



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Member Meeting

FLISA Spring Meeting Minutes (Minutes in Green)

Friday, June 23rd at 9:00 AM Mountain Time—Silver Room

Please bring your laptop/device for Committee Work.

- I. **Welcome Comments and Review of the Mission/Vision of FLISA – Cathie Pezanoski**
Welcome by Cathie Pezanoski: Mission, vision, and guiding principles were reviewed.

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**

See next section

III. Introduction by Those in Attendance

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

All attendees introduced themselves by sharing their name, Title, Location, and Impacted Land

<i>Becky Allan</i>	<i>Academy School District</i>
<i>Cathy Watts</i>	<i>Academy School District</i>
<i>Mark Cross</i>	<i>Cass School Dist. #63</i>
<i>Cathie Pezanoski</i>	<i>Elwood CCSD #203</i>
<i>Timothy Page</i>	<i>Elwood CCSD #203</i>
<i>Dr. Thomas Schneider</i>	<i>Executive Director</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>Michael McElduff</i>	<i>Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery Central School Dist.</i>
<i>Dr. Christine Walker</i>	<i>Hueneme Elementary School District</i>
<i>Darlene Bruno</i>	<i>Hueneme Elementary School District</i>
<i>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>Mary Ticknor</i>	<i>Lemont Twp. High School District, #210</i>
<i>Elvia Galicia</i>	<i>Los Alamitos Unified School District</i>
<i>Jerry Ellender</i>	<i>Mad River Local School District</i>
<i>Dr. Pandi Pittman</i>	<i>Wall School District #51-5</i>
<i>Carolyn Anderson</i>	<i>Wall School District</i>
<i>Kevin Feeney</i>	<i>Wilmington Comm Unit School District #209-U</i>
<i>Tom Madden</i>	<i>FLISA</i>
<i>Terry Tamblyn</i>	<i>FLISA</i>



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IV. FLISA Executive Director's Report – Tom Schneider

A. Overview

Dr. Schneider shared that this meeting is a great time to prepare for what will be happening in September and that the success of this meeting is what you do between meetings to advocate for the goals of Impact Aid and FLISA.

Feedback from FRO:

- **Groups went to 4 meetings - less than in the past**
- **Sub-groups were doubled up rather than in groups that represented each subgroup**
- **Meetings were held with people who were very familiar with the program and talked about the legislation - lots of "preaching to the choir"**
- **Would be better to target influential legislators who are not as familiar with the program**
- **More meetings could have been held**
- **Participants were prepared and given sufficient time in advance to meet with their group**
- **Structure could be improved**

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 (Page 8-9)

Becky Allan reviewed the budget. She explained the columns showing the expected actuals, the variance between actuals and budget, and the upcoming budget. The proposed budget for 23-24 is the same as 22-23.

Cathie Pezanoski reported the additional expenses discussed at the executive board meeting:

- **Travel for the Executive Director will no longer be split with CCSD 180**
- **OASIS/NIISA Attendance for the Executive Director**
- **\$2000 Increase will be made to costs of the Winter meeting line item.**

VII. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson

A. Update on NAFIS Organization

There is still a lot of transition related to a new Executive Director.

NAFIS Board will be holding the strategic planning meeting this summer.

Takeaways from the thought exchange that Craig and Tom can take to the Strategic planning meeting:

- **What are the basic beliefs for our organization - so that we all have the same processes within each group?**
- **Stay united - unity within the organization.**
- **No subgroup should be left behind.**
- **NAFIS should not support anything that harms any group.**
- **Review staffing in NAFIS office - will we continue using an outside lobbyist, or should the legislative position within NAFIS be filled?**
- **We want to be NAFIS represented by NAFIS**

B. Discussion on Remote NAFIS Office

The NAFIS office is currently a hybrid office. The executive director is currently working out of Camp LeJeune, which NAFIS was aware of when she was hired. Feedback from the membership regarding the NAFIS office as it relates to being in-person or hybrid:

- **There does not seem to be an effective format for the NAFIS staff to build relationships**
- **There is no longer a need to be hybrid**
- **Has the landscape changed DC where they don't need to be in-person? It feels like things have returned to in-person, and the relationship building is key**
- **NAFIS needs to have a visual presence on the hill.**
- **Why are NAFIS staff living in DC working from home - The explanation given is that the DC office staff landscape is hybrid**
- **If hybrid - there needs to be structure and accountability. There needs to be regular days that they are in the office together, including the Executive Director**

B. September NAFIS Conference:

- 50th Gala Celebration on Monday of Fall NAFIS Conference**
- Meet & Greet Reception smaller and moved to Tuesday**



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- c. Ticket cost included in conference registration (\$825)

There may be an adjustment to the ticket cost, as alcohol will not be included in the price. It will be a no-host bar.

- C. FRO (Federal Relations Outreach) Format Changes Discussion

See earlier 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 Tamblyn gave an update on the website - you must have an account. Documents can be stored, links can be added, etc. If you have any questions or problems, see Terry Tamblyn.

Terry Tamblyn only received pictures, from one district - from Mark Naugle.

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

Tom Schneider gave a legislative update.
We control the message of the importance of impact aid for our students.
The debt ceiling agreement will frame all of our conversations.

Committee Updates:

Each committee leader gave an update on the work of their committee.

- Membership shared the need to develop talking points or a one-pager on the value of becoming a member of FLISA.
- Advocacy will sit and discuss the next steps - how is what we are doing different than what is happening at FRO, etc. There is still a need to clarify what each group is doing, so as not to duplicate work.
- Messaging shared the work of the messaging committee. Shared the “talking points” handout, is not a leave-behind, but an informational tool. In addition, there is a one-page leave-behind with QR codes that is separate from the talking points. Want to coordinate with the other subgroups.

Frank Sheboy gave a 5-minute presentation on advocating with MERIT. Memorable, Emotional, Relatable, Immersive, and Tangible.

Committee Work for an hour.

Committees reported on their work.

Terry Tamblyn gave a report on the website.

Rebecca Kaiser received the Extra Mile Award. Cathie Pezanoski shared Ms. Kaiser came before the meeting started, and she presented her with the award.

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3. X. **FLISA Extra Mile Award and Call for Nominations**
4. XI. **FLISA Meeting Locations**
 - a. **Winter, 2024 Hyatt Clearwater, Florida**
 1. First Weekend in February (February 1-4, 2024)
 2. Thursday Afternoon Start Details

Discussion regarding the new meeting format to allow for more time to work. Build in time to actually do the work, rather than trying to wait until we get back to our districts.

Winter 2024 - Florida



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For the Winter meeting, the room is reserved starting at 1:00. Committee leaders will reach out to Tom Schneider about times they think committees would like to meet.

Summer 2024 - Location TBD Dates: **Starts Thursday, June 20th—General**

- **Upstate New York - dates would need to be changed; mid to late July was suggested**
- **San Diego**
- **Santa Barbara**
- **Northern Michigan**

5. XII. **Action Items:**

- **18-A. Approval of FLISA Spring Meeting Minutes**
Motion - Stephanie Long;
Second - Marc Cross
Motion passes
- **18-B. Approval of Final FY 24 Budget**
Motion - Frank Sheboy
Second Jerry Ellender
Motion passes
- **18-C. Approval of Possible Technology Position - no action**
- **18-D. Nomination Selection of Summer, 2024 Meeting and Dates including Thursday, February 1st Evening Start (Feb. 1-4, 2024)**

Begin subgroup committee on Feb 1st (Thursday) beginning at 12:00

Motion - Jerry Ellender
Second - Mary Ticknor

Motion passes

6. XIII. 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*

7. XIV. 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)