority) RSAI Regional Meetings and Leadership group recommends Proposed Bylaws amendment re: Membership, Dues, and Annual Meeting, changes proposed contained in their entirety at the conclusion of these minutes. *Gregg Cruickshank moved adoption of the bylaws changes as approved unanimously at the four regional meetings. Kevin Fiene, second.* 
   1. *Amend last two lines, page 10 of annual meeting packet, remove “if finalized” Sandy Dockendorff moved, Jim Sutton second, approved.*
   2. *Brian Rodenberg moves approval of changes to by-laws, as amended, Sandy Dockendorff second, approved.*

* Establish RSAI legislative priorities for the upcoming Iowa Legislative Session (Requires simple majority vote) Presentation of Draft Priorities by the RSAI Legislative Group and recommended from the Regional Meetings
  + **Transportation Equity:** Supports a mechanism that covers school transportation costs with state and/or local funding that does not unreasonably disadvantage property tax payers in property poor districts or compete with general funds otherwise spent on providing education to students. *Willie Stone moves approval. Dennis Phelps second, approved unanimously.*
  + **State Penny for School Infrastructure Extension:** RSAI calls on the Iowa Legislature to extend or repeal the sunset of the state penny for school infrastructure. *Paul Croghan moves amendment “extend or”, Josh Hughes second, amended approved unanimously. Brian Rodenberg motion to approve Willie Stone second. Passed unanimously*
  + **Funding and Flexibility for At-risk Students:** Resources for serving at-risk students should be based on need, such as the number/percentage of students eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch, rather than enrollment of the district. The current disparity in dropout prevention capacity ceiling, with some districts held to 2.5% and others allowed to access up to 5% of regular program district cost is unfair, arbitrary, and based on old history no longer relevant to supporting student needs. Districts should be given flexibility in determining the expenditure of at-risk resources to support students to graduate college/career ready for success. *Joel Davis moves approval. Tara Paul second. Passed unanimously.*
  + **Standards, Assessment and Technology:** RSAI supports the Iowa Core Content Standards, including an aligned assessment and supports for the technology and bandwidth required to adequately administer the assessment. *Kevin Fiene moves approval, Sandy Dockendorff seconds, passed unanimously.*
  + **State Supplemental Assistance 6%:** RSAI supports a goal to get Iowa’s investment in education to the national average. Iowa was $1,612 per pupil below the USA average level of expenditure in FY 2014. Funding per pupil for the 2015-16 school year was both too low and too late in the 2015 Session. Funding for the 2016-17 school year must be determined ASAP as the 2016 Session convenes and set at an adequate level, no lower than 6%. Per Iowa law, funding for the 2017-18 school year must be set within 30 days of the Governor’s budget announcement in the 2015 Session although RSAI would support changing the timing mandate to allow the legislature access to the March REC estimate to set the out year per pupil level. RSAI supports a per pupil increase for 2017-18 no lower than 6%. *Brad Breon moves, Lee Ann Grimley second, approved unanimously.*
  + **Operational Sharing Incentives:** Opportunities to achieve efficiencies, share capacity to operate, and redirect resources to educational programs, should be maintained and expanded to provide additional capacity to school districts to improve educational outcomes for students. *Joel Davis moves, Tara Paul second, approved unanimously.*
  + **Equality in the formula:** RSAI supports raising the state cost per pupil to the maximum district cost per pupil in the formula. *Sandy Dockendorff moves, Kevin Fiene second, approved unanimously.*

1. Strategic Advocacy Groups by Issue – attendees broke up into self-selected groups to plan for grassroots advocacy and legislative contacts
2. No other business
3. Adjourn *Joel Davis moved, Dennis Phelps second, adjourned 7:59 p.m.*

**Attendees from RSAI Leadership Group:**

SE Brad Breon, Moravia/Seymour, Superintendent, [brad.breon@rsaia.org](mailto:brad.breon@rsaia.org) (Sept. 2017)

SW Gregg Cruickshank, Sidney/South Page, Superintendent, [gregg.cruickshank@rsaia.org](mailto:gregg.cruickshank@rsaia.org) (Sept 2016)

NE Lee Ann Grimley, Springville, Board President, [leeann.grimley@rsaia.org](mailto:leeann.grimley@rsaia.org) (Sept. 2018)

NW Robert Olson, Clarion-Goldfield/Dows, Superintendent, [robert.olson@rsaia.org](mailto:robert.olson@rsaia.org) (Sept. 2017)

\*Joel Davis, Coon-Rapids-Bayard, Board President, [joel.davis@rsaia.org](mailto:joel.davis@rsaia.org) At-large two year (Sept 2015)

\*Kevin Fiene, I-35, Superintendent, [kevin.fiene@rsaia.org](mailto:kevin.fiene@rsaia.org) At-large three year (Sept 2017)

\*Brian Rodenberg, Midland, Superintendent, [brian.rodenberg@rsaia.org](mailto:brian.rodenberg@rsaia.org) At-large three year (Sept. 2016)

**Attendees from RSAI Legislative Group:**

SW – Willie Stone / Southwest Valley (Villisca & Corning) Superintendent [wstone@villiscaschools.org](mailto:wstone@villiscaschools.org) [wstone@corningcsd.org](mailto:wstone@corningcsd.org)

SE – Dennis Phelps / Pekin & Tri County Sup. [dennis.phelps@pekincsd.org](mailto:dennis.phelps@pekincsd.org) [dennis.phelps@tri-countyschools.com](mailto:dennis.phelps@tri-countyschools.com)

NW – Tara Paul / Estherville Lincoln Central Superintendent [tara.paul@elc-csd.org](mailto:tara.paul@elc-csd.org)

**RSAI Membership Attendees:**

Brett Gibbs, Superintendent, Audubon

Dennis McClain, Superintendent, Clay Central Everly

Larry Frakes, Principal, Coon Rapids-Bayard

Sandy Dockendorff, Board President, and Gary DeLacy, Superintendent, Danville

Lance Ridgely, Superintendent, East Union

Dan Smith, Board President, and Kerry Phillips, Superintendent, Harmony

Dr. Tom Ward, Superintendent, IKM-Manning and Coon Rapids-Bayard

Josh Hughes, Director, Jeremy Maske, Director, Dan Kirkpatrick, Director, Eddie Vonnahme, Director, Brian Arzani, Board President, Interstate 35 Community School District

Mike Van Sickle, Superintendent, Louise Muscatine

James Sutton, Superintendent, Riverside

Dr. Kerri Nelson, Superintendent, Shenandoah

Lois Erwin, Superintendent, Southeast Valley and Prairie Valley

Rick Colpitts, Superintendent, Western Dubuque

Paul Croghan, Superintendent, East Mills

Lorna Paxson, Superintendent, Mormon Trail

**ISFIS Staff Attendees**

Professional Advocate & Communications, Margaret Buckton, [margaret.buckton@isfis.net](mailto:margaret.buckton@isfis.net)

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Proposed Amendments: Leadership Group, June 9, 2015 Affirmed unanimously at the 4 regional RSAI meetings in July. Requires a 2/3rds majority of annual meeting participants for approval.

By-Laws Amendments – proposed changes only

**Membership:**

Member School Districts are encouraged to create a Liaison responsible for Legislative advocacy from among its Board members to fulfill its RSAI responsibilities and act as a direct contact within the School District for RSAI.

Membership Dues shall be established each year at the Annual meeting of RSAI. Dues shall be the same for all member school districts regardless of certified enrollment. However, school districts engaged in whole grade sharing prior to the final year preceding reorganization may receive a discount of 25% each. Districts sharing in the final year prior to reorganization may each receive a 50% discount. In both cases, the two districts may determine the ratio of responsibility for payment. The leadership group may waive dues for districts with financial hardship.

**Agendas:**

Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, agendas must be forwarded to participants no later than 7 days prior to meetings and must include a date, time and location in addition to actions required at each meeting as per these By-Laws. Unless otherwise specified, creating and posting agendas will be the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Leadership Group.

**RSAI Districts:**

RSAI Districts shall meet annually in the summer and as deemed appropriate and necessary by the RSAI Leadership Group. Each District shall be entitled to one vote on all issues addressed at RSAI District Meetings.

**RSAI Annual Meeting**

At the Annual meeting, the budget for the upcoming fiscal year shall be presented for approval. The budget shall include the payment for the Professional Advocate for the upcoming year.

At the Annual meeting, the RSAI Leadership Group Secretary/Treasurer shall present an Annual Audit, ~~if finalized~~, or an annual financial report for the most recently completed fiscal year.

*Respectfully submitted, Oct. 7, 2015,*

*Margaret Buckton*