



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Member Meeting

FLISA Spring Meeting Minutes (Minutes in Green)

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

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

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

FLISA Board members and past presidents were introduced.

III. Introduction by Those in Attendance

<i>Mr. Mark Cross</i>	<i>Cass School Dist. #63</i>
<i>Dr. Thomas Schneider</i>	<i>Community Consol. School Dist. #180</i>
<i>Mr. Mark Naugle</i>	<i>Custer School Dist. #16-1</i>
<i>Cathie Pezanoski</i>	<i>Elwood CCSD #203</i>
<i>Mr. Timothy Page</i>	<i>Elwood CCSD #203</i>
<i>Jason Misner</i>	<i>Glen Lake Community School</i>
<i>Ben Papes</i>	<i>Glen Lake Community School</i>

<i>Brooke Hazael-Massieux</i>	<i>Glen Lake Community School</i>
<i>Robert Reichart</i>	<i>Hatboro Horsham School Dist.</i>
<i>Frank Sheboy</i>	<i>Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.</i>
<i>Anne Lawless</i>	<i>Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.</i>
<i>Mr. Christopher Carballo</i>	<i>Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.</i>
<i>Michael McElduff</i>	<i>Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.</i>
<i>Holly Allen King</i>	<i>Hays Lodge Pole SD</i>
<i>Dr. Christine Walker</i>	<i>Hueneme Elementary School District</i>
<i>Darlene Bruno</i>	<i>Hueneme Elementary School District</i>
<i>Mr. Craig M. Hutcheson</i>	<i>Kittatinny Reg. High School Dist.</i>
<i>Wes Eversole</i>	<i>Lake Dallas Ind. School Dist.</i>
<i>Stephanie Long</i>	<i>Leland Public Schools</i>
<i>Jerry Ellender</i>	<i>Mad River Local School District</i>
<i>Mr. Jeff Hollamon</i>	<i>Onslow County Board of Education</i>
<i>Kathleen Holter</i>	<i>Platte-Geddes School Dist. #11-5</i>
<i>Jennifer Knecht</i>	<i>Platte-Geddes School Dist. #11-5</i>
<i>Dr. William Kochis</i>	<i>Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School Dist.</i>
<i>David Ostash</i>	<i>Sierra Sands Unified School District</i>
<i>Michael Scott</i>	<i>Sierra Sands Unified School District</i>
<i>Robert Dunn</i>	<i>Southeast Local School Dist.</i>
<i>Ms. Samantha Pochedly</i>	<i>Southeast Local School Dist.</i>
<i>Ron Begay</i>	<i>Tuba City Unified SD</i>
<i>Hope Dennis</i>	<i>Wall School District #51-5</i>
<i>Amy Bessette</i>	<i>Wall School District #51-5</i>
<i>Kevin Feeney</i>	<i>Wilmington Comm. Unit School Dist. #209-U</i>
<i>Edcelena James</i>	<i>Taholah SD #7</i>



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<i>Tom Madden</i>	<i>FLISA</i>
<i>Pam Deering</i>	<i>CCOSA (Oklahoma)</i>
<i>Brad Peters</i>	<i>Bon Homme School District</i>

IV. NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russel Scheduled to Appear

Executive Director Nicole Russel gave an update on NAFIS activities. FLISA members expressed concerns about the Pay Teachers Act and the upcoming gala that will be held in September.

V. FLISA Executive Director's Report – Tom Schneider

Executive Director Tom Schneider gave a full report which included such topics as:

- *Review of handout*
- *Advance for full funding legislation*
- *Talking Points - new leave behinds from messaging committee*
- *Debt ceiling*
- *Balancing the budget - what would it take*
- *Biden Budget*
- *The success of this meeting is what you do between meetings to advocate for the goals of Impact Aid and FLISA*
- *New Staffer Orientation Report*

VI. Review of minutes from the FLISA Winter Meeting—Christine Walker

- A. Document posted on the FLISA website

VII. Treasurer's Report

- A. Document 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 - *it was determined the donation would be \$500*
 - 3. Schneider Retirement Costs
 - a. FLISA Projector
 - b. End to Split Travel Costs with CCSD 180/Printing Costs Possible
 - c. OASIS Attendance *or NIISA*

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

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*

IX. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson

Sunday - NAFIS board update was provided by Craig Hutcheson. He addressed concerns that were raised earlier during the meeting related to the Teacher Pay Act and the NAFIS Gala.



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Monday - NAFIS is developing a strategic direction; thought exchange will occur during general session; members expressed concerns about presence on the hill - NAFIS Board is open up to feedback about relationship with NAFIS office/remote office; what is the long term plan for Bernstein group or will NAFIS hire for the advocacy position. Bernstein was originally hired as a short term solution.

- 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. 50th Gala Celebration on Monday of Fall NAFIS Conference

- b. 6-10 PM at Hyatt Monday of Conference
- c. Semi-Formal-ish - **business attire**
- d. Meet & Greet Reception smaller and moved to Tuesday
- e. Ticket cost included in conference registration (\$125 + \$700 Reg. Fee)

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.



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- \$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 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.

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.**

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

Looking for nominations

When you make nomination, there should be some supporting documentation - give nomination to Executive Director

XVI. FLISA Meeting Locations

- a. Summer, 2023 **Location/Time:**
 1. Colorado Springs - **No refund after May 27th**
 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:

Best weather option - Florida - Tom Schneider will look into various locations

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."



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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:

18-A. Approval of FLISA Winter Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mark Cross; second by Jason Misner

Motion approved

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

Motion by Mark Naugle; second by Wes Eversole

Motion approved

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

Motion by Stephanie Long; second by Brooke Hazael-Massieux

Motion approved

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

Motion by Mark Cross; second by Frank Sheboy

Motion approved

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

Motion by Mary Ticknor; second by Tim Page

Motion approved

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

XIX. Next Meeting Information

- A. Summer 2023 FLISA Meeting, Colorado Springs (June 23rd **Friday Meeting Day**)
 - a. **Call for Presentations***
- B. Fall NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, September 17-19, 2023
 - a. Includes NAFIS 50th Gala Celebration on Monday, September 18th
- C. Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting, **TBD—February 1st Thursday Afternoon Start**)
- D. Spring NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, March 10-12, 2024

XX. Reception Reminder/Adjournment