

MEETING MINUTES  
SUMMER 8002 CONFERENCE 2013  
Saturday, June 22, 2013  
Branson, Missouri

- I. Introductions – President Elaine Janson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and thanked Tom Davenport for making the arrangements. She welcomed the membership and thanked Alfred Lott for attending on behalf of the Department of Education. Changes to the agenda were noted followed by introductions around the room.
- II. Paid Membership Roll Call – Treasurer Tom Gregory conducted roll call with 31 members present.
- III. Approval of Minutes – Spring Conference minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were posted on SharePoint. Motion by Marcia Jackson and seconded by Kevin McAtee. Motion carried.
- IV. Meeting Logistics – Tom Davenport reviewed the locations for lunch and shuttle pick-up after the meeting.
- V. Executive Director’s Report – Tom Madden welcomed all of the new attendees and thanked all of the returning members for their consistent attendance. He reminded the membership that our vision is full funding and our mission is to stick together, and expand our base without negatively impacting any one district. He encouraged everyone to pay their NAFIS invoice and join the fight to restore impact aid funding. President Obama zeroed out 8002 funding in his budget again, therefore we need to keep pressure on our elected officials to restore funding in Congress. Tom reminded the group that our reauthorization language has still not been approved; however the technical amendment did include most of our proposed language. There is a possibility that sequestration could become a line-item type and that could have a negative impact on our funding since it could give the Secretary of Education the authority to cut all of 8002 in order to preserve funding levels for 8003.
- VI. NAFIS Update – Sandy Doebert extended greetings from NAFIS Director John Forkenbrock. She reported that the National Defense Act Technical Amendment was representative of much discussion amongst membership and the FRO outreach efforts which resulted in four years worth of back payments being issued to districts. Issues with the Amendment include withholding payment to districts that have an activity on their federal property which generates revenue or districts that share a federal property. The Department of Education interpreted this language differently than NAFIS and the two are working together to clarify these issues. Sandy also reported that there are several bills in Congress related to Section 8002 funding. The House Bill maintains our language, but the Senate Bill changes the foundation calculation and the foundation payment for Highland Falls. She feels that sequestration is our most significant issue and that our primary focus should be that we continue to receive funding whatever budget is approved.
- VII. Targeted Lobbying – Tom Schneider enlightened the group with an informative power point presentation and several pertinent handouts. Topics of discussion included the difference between the President, House and Senate Budget Proposals, the status of No Child Left Behind, and how the economy drives everything. He encouraged the membership to stay informed on the budget process and keep their representatives informed on how 8002 funding impacts their individual districts. In closing Tom reminded us that our group has two focal points: (1) How the money is distributed and (2) Ensuring there is money to distribute.
- VIII. Department of Education Update – Alfred Lott updated the membership on the status of payments for FY2010-2012. He reported that there probably won’t be much money left to distribute after Steps 1 – 3 are completed. Of the 64 million appropriated, only 3 million or less will be left to distribute under the final steps. The full appropriation was finally authorized in April through the Continuing Resolution which allowed them to release eligible district payment applications for FY2013. Mr. Lott stated that the FY2014 applications are due to be published sometime in August of 2013. He also stated that there would be no

penalties if a district did not submit an amendment to the FY2010-FY2013 applications, however, the district will not be eligible for any final payments for those years.

- IX. Treasurer's Report – Tom Gregory distributed the Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2012 to June 20, 2013 and reviewed the proposed FY2013-2014 budget. Motion by Joan Groenig and seconded by Terry Tamblyn. Motion carried.
  
- X. Old Business
  - A. Report on FRO–Sandy Doebert reported that the Spring FRO was very well organized and successful. Attendees met in teams of Superintendents and other Administrators and visited key legislators and committee chairs. She felt that the effort was critical and thanked those who committed their time to participate.
  - B. By-Law Change Proposal – None
  
- XI. New Business
  - A. 8002 Session being held at Fall Conference – please plan on attending.
  - B. Other Items – None
  
- XII. SharePoint – Terry Tamblyn reminded the membership to update their profile as needed and asked any new members to contact him so that he can set them up with access. Mr. Lott's PowerPoint presentation from today will be posted to SharePoint.
  
- XIII. Information Items – Tom Madden provided the following upcoming meeting logistics:
  - A. Winter 2013 Meeting – January 11, 2014, The Pointe Hilton/Tapatío Cliffs north of Phoenix, Arizona at \$145 per night.
  - B. Summer 2014 Meeting – Last weekend in June, 2014 – location to be determined at a later date.
  - C. Other Items from Membership – None
  
- XIV. Review of Mission/Vision – Tom Madden reminded the group that our goal is to achieve full funding for Section 8002 districts with three underlying pillars: (1) don't harm districts (2) increased funding is shared (3) encourage other districts to join.

President Elaine Janson adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.