

RSAI Leadership Group Minutes
Jan. 6, 2016 ISFIS Office, 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines IA 50311
and GoToMeeting 5:00 PM

I **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Olson at 5:09. Present were Olson, Fiene, Rodenberg, Grimley, Cruickshank, Sigel, Buckton, and Albers.

II **Approve Agenda**

Fiene moved to approve the agenda, Rodenberg second. Carried.

III **Review/Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Grimley moved to approve the December minutes, Fiene second. Carried.

IV **Monthly business**

- Sixty-two (62) paid memberships, two comp memberships, and five invoices outstanding for a total of 69 memberships.

- Rodenberg moved to approve the financial report and payment of bills. Grimley second. Carried.

V **Communications**

- Ryan Wise presented to Grant Wood Superintendents on TLC.
- A group of 12 superintendents were called to the Governor to discuss the State Penny/Water Quality proposal.
- The Des Moines Register called Margaret about the Governors' State Penny/Water Quality Proposal.

Smith joined the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

VI **PreSession Newsletter**

Margaret reviewed the content of the pre-session newsletter and the format for weekly legislative updates.

VII **Mission Critical Actions**

- Jeff Herzberg Chief Administrator for _____ AEA joined the meeting. The Chief Administrators are connecting with the various advocacy groups.
- AEA UEN, RSAI, ISEA, IASB, and SAI executive directors met in August and lobbyists met in December. IASB will not participate in the weekly education funding fact.
- Discussion about Mark Jacobs op ed in the Des Moines Register about Charter Schools.
- Discussion about how to utilize parents as advocate. A survey will be sent out to identify effective practices in districts.
- Transportation equity – Margaret will reach out to potential bi-partisan sponsors such as Dolecheck, Ruff, Schoenjahn, and Sinclair. Also, try to get urban districts involved as Davenport and Cedar Rapids are above the state per pupil average cost.

VIII Other Business

IX Adjourn

Rodenberg moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m., Cruickshank second. Carried.

Meeting Dates: Feb. 3, 2016 6:00 PM (note time change)
Mar. 2, 2016 5:00 PM
April 6, 2016 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted
Gregg Cruickshank