

MEETING MINUTES
SPRING NAFIS CONFERENCE 2014
Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- I. President Elaine Janson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and everyone was asked to introduce themselves by name, school district, and impactation.
- II. Executive Director's Report – Tom Madden updated the membership on the status of the 8002 Planning Process which began at the fall 2013 conference. Monday's meeting will be devoted to the continuation of group participation in the development of the Strategic Plan. He encouraged the membership to attend the summer conference where the Strategic Plan should be finalized. Tom also reminded the members that although the Strategic Plan is important to the future of our sub group, that our number one goal needs to be Section 8002 funding. President Obama has once again zeroed Section 8002 out of his budget, and we need to be sure that we express our concern when we visit our Representatives on Tuesday.
- III. The winter conference minutes from January 11, 2014 were posted on SharePoint. Motion by Sandy Doebert, seconded by Amy Covert to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Tom Gregory, Treasurer, presented the Section 8002 Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2013 through March 12, 2014, which is posted to SharePoint. He explained that there is a timing component with the summer meetings in that the revenues and expenses are reported in overlapping fiscal years.
- V. Budget Presentation - Tom Gregory, Treasurer, presented the proposed FY14-15 budget, reporting that the summer and winter conference fees will return to the original \$150. We have been reducing those to \$50 as part of our carryover balance reduction plan. Tom also reported that the membership dues line item has been reduced by 50% for the past several years, and will continue through this budget cycle. For the FY15-16 budget year, we will propose to the membership that we return to the original dues structure.
- VI. NAFIS Director's Report – John Forkenbrock updated the membership on the status of Impact Aid funding. President Obama zeroed out 8002 funding in his FY15 budget, and John stressed that we need to push Congress to reinstate our funding. Impact Aid provides funding to over 11 million children, and this should be conveyed on the Hill. John reminded the group that the Technical Amendment is set to expire and will no longer be applicable for the FY15 application unless it is extended. There are currently place holders in the Defense Authorization Bill, and NAFIS is pushing to have the Technical Amendment become permanent. John also shared that he has negotiated with Alfred Lott, Director of the Impact Aid Program, to release at least 50% of the FY14 application funds.
- VII. Targeted Lobbying Discussion – Tom Schneider prepared an informative document for each member to take to the Hill on Tuesday and use as a reference point. Highlights included: (1) thank your representative for meeting with you; (2) thank your representative for reinstating funding to Impact Aid schools; (3) ask them to remove sequester in future budgets beginning in FY16; (4) remind them of the importance of the 8002 funding component of Impact Aid; (5) share how new properties added by the Federal government mean that more schools share the same

amount of funding and thereby receive a smaller piece of the pie; (6) encourage them to renew the Technical Amendment; (7) thank them again and let them know you will be meeting with them again in the Fall and (8) offer yourself and NAFIS as a resource to their office.

- VIII. NAFIS Board Update & FRO – Sandy Doebert shared that the next FRO will be held April 30th and May 1st of 2014. The agenda will focus on unity amongst all of the sub groups. She also announced that John Forkenbrock will be retiring in June 2015, and that the NAFIS board will be involved in a search for a new director. NAFIS is also working on an update to their Operational Plan which includes greater service to the membership.
- IX. Committee Meetings - None
- X. Adjournment – President Janson adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.