



# Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

## FLISA Winter Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2023

9:00 - 4:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. Cathie Peznowski welcomed attendees and reviewed the FLISA Mission and Vision.
- II. The FLISA Board and Past-Presidents introduced themselves during general introductions.
- III. Members in attendance introduced themselves and shared their name, title, location and impacted land. Cathie Peznowski recognized new members. Frank Sheboy reflected on the loss of Roxanne Donnery, a longtime advocate and friend to FLISA and the Impact Aid Program. Craig Hutchinson recognized past president Mark Naugle. Mark was thanked for all his efforts in FLISA and with the South Dakota contingent.

Members in Attendance:

Ms. Becky Allan	Academy School District #20
Mr. Mark Cross	Cass School Dist. #63
Dr. Thomas Schneider	Community Consol. School Dist. #180
Mr. Mark Naugle	Custer School Dist. #16-1
Mr. Timothy Page	Elwood CCSD #203
Cathie Pezanoski	Elwood CCSD 203
Ms. Brenda Mefford	Fallbrook Union High School District
Terry Tamblyn	FLISA
Ben Papes	Glen Lake Community School
Jason Misner	Glen Lake Community School
Brooke Hazel-Massieux	Glen Lake Community School
Robert Reichert	Hatboro Horsham School Dist.

Mr. Christopher Carballo	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.
Anne Lawless	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.
Frank Sheboy	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.
Dr. Christine Walker	Hueneme Elementary School District
Mr. Craig M. Hutcheson	Kittatinny Reg. High School Dist.
Wes Eversole	Lake Dallas Ind. School Dist.
Stephanie Long	Leland Public School
Mary Ticknor	Lemont Twp. High School Dist. #210
Elvia Galicia	Los Alamitos Unif. School Dist.
Jerry Ellender	Mad River Local School District
Dr. William Kochis	Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School Dist.
Ms. Samantha Pochedly	Southeast Local School Dist.
Dr. Pandi Pittman	Wall School District #51-5
Carolynn Anderson	Wall School District #51-5
Kevin Feeney	Wilmington Comm. Unit School Dist. #209-U

#### IV. Executive Director Report

Tom Scheider reported on a variety of topics including:

- Meeting Sponsorship - Boardworks presentation - online curriculum resource - reception sponsorship
- The success of this meeting is what you do between meetings to advocate for the goals of Impact Aid and FLISA
- OASIS and TAFIS Outreach,
- New Staffer Orientation February 24<sup>th</sup> in DC
- FLISA voice is out there - recognized as important part of NAFIS community
- Legislative Update on New 118th Congress
  - Divided America
  - Mid-Term Results
  - FLISA/NAFIS Messaging
  - Senate: 51/49
  - Important Committee (HELP) Bernie Sanders and Bill Cassidy
  - Appropriations - Patty Murray
  - Education Appropriation Sub-Committee
  - House Election Results (Check stats)
    - Republicans 222
    - Democrats 213 -lost 9 seats
    - Flipped districts - independent minded
  - Education and Workforce Committee
  - Appropriations Subcommittee
  - New faces everywhere
- Message on the Hill
  - What about the ESSER funding - one time vs operational
  - Need to increase annual appropriation
  - Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding - Looking for house sponsor

V. Christine Walker and Terry Tamblyn shared that the minutes from the FLISA Fall meeting held during the NAFIS Fall Conference were posted on the FLISA website.

VI. Becky Allen presented the treasurer's report.

- Document has been posted on the FLISA website/copies available
- Review of Membership Numbers - 62 members
- FY 24 Budget Considerations:
  1. Website Improvements (Document Storage)
  2. FISEF Sub-Group Donation
  3. Schneider Retirement Costs
    - FLISA Projector
    - End to Split Travel Costs with CCSD 180
    - Printing Costs Possible
  4. FISEF donation- \$500
- Donation from Boardworks will help offset Winter meeting costs

VII. Cathie Peznowski reviewed the executive board membership and the proposed slate of candidates for the March, 2023 meeting.

FLISA Board (voting members) consists of:

Cathie Peznowski (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\*

Members were able to review Section 3 from the by-laws regarding executive board members terms of office.

VIII. Cathie Peznowski gave an update on the FLISA Spiritwear. The online store would re-open after the Winter meeting for a limited period of time.

IX. Craig Hutcheson gave an update on NAFIS and the NAFIS Board. He shared there had been a number of significant events over the last few years and lots of gaps to be filled. The new executive director has returned from maternity leave and is working remotely. The NAFIS board will be working on a strategic plan over the summer. He stressed the importance of continued FLISA representation on the NAFIS Board. Here are some of the highlights of the report:

Update on NAFIS

1. Executive Director returns from maternity leave. New baby boy: Oxford
2. Strategic plan July NAFIS Board Meeting
  - a. Questions/Thought Exchange for Membership
3. Discussion on Remote NAFIS Office
4. March NAFIS Conference Update:
  - a. Principal EI Speaker
  - b. FISEF Grants Return
5. FRO (Federal Relations Outreach)—April 19-20, 2023
  - a. 10 FLISA Members
  - b. Hotel Reservations on Own
6. 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 (\$825)

X. Executive Director Legislative Update included in next item

XI. Executive Director shared the FY 23 Congressional NAFIS Budget and FY 24 Appropriations Ask

**FY 2023 Appropriations**

FY 2023 was an extraordinary win for NAFIS and exceeded expectations. The final program funding is a testament to our dedicated NAFIS family never letting up our advocacy efforts. 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.

XII. Executive Director gave an update on other NAFIS legislation for the 188th Congress:

### **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.

XIII. Committees worked for most of the afternoon and gave an update on their progress at the end of the work session. Committee Information will be housed on the FLISA website.

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

Technology Update - Terry Tamblyn gave an update on the move away from Monday.com and the upgrade of the FLISA website to store documents.

XIV. No item in listed in the agenda

XV. The extra mile award will be reinstated.

XVI. A discussion was held regarding FLISA meeting locations. A survey was completed by attendees regarding meeting locations. There was also consensus that there would be no refunds on meeting registration fees after a certain date due to the fact that FLISA would be responsible for costs already committed.

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

- Interim communications
- Spring, 2023 FLISA Meeting Information—NAFIS (Washington DC)

XVIII. Action Items:

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

Motion: Frank Sheboy

Second: Marc Naugle

Motion passes unanimously

**18-B. Appoint Members to the Budget Committee to prepare and present budget**

Executive Director, President, Vice President and Treasurer

Motion: Mark Cross,

Second: Tim Page

Motion passes unanimously

**18-C. Approval of Donation to FISEF**

Motion: Stephanie,

Second: Craig Hutchinson

Motion passes unanimously

**18-D. Approval of Selection of Winter, 2024 Meeting Location/Dates**

Santa Barbara under consideration

Motion: Kevin Feeney;

Second: Brooke Hazel-Massieux

Motion passes unanimously

XIX. Information was presented regarding the upcoming meetings:

- A. Spring NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, March 11-14, 2023
- B. Summer 2023 FLISA Meeting, Colorado Springs (June 23<sup>rd</sup> **Friday** Meeting Day)
  - a. Call for Presentations\*
- C. 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>
- D. Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting, TBD—February 2<sup>nd</sup> **Friday** Meeting Day)

XX. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00