

**THE ALLIANCE FOR
HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

January 24, 2018

Chairperson Tom Hosler called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:40 a.m. on January 24, 2018, in the Worthington Education Center, Conference Room 101A, located at 200 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Robert Scott	Avon Lake City Schools
Clint Keener	Bay Village City School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City School District
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills Local Schools
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
Chad Hilliker	Hamilton County ESC
Steve Estep	Mariemont City Schools
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City Schools
Trent Bowers	Worthington City Schools

Also, in attendance were Alliance Executive Director Anthony Podojil, and Executive Assistant Patricia Cali.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

Executive Committee meeting minutes from October 25, 2017, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Joe Regano moved and Kathryn Powers seconded the approval of the minutes for October 25, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Reports.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for October, November and December. He explained that the expenses for the Annual Meeting versus what was budgeted for the meeting, remains within a reasonable target range in terms of what it costs to hold the annual meeting (approx. \$4000). He also pointed out that all expenses for the Annual Meeting had been paid in December.

Robert Scott moved and Scot Prebles seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for the months of October, November and December 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Huntington Deposit of Public Funds – Bridge Agreement

Tony requested the approval of the Huntington Bank Deposit of Public Funds – Ohio Bridge Agreement. Upper Arlington, our fiscal agent, has requested that we approve this form as a condition required to holding our funds.

Chad Hilliker moved and Brian Poe seconded the approval of the Bridge Agreement with Huntington Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

C. ESC of Central Ohio Employment Agreement

Tony explained that the contract with Rachel Wixey for administrative services had expired. He requested approval to be able to enter into a contract with the ESC of Central Ohio that would take the place of the Rachel Wixey agreement for the same services.

Trent Bowers moved and Scot Prebles seconded the approval allowing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the ESC of Central Ohio to secure administrative assistant services. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **House School Funding Task Force** – Tom Hosler and Scot Prebles provided the committee with an update on the work they have been doing as co-chairs of sub-committees on the House Education Funding Task Force. Tom is co-chairing the Base Cost Review subcommittee and Scot is co-chairing the Open Enrollment, Community Schools and Vouchers. There are several other sub-committees including Special and Gifted Education and ELL, ESC's, Career Tech and Stem, Technology, Transportation, and Poverty and Pre-K Education.

Rep. Cupp and Patterson are chairing the overall task force and the goal is to conduct an extensive review of the current funding methods to make recommendations that can then be shared with the incoming administration prior to the development of the next biennium budget. Work will continue in the sub-committees over the next several months. A final report is slated to be completed this summer.

2. **SB216** – Tony provided an update on the status of SB216. At the present, the group in Lima is working on an amended version of the bill to present to the Senate Education Committee. That should occur this week or next. Once we see that version, we will be able to respond to the changes being considered. We anticipate working on the document when the Legislative Committee meets on 2/14/18.

In addition to the overall bill, Tony indicated that he has been working with Ann Sheldon (Gifted Lobby) and Tom Ash on several changes to the gifted rules that would alter the timeline and requirements associated with the professional development requirements. These changes included the following:

- Lengthen the number of years required to meet the standards from two to four,
- give credit to AP and IB programs for up to 30 hours for those teachers who have earned that endorsement and
- allowing districts to receive credit for servicing students once they enter the training process.

While everyone agreed that they would prefer this requirement waived in totality, they all agreed that the changes being sought would be of benefit to districts as they attempted to meet the rule.

3. **HB343 and HB371** – Tony indicated that he has been working with education organizations on these two proposals that deal with changes to the property valuation challenge process. We remain opposed to any changes in this area and will lend our support to the organizations as these

bills move through the general assembly. The email that was sent to all BASA, OSBA and OASBO members was forwarded to our members encouraging them to contact their representatives.

4. **HB49 – College Credit Plus** – Tony reminded members, if they had not done so already, review the BASA power point that was discussed at their regional meetings dealing with the changes to the College Credit Plus program. While many of the changes impact student participation in the 18/19 school year it also requires high school counselors to intervene if student's fail to pass their college course work this year.

5. **HB360 – Bullying** – Tony indicated that he and Mike had met with Rep. Greenspan over the break to discuss the specific components of his bill. Of importance to members, in addition to the changes to discipline impacting rules for suspension is the requirement that school districts provide some type of counseling to the victims of the bullying act. This is the first time districts would be required and be responsible for assisting the victim of the bullying. What that would entail is unknown at this time.

We will continue to monitor the progress of this bill and will encourage members in Rep. Greenspan's district to contact his office and share their viewpoints.

B. ODE/State Board of Education.

1. **Strategic Planning Committee** – Tony updated the committee on the current progress related to ODE's strategic planning process. It appears that the process may be drawing to a close. The State Board of Education is in the process of finalizing their mission, vision and goal statements. The committee may meet one last time to finalize the drafts that have been discussed.

2. **Graduation Requirements** – During the January state board meeting, the board agreed to extend the changes made for the class of 2018 to include the class of 2019. This prompted Rep. Brenner to respond by indicating he was developing his own graduation requirements and would be offering them as a legislative solution. Updates will be given as we follow this issue through the state board and General Assembly.

3. **ESSA** – The ESSA application has been approved and we are waiting to see a final version. Once we have had a chance to review, we can discuss what issues remain and possible next steps.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **Meeting with House Education Committee Chair** - The next meeting of the Education Advisory Committee with House Education Chairman Brenner is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Rep. Duffey – Report Card Proposal** – In addition to a proposal being developed by Rep. Brenner, Rep. Duffey has also developed a report card proposal. Both of these are the result of the confusion that the value-added measure has had in their communities regarding the academic progress of their schools. Several of the members have had a chance to meet with Rep. Duffey and discuss his proposal. They indicated that there are several promising components of what he is advocating for. The committee suggested that the Alliance meet with Rep. Duffey to learn more about what he is proposing. Tony indicated he would set up a meeting with Rep. Duffey, Mike Dovilla and Jeff Brown to discuss the proposal.

D. Membership.

1. **Regional Meeting Schedule** – The committee received a schedule for the regional meetings that have been set for late February/early March. The focus of those meetings will be on current legislative initiatives including those discussed at today's meeting.

2. **Membership – 2017/2018** - Tony stated we are still waiting on dues for Centerville and Independence. Centerville is in the process of procuring their payment through the ESC. We still have not heard back from Independence.

3. **Membership – 2018/2019** - Tony has had conversations with two new potential members (Brooklyn and Lebanon).

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on December 13, 2017, was distributed earlier to members for their review. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 14, 2018.

ESSA/ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

A summary of the meeting held on November 8, 2017, was reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2018, with a focus on acquiring feedback from the committee on the various components of S.B. 216.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **Annual Meeting** – Based upon the attendance levels and feedback from members, it was agreed that this year's Annual Meeting was a success. The date and time of the event appears to work well with everyone's schedule and the number of attendees reached our maximum allotment of 350 seats at the Hilton. We have already secured the date and time at the Hilton for next year's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Hosler adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education held January 24, 2018.



Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director