

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE ALLIANCE FOR
HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**

November 9, 2015

Chairman Paul Imhoff, Superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools, called to order the Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 12:18 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015 in the Bellows Room of the Hilton Columbus Downtown Hotel, adjacent to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Forty-seven member districts were represented and a quorum was reached.

MINUTES / FISCAL REPORTS

Steve Kramer moved and Matt Miller seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on November 11, 2014 as submitted. The motion was adopted.

Joe Regano moved and Steve Kramer seconded a motion to approve and accept the fiscal report for FY2015 as submitted. The motion was adopted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Imhoff substituted for Executive Director Dr. Anthony Podojil, who was unable to attend because he was recovering from a serious accident that occurred recently at his home. Paul provided the following:

Biennium Budget – Prior to the introduction of the budget bill, the Alliance had established several specific objectives; primary among them were: retention of the basic principle of guaranteed funding for school districts, maintaining TPP personal property reimbursements at the FY2015 level, and establishing a minimum per pupil funding level at no less than that amount paid to chartered non-public schools. The General Assembly responded favorably, at least in part, to these requests – retaining guarantees, providing for an adequate TPP solution, and crafting a phased-in formula for the minimum amount – but the Governor vetoed the FY2017 TPP solution and the legislature's attempt to address the minimum amount. The Alliance began immediately to work with legislators to find a way to reverse the impact of the Governor's vetoes.

State testing, charter schools, College Credit Plus – the Alliance was a major contributor to the adoption of a revised state testing policy that changed vendors, reduced testing time, accelerated test result availability and ensured the adoption of the Common Core. The Alliance has been a strong supporter of H. B. 2 which tightens the oversight of charter school sponsors and operators and S. B. 3, the first attempt at school deregulation, and continues its efforts to amend College Credit Plus to allow for parent pay.

Quality Profile – District participation in the Quality Profile continues to grow, both among Alliance member districts, and non-Alliance members.

PRESENTATION OF THE HOMER F. MINCY EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Alliance honored its principal founder, Dr. Homer F. Mincy, by presenting him with *The Homer F. Mincy Education Leadership Award*, which bears his name. Paul Imhoff presented the award and Joe Regano, Superintendent of Solon City Schools, and the only member of the Alliance who was superintendent of one of the founding districts at the time the organization was formed, acknowledged the

pivotal, inspirational role that Dr. Mincy played as the Alliance came together and grew through its early years.

As always, Dr. Mincy was gracious and unassuming in his brief acceptance remarks.

SPECIAL PANEL PRESENTATION

Jim Betts facilitated the traditional panel discussion that this year consisted of Alliance Vice-Chair Tom Hosler, Superintendent of Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools, and two distinguished legislators: State Senator Randy Gardner, a veteran of nearly thirty years in the General Assembly, and Representative Bob Cupp, a freshman House member who previously served 16 years in the Senate and a full six-year term on the Ohio Supreme Court. Both are currently important contributing members of their respective finance and education committees.

Both legislators demonstrated their knowledge, expertise and thoughtful approach to education policy issues, including TPP reimbursements, testing, the Common Core and PARCC, College Credit Plus, charter funding and "opt outs." Tom Hosler spoke knowledgeably about the aforementioned issues and urged our guests to support Alliance positions. It was another of the Alliance's outstanding annual thought-provoking discussions.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business items came before the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items came before the membership.

SUMMARY / REMARKS

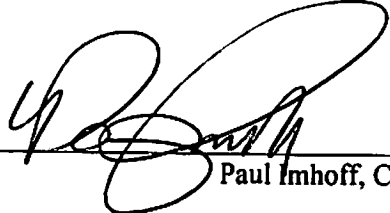
The Alliance will continue its efforts to support additional state funding – including the district per pupil minimum, retaining guarantees and TPP reimbursements – ongoing testing reform and school deregulation, modifying College Credit Plus and charter funding and expanding school deregulation. We will also aggressively promote the "Quality Profile."

ADJOURNMENT

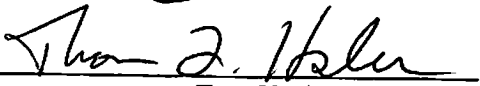
Chairman Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p. m.

CERTIFICATE

We, Paul Imhoff, Chair of the Alliance for High Quality Education, and Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Alliance for High Quality Education held November 9, 2015.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair