



**Board Meeting**

**April 3, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

# Agenda



**COBIS FALL MEETING: Monday, April 3, 2023**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM**

**MEETING IS BEING RECORDED**

## **AGENDA:**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Treasurer's Report.....Edith Ysada**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2022 Zoom Meeting....Maggie Jimenez**
- 4. Legislative Updates, including HB1: new "Education Savings Accounts" (ESA's) for all K-12 children.**
- 5 FAANS updates**
- 6. ISSF Events**
- 7. Board Nominations**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Adjournment**

COBIS 2022

Ending Balance 2021 Description \$ 13,782.08

Checks	Date	Check #	Description	
		1245	Voided Check	
		1246	Sotolongo and Associates	
		1247	Citi Master Card	
		1248	Voided Check	
		1250	Cobis	
			Deluxe Checks	
			Tax Filing	\$ 125.00
			Reimb-Fall FAANS meting -Airfare	\$ 259.21
			Balance transf to BkUnited -new bk	\$13,557.19
			New Acct check order-Bk United	\$ 33.47
<b>Total Checks:</b>				<b>\$ 13,974.87</b> <u>\$ 13,974.87</u>

Service Fees

18-Jan	Month of January	\$ 19.29	
18-Jan	Month of Jan Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
15-Feb	Month of February	\$ 18.91	
15-Feb	Month of February Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
21-Mar	Month of March	\$ 19.02	
21-Mar	Month of March Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
15-Apr	Month of April	\$ 19.33	
15-Apr	April Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
1-May	Month of May	\$ 18.96	
14-May	May Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
14-Jun	Month of June	\$ 18.93	
14-Jun	June Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
15-Jul	Month of July	\$ 18.97	
15-Jul	July Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
16-Aug	Month of August	\$ 18.94	
16-Aug	August Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
15-Sep	Month of September	\$ 18.94	
15-Sep	September Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
15-Oct	Month of October	\$ 19.39	
15-Oct	October Paper Statement Fee	\$ 10.00	
<b>Total Service Fees:</b>			<b>\$ 290.68</b> <u>\$ 290.68</u>

Deposits

8-Nov	Cobis transfer from old bank account	City to BkUnited	13,557.19
8-Nov	HighPoint, JMS 1, JMS 2	Membership dues	1,300.00
8-Nov	Edison, Schoolhouse Prep	Membership dues	1,100.00
16-Nov	Brito	Membership dues	\$ 550.00
	Check 1228 to Christ-Mar	Voided - never cashed 2/7/2019	\$ 450.00
<b>Total Deposits:</b>			<b>\$ 16,957.19</b> <u>\$ 16,957.19</u>

Final Checkbook Balance As of 12/31/2022 \$ 16,473.72

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12/31/2022

# March 28, 2023 COBIS FINANCIAL REPORT

COBIS 2023

Ending Balance 2022		Description	<u>\$ 16,473.72</u>
Checks	Date	Check #	
	8-Mar	1001 FAANS	Memb dues -450.00 + 6 schools \$ 468.00
	8-Mar	1002 Sotolongo & Associates	Preparation of Form 990N \$ 140.00
	8-Mar	1003 Edith Ysada	Reimb for Corp Annual Filing \$ 61.25
	28-Mar	Advantage Citi Business Card	Reimb. For Costs for FAANS meeting \$1,214.69
<b>Total Checks:</b>			<b>\$ 1,883.94</b> <u>\$ 1,883.94</u>

**Total Checkbook Balance:** \$ 14,589.78

3/28/2023 *[Handwritten signature]*

**Council of Bilingual Schools (COBIS)**  
Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022

**Board Meeting  
Minutes from October  
24, 2022**

**Transcribed by Secretary Maggie  
Jimenez-Foyo  
(from Zoom video recording)**

**Members Present:**

Edison Private School – Margarita Jimenez  
Schoolhouse Preparatory – Dr. Jillian De Villiers  
Highpoint Academy – Alicia Casanova  
Highpoint Academy Coral Way – Alicia Casanova  
Jose Marti School (27<sup>th</sup> Ave Campus) – Milagros Beovides  
Jose Marti School (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave Campus) – Edith Ysada

**Guest(s):**

**Member(s) Absent:**

**Call to Order**

- The COBIS Fall meeting was called to order at **10:00 a.m. (ZOOM MEETING)**

**Business**

**Welcome:** Alicia Casanova welcomed all schools and reminded them that in order to meet quorum all member schools must be present at the two mandatory meetings per year. Congratulations to Edison Private School for their acquisition of their new school located at Port Richey, Florida.

**Minutes**

Margarita Jimenez reviewed minutes 10/27/2021)

*1:10.24 Edith Ysada motion to approve minutes Seconded Beatriz Brito*

**Motion Adopted**

**The Financial Report** presented by Treasurer; Edith Ysada-

Ms. Ysada addressed the issue of changing to Bank United to reduce additional fees. Bank United is requesting original signatures. All paperwork must be resubmitted, and members must personally sign at the bank, or they will send a representative to each school to gather signatures.

The balance as of September 30, 2022, is \$13,136.58. In this total not all the FAANS expenses are included as well as the dues from all the member schools. All schools must submit their dues and Annual Reports.

*Motion 2:10.24 Margarita Jimenez motion to approve the Financial Report Seconded by Dr. Jillian De Villiers*

**Motion Adopted**

## Discussion on COBIS Elections & FAANS representation

Ms. Casanova led the discussion regarding the COBIS election and an Executive Director for FAANS. Her recommendation was to elect Jillian De Villiers for President and Nuria Sanchez to represent COBIS at the FAANS meetings starting the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Sanchez will not be compensated monetarily she will receive the funding for all expenses incurred for those meetings. Ms. Casanova will assist Ms. Sanchez in the transition for one year.

*Motion 3:10.24 Beatriz Brito makes motion to nominate Nuria Sanchez as the new COBIS Executive Director to attend FAANS Meeting starting in the Fall of 2023. Seconded Dr. Jillian De Villiers Motion Adopted*

## ISSF

Ms. Casanova requested all schools to participate in the ISSF Leadership Series, Star Awards, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee and Administration Holiday Luncheon. All Leadership series are now available on Zoom and are posted for future reference on the ISSF website. Ms. Casanova stated that all teachers must have access to continuing education to enhance their teaching performance.

## FAANS

Ms. Casanova provided the FAANS Meeting Agenda.

-The Commissioner of Education Mr. Manny Diaz addressed his focus on School Choice. The goal is to provide more funding for school choice in the future. The money follows the student.

**FAANS** is working on the revision of their standards. What is their mission and nature of FAANS. Ms. Casanova will be part of the revision process.

**Dual Enrollment** – New rules for private schools. All private schools should be reimbursed for the tuition paid. It has been an ongoing problem for private schools. A clear rule still needs to be developed to provide clarity to the schools.

**The Office of Safe Schools** primary focus is prevention and preparedness planning. James Herzog trying to get funding for School Safety Training.

VPK requirements are transitioning to a new system (attachment provided)

1. Administration requirements
2. Star Parent Report
3. Renaissance System
4. CLASS- Class Assessment Scoring System
5. VPK Accountability

## STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

- Income based programs 272,046 student applications.
- For FES and FTC 241, 950 submitted applications.
- Enrollment number for both programs: 175,501. Applications continue to come in daily.

## HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The governor wants to modernize the scholarship programs. He wants to provide the parents with an educational account.

## FOUNDATION FOR FLORIDA FUTURES

Advocating for educational choice. They are supportive of ESA and looking at the possibility that all students throughout Florida have all the choices possible.

## James Herzog Legislative Report (Attachment Provided)

## Additional COBIS Business

- COBIS schools must always prioritize safety. It is important to have different drills and especially an Active Shooter drill. Drop-off and Dismissal must always be evaluated for safety.

Ms. Casanova discussed the accommodation done by Jose Marti and Brito Miami Private School concerning their staircase. The schools provided non-slip steps, signage, and training in always using their staircases.

- Save the date. Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 P.M. at Novecento in Doral. This date is to recognize Isabel Alonso for her years of service to the Council of Bilingual Schools.

## Adjournment

- The COBIS Fall meeting was adjourned at **11:00 a.m.**

**GREAT NEWS!**

**Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, ALL K-8 students in Florida will receive approximately \$8,700 toward Tuition (and other services), regardless of family income!**

New legislation (HB 1) passed that will affect Florida's school choice programs. Signed by Governor DeSantis on March 27, these changes will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

We encourage you check back in the coming weeks for updates regarding the implementation of the legislative changes.



#### House Bill 1

- ✓ Expands eligibility for all K-12 students, regardless of household income, and converts the scholarship into education savings accounts, or "ESAs"
- ✓ Creates a new program called the Personalized Education Program, or "PEP", to serve Florida's home education population who would like to use state scholarship funds in an education savings account to assist with the educational needs of their Personalized Education Students.



**IDA ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# **INFORMATION HANDBOOK**

**CONTAINING THE CHARTER, BYLAWS,  
CRITERIA, MEMBERSHIP PROCESS,  
APPLICATION FORMS and CODE OF ETHICS  
OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Newly revised  
Information Handbook is now  
posted on the FAANS website.**

**[www.faans.org](http://www.faans.org)**

**March, 2023**

**FAANS**  
**March 22, 2023**  
**Tentative Agenda**  
**Room 1703/7 at the Department of Education (Turlington Building)**

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions  
Approval of September 2022 Minutes  
First Group of Associations – brief overview of what the organization does and who it serves  
Membership and Standards Committee Report  
    Members of the committee  
    Updated Handbook  
    Membership  
Budget and Finance Committee Report (time for more discussion after lunch)  
    Members of the committee  
    Financial Report  
    Dues Discussion  
CAPE Report and Representative Discussion
- 10:00 Laura Mazyck, Deputy Executive Director of the School Choice Office  
SUFS – Lauren May, Director of Advocacy, Alexis Laroe, Legislative Affairs Assistant Director  
FHSAA Report and Representative Discussion  
Technology Committee Report  
    Members of the committee  
    Website updates  
    FAANS drive  
Second Group of Associations – brief overview of what the organization does and who it serves
- 11:00 Federal Programs Personnel (Dr. Peggy Aune’s team)
- 11:30 Abbey Ivey, dual enrollment discussion  
Third Group of Associations – brief overview of what the organization does and who it serves
- Noon Lunch in the cafeteria; Catapult, our sponsor, will have a representative joining us
- 1:00 AAA Scholarships – Kim Dyson, President  
Fourth Group of Associations – brief overview of what the organization does and who it serves  
Legislative Committee Report  
Legislative Coordinator Discussion  
    Members of the committee  
    Report from meetings at the Capitol  
    Bills Tracked  
FAANS Budget Discussion  
Other business:  
    Interest in Human Trafficking Prevention Education Curriculum  
    FAANS Mission Statement Discussion  
    Other items  
    Next Meeting – September 12, 2023 at the Renaissance Hotel in Orlando
- 3:00 Adjourn

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FAANS executive officers are meeting with education personnel in the Senate President’s office and the Speaker of the House’s office on March 21 and will report out at the meeting on March 22.



## **FAANS Meeting - ALICIA'S NOTES**

March 22, 2023

Turlington Building

Tallahassee

**Membership & Standards Committee Report.** New revised Info Manual is approved. Two new associations met all criteria and are now “accrediting member” associations.

1. Laura Mazyck, Deputy Exec. Direction of the FDOE Office of School Choice
  1. They're watching SB 1 expanding FES. Two school choice bills coming together is about to pass and Gov is anticipated to sign them. This will go into effect on July 1st for the 2023-2024 school year. The FDOE is geared up and ready to go on this.
2. There are some provisions that are going to streamline the process and make it easier. The FDOE website will be revised to make it more user-friendly. There will be navigator language to assist parents. (Their only concern with the proposed revisions of language that would require FDOE to make recommendations to the Parents that ask them to recommend a particular private school. This includes telling parents what they can do with any remaining funds.
2. Legislation passed last year that you will have the flexibility of going through the Clearinghouse for background screening. Every private school would have to set up their own account and clearinghouse. FDOE
3. Bill that expands FHSAA is in the pipeline.
4. EANS Program sunsets this September. Catapult services can be used through the summer and payments will be made in August. \$58 million remaining in Eaves funding. Schools can submit Requests. ARP funding. Schools are encouraged to spend.

### **Alexis Laroe, FDOE Legislative Affairs Asst. Director**

HB1

1. This bill is expected to pass this week and Gov is expected to sign it. Education Savings Accounts for ALL K-12 families, regardless of income.
2. They moved the September funding to August 1st so checks will be arriving by then.
3. Education Market Place Assistant (EMA) is being created to provide families with step by step instructions
4. The cap is being raised substantially so there will be a lot of interest.
5. Applications will open by no later than mid-May.
6. The FDOE is ready and will be implementing it quickly before school starts.
7. This bill has made national news so many parents will be learning about these voucher options very soon.
8. FODE will be sending us a lot of information very soon for us to pass along.
9. HB 190. - Allows more crossover for extra curricular between schools.

**FDOE will be linking the “SchoolAhoop” website to guide parents to the different schools that are accepting scholarships.**

### **Mary Camps, FAANS President**

She attend the CAPE meeting 6 weeks ago.

1. State CAPES have been meeting monthly on Zoom. Mary attended a few of these meetings.
2. There are 90 School Choice bills going around the US that are similyary to the one we have in Florida.
3. Title 1 Updates and other Title revisions are being considered.
4. NCES and NAPE testing.
5. IDEA would-be been reauthorized but Congress doesn't appear to have an interest in that. They're collecting data from our schools that are participating.
6. Florida received 53 million federal dollars this year for LEA services.
7. CAPE will meet again in July and then in September with virtual meetings in between.

### **FHSAA Report**

Barbara Hodges is our Rep and she's on sabbatical. A few discussions took place.

# FAANS

## 2023-2024 Standing Committees:

- **Budget and Finance Committee**
  - \* Joshua Repensek, Chair
  - \* David Ray
  - \* Steven Hicks
- **Membership and Standards Committee**
  - \* Stephanie Massey, Chair
  - \* Alicia A. Casanova
  - \* Teri Logan
  - \* Steven Lindquist
  - \* Mary Camp
- **Legislative Committee**
  - \* Howard Burke, Chair
  - \* Mary Camp
  - \* (Open)
- **Technology Committee**
  - \* Alicia A. Casanova, Chair
  - \* Michael Burroughs
  - \* Joshua Repensek
- **Nominating Committee**
  - \* LuAnne Schendel, Chair
  - \* Barbara Hodges
  - \* Alicia A. Casanova
  - \* Howard A. Burke

March 20, 2023

TO: All FAANS Directors  
FROM: Dr. Howard G Burke  
RE: Legislative Update

Below are the latest actions of significance on legislation that will significantly impact Nonpublic, Home schools & public schools. The major transition from Florida Corporate Tax Credit Scholarships, Florida Education Scholarships, Hope Scholarships, FES Unique Abilities Scholarships, etc. is well under way to changing the opportunities for all Florida students by CHOICE "Educational Scholarship Account" Options.

## 1. **FL H 1**

**Author:** Tuck (R)

**Title:** School Choice

**Location:** House Third Reading

**Summary:** Relates to school choice; revises provisions relating to Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, and part-time enrollment in public schools. The Republican-controlled House members voted 83-27 along almost-straight party lines to pass HB 1 today (Friday). The Senate could consider a similar bill (SB 202) as early as next week and it is believed at this time the Senate will either conform the Senate companion to the substitute language of the House Bill or table the Senate version and pass the House Bill with swift action. Both proposals have sailed through the Legislature, and Gov. Ron DeSantis has pledged that he would sign a vouchers expansion. Opposition to the House bill centered, in part, on eliminating income-eligibility requirements that are part of current voucher programs. Families would be eligible to receive vouchers under the bill if *"the student is a resident of this state and is eligible to enroll in kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school in this state."* Republicans are moving the legislation as the best way to make all systems of education better. The measure would create what are known as "education savings accounts." The accounts would allow recipients to spend voucher funds on a range of purchases beyond private-school tuition, including instructional materials, tutoring costs and fees for various exams. Testimony from House members in support proclaimed: "Competition works. Competition makes public schools better. Competition makes private schools better along with other systems that are being altered this Session. House Speaker Paul Renner said: "the spending flexibility stands to improve "educational outcomes" for students. Further, "This bill ... will forever change the course of education in Florida. It allows for customized education for each and every child in this state. The proposal will allow families of home-schooled students to receive voucher funds and will be referred to as a "personalized education program" under the bill. Those parents would have to apply for vouchers through what's known as a scholarship-funding organization and sign an agreement to annually submit a "sworn compliance statement" that would include various requirements. The measure would make other changes, such as requiring the education

**All Legislative updates  
were emailed to  
COBIS Directors  
this past week.**

# Federal Programs Contact List

## (March 22, 2023)

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Dr. Dinh Nguyen, Bureau Chief - Federal Educational Programs, [Dinh.Nguyen@fldoe.org](mailto:Dinh.Nguyen@fldoe.org) , 850-245-0811

Title I, Part A - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

- Director: Matthew Wiley: [Matthew.Wiley@fldoe.org](mailto:Matthew.Wiley@fldoe.org), 850-245-9732

Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children

- Director: Henry Miller: [Henry.Miller@fldoe.org](mailto:Henry.Miller@fldoe.org), 850-245-5033

Title II, Part A - Supporting Effective Instruction

- Director: Matt Caldwell: [Matt.Caldwell@fldoe.org](mailto:Matt.Caldwell@fldoe.org), 850-245-0919

Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement

- Director: Ginger Alberto: [Ginger.Alberto@fldoe.org](mailto:Ginger.Alberto@fldoe.org), 850-245-0894

Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant

- Director: Dr. Cassandra Brown: [Cassandra.Brown@fldoe.org](mailto:Cassandra.Brown@fldoe.org), 850-245-9947

IDEA, Part B

- Jessica Brattain, Bureau Chief – Exceptional Education and Student Support Services: [Jessica.Brattain@fldoe.org](mailto:Jessica.Brattain@fldoe.org), 850-245-0941



## Dual Enrollment Updates

Abbey Ivey, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Articulation



## Dual Enrollment Savings to Students

- In 2021-22, there were more than 274,000 college credit course completions in the Florida College System (FCS), which translates to a **tuition savings of more than \$58 million** for Florida students toward a college credit certificate or degree.
- In 2021-22, there were more than 1,500 clock hour course completions in the FCS, which translates to a **tuition savings of more than \$316,000** for Florida students toward a career certificate.

## Dual Enrollment Acceleration

- On average, students who were dually enrolled in the FCS in 2021-22 earned nearly the **equivalent of a full-time semester** of college credits or clock hours.
- The most frequently taken college courses count toward **general education** core requirements and include:
  - Freshman English I & II (for which students can earn a **general education digital badge** under s. 1007.25, F.S.) and Speech,
  - American Federal Government & Introductory Survey Since 1877 (which counts toward **civic literacy competency** under Rule 6A-10.02413, F.A.C.),
  - College Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Statistics,
  - General Biology and General Biology I, and
  - Introduction to Humanities.

## Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements: Student Eligibility

- Section 1007.271, F.S., establishes the minimum eligibility requirements for participation in college credit dual enrollment:
  - **Public, private and home education students in grades 6 through 12**
  - Minimum 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
  - Demonstrated readiness for college-level coursework via a common placement test or approved alternative method(s)
- The statute also authorizes FCS institutions to establish additional initial eligibility requirements to ensure student readiness for postsecondary instruction and specifies those additional requirements may not arbitrarily prohibit students who have demonstrated the ability to master advanced courses from participating in dual enrollment.



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The ISSF 2023 "Star Awards" Ceremony & Luncheon  
will take place on

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

at the Doubletree by Hilton Miami Airport Convention Center

located at 711 NW 72nd Ave. Miami, Fl 33126

*\$65.00 per person (if payment is received by February 6, 2023)*

*\$70.00 per person (if payment is received after February 7, 2023)*

All ISSF Member schools nominate their best all-around students to receive the coveted "STAR AWARD". This is a very prestigious award that recognizes each student's achievements in numerous areas, which may include academics, community service, citizenship, fine arts, athletics, effort, dedication, and good character. The "Star Award" recipients are an example for others to follow. It is our honor to recognize all the wonderful students for their efforts and achievements.

Click button below for detailed information and required forms:

[2023 STAR AWARDS LUNCHEON INFO & FORMS](#)





**Due to the numerous school shootings, ISSF will be providing information regarding seminars that offer Safety Apps for our school communities.**

## Suspicious Activity Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Submit A  
Tip Online

Download On The  
App Store

Get It On  
Google Play





**Hope you have a smooth  
end-of-school year and a  
safe and happy  
Summer of 2023!**