



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Member Meeting
AGENDA--FLISA Spring Meeting
Friday, June 23rd at 9:00PM Mountain Time—TBD

Please bring your laptop/device for Committee Work.

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. 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. FRO Report

V. Approval of minutes from the FLISA Spring Meeting in DC—Christine Walker

- A. Document has been posted on the FLISA website

VI. Treasurer's Report—Becky Allan/Tom Schneider

- 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. Schneider Retirement Costs
 - a. End to Split Travel Costs with CCSD 180/Printing Costs Possible
 - b. OASIS/NIISA Attendance (Approx. \$1K Each)

VII. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson

- A. Update on NAFIS Organization
 1. Strategic plan July NAFIS Board Meeting
 - c. Most Important Overall Goal for Organization Thoughts?
 - d. What would FLISA want to see from NAFIS Organization?
 - e. What would be the short and long term, NAFIS goals/work that would benefit
 1. all NAFIS Subgroups,
 2. FLISA
 2. Discussion on Remote NAFIS Office
 - Membership feedback (thoughts?)
- B. September NAFIS Conference:
 - a. 50th Gala Celebration on Monday of Fall NAFIS Conference
 - b. Meet & Greet Reception smaller and moved to Tuesday
 - c. Ticket cost included in conference registration (\$825)
- C. FRO (Federal Relations Outreach) Format Changes Discussion

VIII. Technology Update: Terry Tamblyn’s Thoughts:

- A. Log-in Thoughts
- B. Student Photos for Website Reminder
- C. Current website will store documents
- D. Continuing Terry Agreement Discussion

Terry 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?

IX. Executive Director Legislative Update

X. Review of 118th Congress and FY 24 NAFIS Appropriations Ask

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.



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XI. Other NAFIS Legislation for 118th 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.

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.

This might be a good place to hear follow Up from FLISA Executive Director from Sen. Sanders' staffer meeting (Manuel Contraras)

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 118th Congress. If you talk to a Member who is not currently on the coalition, suggest they join. Have them contact 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.**

XII. Committee Updates and Committee Work (See Below)

- D. Mary Ticknor--**Advocacy** Committee
- E. Bob Reichert--**Membership** Committee
- F. Mark Cross--**Messaging** Committee

Review Talking Points and 1-Pager for September 19, 2023 Hill Visits (Messaging Committee)

XV. FLISA Extra Mile Award and Call for Nominations

XVI. FLISA Meeting Locations

a. Winter, 2024 Hyatt Clearwater, Florida

1. First Weekend in February (February 1-4, 2024)
2. Thursday Afternoon Start Details

b. Summer, 2024 – Location TBD Dates: **Starts Thursday, June 20th—General Membership Meeting Friday, June 21st**

1. Thursday Meeting Start Discussion
2. Recommendation from Board: _____
3. Thoughts on selection process:
 - a. Vote of those assembled or assign to committee?

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

- Interim communications
- Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting Information—Clearwater, Florida
 - Committee Meeting Thursday starting at Noon-6PM (Open House)

XVIII. Action Items:

18-A. Approval of FLISA Spring Meeting Minutes

18-B. Approval of Final FY 24 Budget

18-C. Approval of Possible Technology Position

18-D. Nomination Selection of Summer, 2024 Meeting and Dates including Thursday, February 1st Evening Start (Feb. 1-4, 2024)



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XIX. Next Meeting Information

- A. Fall NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, September 17-19, 2023
 - a. Includes NAFIS 50th Gala Celebration on Monday, September 18th
- B.** Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting, Hyatt Clearwater, Florida—**February 1st Thursday Afternoon Start)—General Membership Meeting Friday, February 2nd**
- C. Spring NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, March 10-12, 2024
- D.** FLISA Summer, 2024 Meeting—TBD—**Starts Thursday, June 20th—General Membership Meeting Friday, June 21st**
 - 1. Call for Presentations***

XX. Reception Reminder/Adjournment

***Call for Presentations—Next 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

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)

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



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- 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,

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?
 - c. NAFIS Video Request
 - 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. Set additional meetings with members of Congress for September
 - d. Frank Sheboy—MERIT Hill Visit Technique
 - 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?
 - c. Determine which non-participating districts need to be contacted

