

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

November 13, 2017

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 12:15 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017, in the Bellows Room of the Hilton Columbus Downtown Hotel, adjacent to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Sixty member districts were represented and a quorum was reached.

MINUTES / FISCAL REPORTS

Scot Prebles moved and Robert Scott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on November 14, 2016, as submitted. The motion was adopted.

Joe Regano moved and Kathi Powers seconded a motion to approve and accept the fiscal report for FY2017 as submitted. The motion was adopted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Dr. Anthony Podojil addressed the gathering by recapping the highlights and the major activities of the Alliance over the last year in the following areas:

Membership / Budget – Our current membership is 72 districts, another all-time high for the organization. With that level of membership, our budget has remained stable and solvent, while fully meeting the needs of a larger, very dynamic organization.

Committees – In addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, two other committees continue to meet regularly to promote Alliance positions and keep members informed: Legislative and Accountability. Additional affiliated meetings include the House Education Advisory Committee, which includes both member and non-member districts.

Also, we have continued to hold regional meetings at least twice a year, once in the Fall and then again in the Spring. Those meetings traditionally have been held in Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati to both inform members and receive feedback.

Legislative – The Alliance has been providing input and working actively on several pieces of legislation over the last year including H.B. 410 (truancy and attendance), the FY18-19 biennial budget (base cost, guarantees, caps and tangible personal property reimbursements), and H.B. 176/181 (Common Core revisions).

State Board of Education / ODE – Over the last several years, the Alliance has made an active effort to attend the State Board of Education meetings to provide direct input on the new High School Graduation requirements and the components associated with the State's ESSA application. In addition, we have been invited to participate as a member on the State Board's Strategic Planning Oversight Committee along with other major education organization and associations.

Biennial Budget – Prior to the introduction of a new budget bill, the Alliance once again established several specific objectives; primary among them are retention of the basic principle of guaranteed funding for school districts, promoting a more reasonable TPP runout strategy, establishing a minimum per pupil funding level at no less than that amount paid to chartered non-public schools and

removing the funding caps. The General Assembly responded favorably by retaining guarantees and providing for an adequate TPP solution. Cap growth was once again limited leaving many districts with unrealized gains in the formula. While the General Assembly considered a phased-in formula for the minimum amount, they did not include it in the final version of the budget. The Governor's veto of the TPP solution had a dramatic financial impact on those members who still rely on those funds.

The Alliance is already working with legislators to continue in our effort to seek solutions to the foundation formula and TPP prior to the development of the next budget.

Quality Profile – District participation in the Quality Profile continues to grow, both among Alliance member districts, and non-Alliance members. Approximately 80 school districts participated this year.

SPECIAL PANEL PRESENTATION

Mike Dovilla facilitated the traditional panel discussion that this year consisted of two distinguished legislators: State Representative John Patterson, District 99, and current member of the House Education Committee; and State Senator Stephanie Kunze, District 16, representing many of our members in the Franklin County area. Both have been important contributing members to their respective caucuses in relation to weighing in on matters related to education.

Both legislators demonstrated their knowledge, expertise and thoughtful approach to a wide range of education policy issues, including the impact of the recently enacted biennial budget, school funding, TPP reimbursements, testing, Common Core, Every Student Succeeds Act, College Credit Plus, high school graduation requirements, deregulation and vouchers.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business items came before the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items came before the membership.

SUMMARY / REMARKS

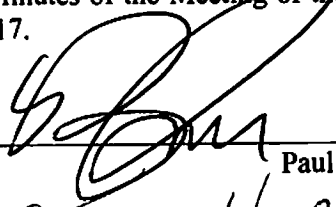
Paul Imhoff closed the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

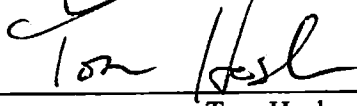
Chairman Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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 13, 2017.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair