

2017 Conference Agenda



8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Vendor Exhibits

9:00 - 10:00 General Session (Room 106)

Legal and Legislative Update: Report of the 2017 Legislative Session Impacting Schools * / ** - Margaret Buckton (Partner, ISFIS, Legislative Analyst, UEN and Professional Advocate, RSAI) and Larry Sigel (Partner, ISFIS)

10:15 - 11:00 Breakout Session 1

Room 108: *Decision-Making Paradigm Shift: New opportunities from home rule, categorical flexibility and local authority to think differently* - Margaret Buckton and Larry Sigel * / **

Room 112: *Best Practices in School Security* - Eric Phillipson (OverWatch International)

Room 114: *Engaging Parents in Advocacy* - Tom Lane (Lobbyist, AEAs of Iowa, Former Carlisle Superintendent), Rose Green (PGIS), Louisa Dykstra (Des Moines Community Legislative Action Team) and Cindy Elsbernd (School Board Vice Chair, Des Moines Public Schools)

Room 115: *5-4-3-2-1 What Great School Leaders Do* - Susie Olesen (ISFIS)

11:15 - 12:15 General Session (Room 106)

Collective Bargaining Panel Discussion of Those Who Lived to Tell * / ** - Steve Murley (Superintendent, Iowa City), Joe Stutting (Superintendent, North Scott) and Brett Nitzschke (Attorney, Lynch Dallas P.C.)

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch and Networking Time

1:30 - 2:15 Breakout Session 2

Room 108: *School Finance 101* - Larry Sigel *

Room 112: *Contemporary Issues in Employee Health Insurance Benefits* - Nataliya Boychenko (Holmes Murphy) **

Room 114: *School Board Election Changes: Impact on special elections, board training and other critical leadership timelines* - Margaret Buckton

Room 115: *Collaborating with Iowa Reading Research Center to Improve Literacy* - Dr. Deborah Reed (Director, IRRRC) and Dr. Sandy Schmitz (Assistant Director, IRRRC)

2:30 - 3:15 Breakout Session 3

Room 108: *Understanding Iowa's Changing Property Tax System* - Jon Muller (Partner, ISFIS) *

Room 112: *More About Collective Bargaining: Implementation, local policy and best practices to support employees while exercising new management rights* - Brett Nitzschke and Holly Corkery (Attorneys, Lynch Dallas P.C.) **

Room 114: *RSAl Sponsored: Making Learning Relevant: Agriculture in the classroom* - Will Fett (Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation)

Room 115: *Will State Budget Get Worse Before it Gets Better?* - Larry Sigel

3:30 - 4:15 Breakout Session 4

Room 108: *ISFIS/Piper Jaffray Comprehensive 5-Year Projection Model* - Matt Gillaspie, Travis Squires, Tim Oswald (Piper Jaffray, Inc.) and Larry Sigel *

Room 112: *School Fees & Debt Collections: What fees are legal, how does home rule impact fees and what is the best way for schools to collect unpaid fees owed to your district?* - Brandon Hansel (CFO, Fort Dodge CSD) and Matt Carver (J.D., Legal Services Director, SAI) **

Room 114: *Looming Iowa Teacher Shortage: Recruiting challenges and suggested best practices for finding and keeping great teachers in rural and urban schools* - Margaret Buckton

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*SBO Beginner Track

** SBO Contemporary Issues Track