



# Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

## FLISA Member Meeting

### AGENDA--FLISA Spring Meeting

Sunday, March 12, 2023—**Concord/Lexington** 10:45-11:45AM

Monday, March 13, 2023—**Columbia B** 8:30-10:00AM

**Please bring your laptop/device for Committee Work.**

**Shortly after the start of our Sunday meeting, NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell will be attending to provide a brief overview and answer questions.**

#### **I. Welcome Comments and Review of the Mission/Vision of FLISA – Cathie Peznowski**

*Our Mission: To ensure the reimbursement of funds lost due to the federal government's removal of land from local tax rolls, paid to eligible public school districts, with 100 percent of the revenue used for the education of students.*

*Vision: Advancing towards 100% full-funding for the 7002 program.*

#### Guiding Principles:

- *Section 7002 Impact Aid Funds will be distributed in a fair and equitable manner,*
- *Membership in the FLISA Organization will be expanded,*
- *Safeguard the financial interests of all Section 7002 Impact Aid districts.*

#### **II. Introduction of FLISA Board and Past-Presidents**

#### **III. Introduction by Those in Attendance**

- A. Name, Title, Location and Impacted Land
- B. Recognition of New Attendees—Cathie Peznowski

#### **IV. NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russel Scheduled to Appear**

#### **V. FLISA Executive Director's Report – Tom Schneider**

- A. Overview
- B. The success of this meeting is what you do between meetings to advocate for the goals of Impact Aid and FLISA
- C. New Staffer Orientation Report

#### **VI. Approval of minutes from the FLISA Winter Meeting—Christine Walker**

- A. Document has been posted on the FLISA website

**VII. Treasurer’s Report—Becky Allan/Tom Schneider (if Becky is unavailable)**

- A. Document has been posted on the FLISA website/copies available
- B. Review of Membership Numbers
- C. Budget Committee Report (Peznowski, Sheboy, Allen)
  - 1. Presentation of Tentative FY 24 Budget
  - 2. Final Budget to be approved at Summer FLISA Meeting
- D. FY 24 Budget Considerations
  - 1. Website Improvements
  - 2. FISEF Sub-Group Donation
  - 3. Schneider Retirement Costs
    - a. FLISA Projector
    - b. End to Split Travel Costs with CCSD 180/Printing Costs Possible
    - c. OASIS Attendance

**VIII. Review of Executive Board Membership and Proposal of Slate for March, 2023 Election—Cathie Peznowski (President)**

**FLISA Board (voting members) consists of:**

**Cathie Peznoski** (President thru March 2024, Past-Pres thru March 2026),  
**Mark Naugle** (Past-President thru March 2024),  
**Frank Sheboy** (Vice President thru March 2024),  
**Becky Allan** (Treasurer thru March 2023),  
**Christine Walker** (Secretary thru March 2023),  
**Mary Ticknor/Mark Naugle** Advocacy Chairpersons (Thru Summer, 2024)  
**Bob Reichert\*** Membership Chairperson (Thru Summer, 2024)  
**Mark Cross** Messaging Chairperson (Thru Summer, 2024)

**Non-Voting Members-at-Large**

**Jerry Ellender** (Member-at-Large),  
**Wes Eversole** (Member-at-Large)

**Past-Presidents:**

Terry Tamblyn  
Tom Davenport  
Craig Hutcheson

Tom Madden  
Tom Schneider  
Mark Naugle\*

Sandy Doebert  
Bob Reichert\*

**Section 3 By-Laws Excerpt:**

- a. *Terms of Office: Executive Board members shall be elected at large for two-year terms with the exception of the member elected to the office of President who shall serve a four-year term, two years as President, followed by two years as Immediate Past President. [...] Executive Board members shall be elected at the spring meeting. The President, Vice-President and At Large Members shall be elected during even numbered years. **The Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected during odd numbered years.** Newly elected Executive Board Members shall take office upon the conclusion of the final FLISA meeting of the spring NAFIS conference.*
- d. *Each spring, the Executive Board will prepare and submit to the membership a slate of candidates for open seats on the Executive Board. FLISA members may also make nominations from the floor at the spring business meeting during which the election is conducted.*



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### IX. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson

- A. Update on NAFIS Organization
  - 1. Strategic plan July NAFIS Board Meeting
    - d. Questions/Thought Exchange for Membership
  - 2. Discussion on Remote NAFIS Office
    - a. Membership feedback (thoughts?—5 minutes)
  - 3. March NAFIS Conference Update:
    - a. FISEF Grants Return (Raffle)
    - b. Principal EI Speaker Questions Shared

*At our FLISA meeting a question was brought up regarding one of the NAFIS Conference speaker's affiliations with charter schools. As you know NAFIS is an advocate for public schools and protecting our impact aid funding from being allocated away from our students.*

*On behalf of our FLISA members, asked NAFIS staff about this and they responded with the following: "We would never want to offend a NAFIS member in any way. I think Principal EL's message at the spring conference about resiliency should resonate with the audience and NAFIS of course does not endorse the opinions of its speakers but strives to bring diverse voices to its conferences."*

*I know that NAFIS staff have taken our concerns very seriously and are looking to provide an outstanding conference experience. I will be sure to continue to share our concerns with NAFIS Staff.*

### 4. FRO (Federal Relations Outreach)—April 19-20, 2023

- a. 10 FLISA Members
- b. Hotel Reservations on Own
- 5. September NAFIS Conference:
  - a. 50<sup>th</sup> Gala Celebration on Monday of Fall NAFIS Conference
  - b. 6-10 PM at Hyatt Monday of Conference
  - c. Semi-Formal-ish
  - d. Meet & Greet Reception smaller and moved to Tuesday
  - e. Ticket cost included in conference registration (\$125 + \$700 Reg. Fee)
- 6. Member feedback thoughts?—5 minutes)

### X. Technology Update: Terry Tamblyn's Thoughts:

- a. Log-in Thoughts: Current website will store documents

b. Student Photos for Website

We purposely did not allow anyone to create their own Member Account on the FLISA Website so that it is more secure. I can set up an account for anyone if they send me their name and email. They can also set up their own account by using this URL

Link: <https://www.flisa.org/register/flisa-members/>

The ability to post a link on our Members Page to the committee's interactive work in Google, Teams, or whatever is a big deal for our committee work. All the groups may want to think about how that could assist their work?

*Reposted from Summer, 2022 Meeting: FLISA reached agreement with Terry on a \$5,000 stipend and travel reimbursement costs for just the FLISA Winter and Summer meetings (not the NAFIS DC meetings). Terry believes it would take two years (thru July 2024) to get everything up to speed for FLISA.*

*FLISA will review annually June, 2023 (reflecting on the effectiveness of the work on Monday.com and the status technology itself for our work) before renewing for a second year.*

**XI. Executive Director Legislative Update**

**XII. Review of FY 23 Congressional NAFIS Budget and FY 24 NAFIS Appropriations Ask**

**FY 2023 Appropriations**

NAFIS requested a \$57 million increase (\$55M for Basic Support, \$2M for Federal Property) and sent a legislative action alert to members in November with a letter to advocate for FY23 House-passed program amounts.

The Impact Aid FY23 funding was finalized with \$1.618 billion, a \$61 million increase from the FY22 enacted level. The final FY23 funding level for Impact Aid was also greater than both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees' recommendations. The enacted funding breakdown is as follows:

- Basic Support: \$1.468 billion (\$59 million increase)
- Federal Property: \$78.31 million (\$1 million increase)
- Children with Disabilities: \$48.3 million (No increase)
- Facilities Maintenance: \$4.83 million (No increase)
- Construction: \$18.41 million (\$1 million increase)

**FY 2024 Appropriations**

The proposed request is an increase of \$70 million to the Department of Education's Impact Aid Program.

- \$65M Basic Support
- \$2M Federal Property
- \$1.5M Construction
- \$1.5M Children with Disabilities

This request takes into consideration the percentage increase in the Local Contribution Rate for Section 7003 and potential impact of ESSER funding to district's Impact Aid payments.

**XIII. Other NAFIS Legislation for 118<sup>th</sup> Congress:**



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### Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Legislation

NAFIS has already begun work to reintroduce legislation to fully fund the Impact Aid Program focusing on updating funding numbers with sponsor Representative Mike Levin (D-CA-49) and recruiting new Republican champions. This bill creates a five-year glidepath to:

- Fully fund Basic Support (based on FY20 data)
- Provide a proportional increase – \$55 million – to Federal Property
- Increase the Children with Disabilities funding by \$45 million, to fund each eligible student at \$2,000 (or \$1,000 for an off-base military-connected student)
- Include an increase to construction funding by \$21.5 million

The bill, if passed, would not provide automatic funding, as it is an authorizing bill. However, it will serve as a messaging tool to illustrate congressional support for Impact Aid and pressure the Appropriations Committees to consider these substantial increases.

### School Infrastructure

NAFIS will work to reintroduce and support legislation that increases funding for school infrastructure. Will merge NIISA and NAFIS infrastructure bills from last Congress.

### Pay Teachers Act

Sen. Bernie Sanders, as Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, plans to introduce the Pay Teachers Act. Sec. 103 of the Act. Would **double Impact Aid Basic Support Payments authorized under section 7003(b) of ESEA by providing \$1.46 billion in mandatory funding** in fiscal year 2024, and for each succeeding fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the preceding year indexed to inflation. There is no requirement/restriction on the use of these funds for teacher salaries. This is broadly a messaging bill as it has little to no chance of becoming law. The AFT and NEA have already endorsed. NAFIS lobbyist's summary is included.

### Impact Aid Coalitions

The bipartisan House and Senate Impact Aid Coalitions were established in the 1990s and have since led successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program. There are more than 100 current Members of Congress on the coalitions. We are hoping to continue to grow these numbers and have the largest coalitions yet by the end of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. If you talk to a Member who is not currently on the coalition, suggest they join. Have them contact [NicoleRussell@nafisdc.org](mailto:NicoleRussell@nafisdc.org) to sign up or with any questions. NAFIS ask:

- JOIN the House or Senate Impact Aid Coalition for the 118th Congress.
- It is an easy way to show your support for federally impacted schools and Impact Aid. Membership does not require any commitment of time or staff.
- The coalition serves as a resource to NAFIS in supporting and protecting Impact Aid.

**Review Talking Points and 1-Pager for March 14, 2023 Hill Visits (Messaging Committee)**

**XIV. Committee Updates and Committee Work (See Below)**

- b. Mary Ticknor--**Advocacy** Committee
- c. Bob Reichert--**Membership** Committee
- d. Mark Cross--**Messaging** Committee

**XV. Nominations for FLISA Extra Mile Award**

**XVI. FLISA Meeting Locations**

- a. Summer, 2023 **Location/Time:**
  - 1. Colorado Springs
  - 2. Last June Weekend Before July 4th (June 23, 2023)
  - 3. Due to Hotel Scheduling **No Thursday Meeting Start**
  - 4. First meeting with “No Refunds” After we give hotel final count
- b. Winter, 2024 **Location/Time:**
  - 1. First Weekend in February (February 1-4, 2024)
  - 2. Thursday Afternoon Start (Details to Come)
  - 3. Winter: Santa Barbara was approved but further discussion took place:

So, I know that we talked about going to Santa Barbara next winter, but as someone who actually lives in Southern California (Christine Walker) points out ...the weather there in February is really ... well hit or miss/meh.

*“It is usually mid 60’s during the day. Mid-40s at night.”*

**Florida is probably the most reliable weather in February. Is it worth considering a Florida Winter meeting...West coast Summer meeting rotation?**

- 4. Recommendation from Board: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Thoughts on selection process:
  - a. Vote of those assembled or committee work?

**XVII. Look Ahead: What do we need for a successful:**

- Interim communications
- Summer 2023 FLISA Meeting Information—Colorado Springs

**XVIII. Action Items:**



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**18-A. Approval of FLISA Winter Meeting Minutes**

**18-B. Approval of Tentative FY 24 Budget with Final Approval at Summer Meeting**

**18-C. Election of Becky Allen NAFIS Treasurer thru March, 2025**

**18-D. Election of Christine Walker NAFIS Secretary thru March, 2025**

**18-E. Nomination Selection of Winter, 2024 Meeting and Dates including Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Start (Feb. 1-4, 2024)**

**18-F. Nomination Selection of Winter, 2024 Meeting Location**

## **XIX. Next Meeting Information**

A. Summer 2023 FLISA Meeting, Colorado Springs (June 23<sup>rd</sup> **Friday Meeting Day**)

a. **Call for Presentations\***

B. Fall NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, September 17-19, 2023

a. Includes NAFIS 50<sup>th</sup> Gala Celebration on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

C. Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting, **TBD—February 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Afternoon Start**)

D. Spring NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, March 10-12, 2024

## **XX. Reception Reminder/Adjournment**

### **\*Call for Presentations—Summer FLISA Meeting**

Do you have important best practices to share with the educator community? Are you an expert on a cutting-edge issue in youth development or education? Can you captivate a crowd? Well, it's time to bring your ideas to a national audience – become a presenter at the FLISA Summer Conference in Colorado Springs.

Our 2023 conference comes as educators are working to help students recover from pandemic-interrupted schooling and we would love to learn more about what you are doing to address this issue or any other issue you'd like to share.

Contact Tom Schneider to reserve your spot ([schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com](mailto:schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com))

# Advocacy Action Plan Work

1. Attendees will join/re-join a committee
2. Committees working together will assign all of the items (tasks) thought of individually and add new tasks as developed. (40-60 minutes). See Committee Plan suggestions below.
3. Report out to the entire group using the large display paper. (40-60 minutes) Each group will add tasks to the display paper adding new ideas after the first round. The Goal is to get a list of tasks organized by committee and assignments to be completed between now and July meeting.

## Messaging Committee

### A. What is our **Message** for this Congressional Term?

#### 1. Impact Aid Dollars Advocacy Message

- a) What Does Funding as described in Mission Statement Look Like
  - (1) Memo to Biden Transition Team (+\$54M--\$129M Total)
  - (2) How are Impact Aid Dollars distributed
- b) Arguments for Funding to Congress
- c) Arguments for funding at Home

## Advocacy Committee

### 2. At Congress (Who Do We Need to See?—Targeted Lobbying/Messaging)

- (1) Our Federal Lands Members of Congress
  - (a) See FLISA Above 80K FY 19 Spreadsheet,
  - (2) Key Committee Members of Congress
- b) At Home (Who Do We Need to See?)
  - (1) School Community (Boards/Teachers/Students)
  - (2) Media
- c) At Home (How do we communicate?)
  - (1) School Community (Boards/Teachers/Students)
  - (2) Media

## Membership Committee

### B. How do we **PLAN** to improve **ACTION** among members as an **ORGANIZATION**?

1. What Does Member Action Between Meetings Look Like?
2. Homework Assignments for the quarter between meetings
  - a) Using Mid-Quarter Zoom Temperature Checks

### C. How do we **PLAN** to Maintain Organization?

1. Increased Participation
  - a) Currently 68—Last Yr 61 Districts Paying Dues,
  - b) Recruiting Districts to Support FLISA
  - c) Measures of Involvement (What does it look like?)
2. Organization Health
  - a) FLISA Financial Situation,
  - b) Continued Balanced Leadership,



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## Committee Suggestions

1. Committee Reports and **Goals** for NAFIS Spring Meeting:
  - a. **Messaging** Committee
    - a. Message for Congress and School Communities
    - b. Methods for communicating with above
      1. Social Messaging Committee?
  - b. **Advocacy** Committee
    - a. Advocacy for \$80K+ Club
      1. Determine Re-districted School District Congressional Districts with Federal Lands
    - b. Advocacy to Key Members of Congress without Federal Lands
  - c. **Membership** Committee
    - a. Outreach to high Impact Aid (\$80K+ Club) Receiving but Non-FLISA Districts to Join
    - b. Maintain/Increase Membership Strategies
      1. Site Committee?
      2. Fellowship Committee?