



UEN Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2023, 11am – 1pm
1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA, 50311 or
Via Zoom (contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for link)

Member Attendees: Matt Degner, Chair (Iowa City), Amy Hawkins, Chair-Elect/Treasurer (Dubuque), Vickie Murillo, Past-Chair, (Council Bluffs), TJ Schneckloth (Davenport), Perla Alarcon-Flory (Sioux City), Kelli Soyer (Des Moines), Daniel Gosa (Davenport), Art Sathoff (Cedar Rapids). *(Bylaws require a majority of charter members for a quorum. Seven of the Originating Charter districts listed above were represented at this meeting.)* Also in attendance: Robert Scott (Burlington), Theron Schutte (Marshalltown), and Dirk Halupnik (Southeast Polk).

Others/Staff/Guest Attendees: Margaret Buckton (ISFIS) and Jen Albers (ISFIS)

1. Welcome, Call to Order by Matt Degner (UEN Chair)

Matt Degner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Hawkins moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Alarcon-Flory. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from the Steering Committee on November 16, 2022

Alarcon-Flory moved approval of the November 16, 2022 Steering Committee minutes, seconded by Hawkins. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of YTD Financial Report & FY 2024 Corporate Sponsor Offerings

Albers presented the YTD financial report through December 31, 2022, along with a bill pay listing of items since the last Steering Committee meeting. *A motion was made by Gosa to approve the 12/31/2022 YTD Financial Report and Bill Pay Listing as presented. Alarcon-Flory seconded. Approved unanimously.*

Albers and Buckton discussed proposed FY 2024 UEN Corporate Sponsor offerings. *A motion was made by Alarcon-Flory to approve the FY 2024 UEN Corporate Sponsorship offerings as presented. Gosa seconded. Approved unanimously.*

5. Networking Opportunities

a. Board Members

b. Job Alike Groups

Buckton requested the group discuss what they believe could be valuable networking opportunities for board members, as well as the pros/cons of the concept of a job alike conference, both ideas had been brought forward in the past and would have budget implications. Discussion ensued around what might work in the future.

6. Consideration of Waukee CSD as new UEN member

The Waukee CSD requested to become UEN members. In the materials packet is the criteria for Membership from the UEN Bylaws, and the data on Waukee CSD, confirming they meet the necessary criteria for Charter Membership.

Discussion ensued about UEN’s mission, benefits, and the membership criteria around urbaneness currently in the UEN bylaws, as well as how we can collaborate with and support larger districts yet keep focused on issues that affect some UEN members at a greater level than others. The group requested staff pull together a workgroup, and members prioritize the time, for the eight Originating Charter Member districts to review and make recommendations around these issues to the Steering Committee.

A motion was made by Alarcon-Flory to recommend to the full UEN membership approval of Waukee CSD as new Charter Members. Second by Soyer. A 2/3 vote of the UEN membership in favor is required. A rollcall vote of those in attendance was taken and staff were directed to collect electronic votes for those not in attendance. In total, 20 of 23 member districts, or 87%, voted in favor. Waukee CSD was approved as a new UEN Charter Member.

District	Vote
Ames	Yes
Ankeny	Yes
Burlington	Yes
Cedar Falls	Yes
Cedar Rapids	Yes
College	Yes
Council Bluffs	Yes
Davenport	No
Des Moines	Yes
Dubuque	Yes
Fort Dodge	Yes

District	Vote
Iowa City	Yes
Linn-Mar	Yes
Marshalltown	Yes
Mason City	Yes
Muscatine	Yes
Ottumwa	Yes
Sioux City	Yes
Southeast Polk	Yes
Storm Lake	Yes
West Des Moines	Yes

Members Not Voting:

Bettendorf
Waterloo

7. Status of 2023 UEN Legislative Priorities

Buckton reviewed the latest updates from the Statehouse around UEN Legislative Priorities and other bills of significance, including Education Savings Accounts, Open Enrollment, State Supplementary Assistance, Preschool Weighting, Teacher Recruitment efforts, PERL Levy, HF1 and Bond Issues, and the Iowa Youth Survey. Discussion ensued.

8. Executive Director Report

Buckton shared information about the job alike groups, networking via job alike email list serve, and other advocacy efforts.

9. Steering Committee Member Updates

Steering Committee members shared various updates from their local districts and topics including status of new superintendent hires, BEDS certification, enrollment, and funding.

10. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

11. Upcoming Meeting Dates - <https://www.uen-ia.org/calendar>

a. May 12, 2023 at 11am (Zoom) – Steering Committee

12. Adjourn

*Motion by Alarcon-Flory to adjourn the meeting. Second by Murillo. Approved unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.*

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Margaret Buckton, UEN Executive Director, 02/10/2023