



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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FLISA Member Meeting

Minutes—NAFIS Fall Conference

Sunday, September 17, 2023-Concord/Lexington 10:45-11:45 AM

Monday, September 18, 2023-Columbia Foyer 8:30-10:00 AM

I. Welcome Comments and Review of the Mission/Vision of FLISA

Cathie Peznowski reviewed the Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles of FLISA.

II. Introduction of FLISA Board and Past Presidents

FLISA Board members and past presidents introduced themselves.

III. Introduction by Those in Attendance

Attendees introduced themselves, and new attendees were recognized.

Attendees:

Aireane Curtis	Windham Exempted Village School
Allison Brandon	York County School Division
Anne Lawless	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.
Ben Papes	Glen Lake Community School
Billie Jordan	OASIS
Brian Cortez	Academy School District #20
Brooke Hazael-Massieux	Glen Lake Community School
Carolyn Anderson	Wall School District #51-5
Cathie Pezanoski	Elwood CCSD #203
Christine Walker	Hueneme Elementary School District
Christopher Carballo	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.



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Cindi Martin	Fallbrook Union Elementary School District
Craig M. Hutcheson	Kittatinny Reg. High School Dist.
Dan Baldwin	Stanley Co. School Dist. #57-1
Elizabeth Hall	York County School Division
Elvia Galicia	Los Alamitos Unif. School Dist.
Frank Sheboy	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.
George Seiler	Bon Homme School District
Jacob James	Taholah SD #7
Jason Misner	Glen Lake Community School
Jeff Hollamon	Onslow County Board of Education
Jerry Ellender	Mad River Local School District
Kelly Glodt	Pierre School District
Kevin Feeney	Wilmington Comm. Unit School Dist. #209-U
Mark Cross	Cass School Dist. #63
Mark Naugle	X
Mary Ticknor	Lemont Twp. High School Dist. #210
Merian Juneau	Taholah SD #7
Michael McElduff	Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.
Monica Timberlake	Arizona School Boards Association
Monika Hazel	Fallbrook Union High School District
Nicole Desjarlait	Red Lake #38
Pandi Pittman	Wall School District #51-5



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Rainey Anderson	Wellpinit School District
Robert Reichart	Hatboro Horsham School Dist.
Sarah Wedge	Custer School Dist. #16-1
Stephanie Long	Leland Public Schools
Teri Reynolds	Custer School Dist. #16-1
Thomas Schneider	FLISA
Tim Craig	Wilmington Comm. Unit School Dist. #209-U
Tim Kehoe	Shoreline Unified
Tim Page	Elwood CCSD #203
Tom Madden	FLISA
Wes Eversole	Lake Dallas Ind. School Dist.
Will Bennett	

IV. FLISA Executive Director's Report – Tom Schneider

Tom Schneider gave brief reports on the following:

- Increase in district membership
- Update on the Senate
- NAFIS talking points
- FLISA - ask for \$2 million increase - additional districts
- Legislative Update

V. Approval of minutes from the FLISA Summer Meeting in Colorado—Christine Walker

Minutes posted on the FLISA website

- Motion to Approve: Wes Eversol
- Second: Frank Sheboy



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- Motion passes

VI. Treasurer's Report—Becky Allan/Brian Cortez (Director of Budget and Finance, Academy School District)

Brian Cortez spoke on behalf of Becky Allan:

Documents have been posted on the FLISA website/copies available

- Review of Membership Numbers
- FY 24 Budget Considerations Reminder
 1. 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

Craig Hutchenson provided updates on the following:

- Summer strategic planning session
- Brian Riggs - consultant
- Working on developing action plan to meet goals
- Need buy-in from all the sub-groups
- Want a functional strategic plan that is usable
- FLISA voice is being heard
- NAFIS Office - staffed T/W/TH
- Advocacy - in house or outsource / commitment by the board to move away from consultant and move back to in-house - job description has been developed - still in process

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

From NAFIS Talking Points on Impact Aid Funding:

- If applicable, THANK them for their support of the \$61 million FY 2023 funding increase for Impact Aid.
- REQUEST support for the Senate Appropriations Committee's approved increases for



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Impact Aid in FY 2024:

- o \$8.758 million increase for Basic Support
- o \$687,000 increase for Federal Property
- o \$594,000 increase for Construction
- o Level funding for Children with Disabilities
- EXPLAIN what even a small increase to Impact Aid could mean for your district.

Section	FY20 Final	FY21 Final	FY22 Final	FY23 Final	FY24 Senate Appropriations
Federal Property	\$75.31 M	\$76.31 M	\$77.31 M	\$78.31 M	\$79 M
Basic Support	\$1,340.24 M	\$1,354.24 M	\$1,409.24 M	\$1,468.24 M	\$1,477.0 M
Disabilities	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M
Construction	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$18.41 M	\$19 M
Facilities	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M
Total	\$1,486.12 M	\$1,501.12 M	\$1,557.12 M	\$1,618.12 M	\$1,628.151 M

Previous 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.

IX. Other NAFIS Legislation for 118th Congress:

Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act

Background: The Federal Government has a responsibility to fully fund Impact Aid, but it has not met this responsibility since 1969. This legislation would establish a five-year glide path to full funding and ensure meaningful annual increases to districts.



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NAFIS endorsed and fully bipartisan Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act has now been introduced in the House (HR 1591) and the Senate (S. 871). This legislation would fully fund Basic Support and provide a proportional increase to Federal Property, Construction, and Children with Disabilities.

Talking Points:

- THANK those members who co-sponsored this legislation.
- REQUEST CO-SPONSORSHIP from those who have not yet signed on.
- ORIGINAL COSPONSORS: House -- Reps. Tom Cole (R-OK) and Mike Levin (D-CA); Senate -- Sens. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), Thomas Tillis (R-NC), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Richard Durbin (D-IL) and John Cornyn (R-TX).

School Infrastructure

NAFIS will be reintroduced the day before the Fall Conference. This legislation increases funding for school infrastructure and is the result of merging NIISA and NAFIS infrastructure bills from the last Congress. Sens. Hirono, Klobuchar, and Gillibrand are co-sponsors (looking for a Republican sponsor).

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.

X. Nicole Russell gave an update on what is happening in NAFIS and on the hill

- Talking Government shutdown
- hoping for no cuts



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- XI. Frank Sheboy presented on the MERIT Hill Visit Technique.
- XII. Committee leaders gave brief updates on their committee work.
- XIII. Upcoming Meetings:
 - a. Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting, Hyatt Clearwater, Florida—**February 1st Thursday Afternoon**)
 - b. Spring NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, March 10-12, 2024
 - c. FLISA Summer, 2024 Meeting—San Diego—**Starts Thursday, June 20th—General Membership Meeting Friday, June 21st**
 - i. Call for Presentations*
 - d. Fall NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, September 21-25, 2024