

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

February 26, 2014

Chairperson Paul Imhoff called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:38 a.m. on February 26, 2014 in the BASA conference room, 8050 N. High St., Route 23, Columbus, OH 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Mike Sheppard	Berea City Schools
Mike Johnson	Bexley City Schools
Scot Prebles	Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Ed O'Reilly	Grandview Heights City Schools
Bob Lee	Kenston Local Schools
Steve Kramer	Madeira City Schools
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg EVSD Schools
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Adrienne James ( <i>via proxy</i> )	Sycamore Community Schools
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington City Schools
Dan Keenan ( <i>via proxy</i> )	Westlake City Schools

Also in attendance were Executive Director Tony Podojil, Alliance Consultant Jim Betts and Administrative Assistant Barbara Adams.

**MINUTES**

*Steve Kramer moved and Brian Poe seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2014 meeting and the motion passed.*

**FISCAL REPORTS**

**B. Fiscal Report for January, 2014.**

Tony Podojil reported that the financial statements for the month of January remained in line with expected revenues and spending. With the addition of Wadsworth as a new member, we have exceeded our budget expectation of 60 full year paid members. We currently have 63 paid members, 64 upon receipt of Wadsworth's check, for a total of 65 members.

In terms of expenditures, we are within budget amounts except for the special projects line item (costs associates with the statewide survey) and Capital Conference luncheon expenditures, where the deficit, once it is reconciled, will be approximately \$1,500. The \$1,500 for the Capital Conference is approximately the amount we had previously set aside for the cost of a booth.

*Todd Hoadley moved and Joe Regano seconded a motion to approve the January fiscal report. The motion passed.*

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### A. Current Legislative Concerns.

Tony and Jim provided the committee with updates on S. B. 229 (OTES), H. B. 193 (Graduation Requirements), the Board of Regents recommendations for College Credit Plus and the pending release of the Governor's mid-biennium review. In addition, they provided an update on the legislation currently under consideration to extend the number of calamity days for the 2013-14 school year.

S. B. 229 is now being heard in the House Education Committee. We are anticipating that, if it does move forward, it will become part of the MBR. We will continue to monitor this piece of legislation in the coming month.

Tom Hosler expressed a concern regarding the end of course exams currently being piloted in districts. It was understood that these exams would not be included in the teacher performance data for evaluation purposes. That does not appear to be the case and staff is not aware that this data may be included. If so, districts will not be volunteering to participate in pilots in the future.

The committee discussed several issues related to the Dual Credit Plus program recommendations. Concerns over the effect that this program will have on AP enrollment, the difficulty districts are having with identifying staff that meet the required credentialing and the fiscal disincentives discussed during the last meeting are obstacles to expanding this program in districts. In addition to the credentialing issues, there are several obstacles attached to collective bargaining that make outsourcing this program using the college's staff problematic.

Paul Imhoff suggested that this would be the appropriate time to begin to develop a set of talking points on the issue. Several members of the committee volunteered to participate in a conference call to develop those points. If the recommendations are included in the MBR, we will need to make a case to legislators that this program needs several detailed hearings and should be the subject of independent legislation.

Finally, the committee was updated on the current discussion regarding the Calamity Day expansion bill that was passed in the House and is now in the Senate. It appears that the Senate is not in agreement with the House version and is ready to put forth its own version of a bill sometime this week. If that occurs, the differences between the two must be resolved in a conference committee.

### B. Alliance Summit – Drug Abuse Awareness.

Paul Imhoff informed the committee that the Alliance will be hosting a Drug Abuse Awareness Summit on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the Worthington school district. We are expecting the Attorney General to be in attendance and open the conference. Information has been sent to members, and we are expecting approximately 200 to be in attendance.

### C. Membership Update.

Since the first of the year, we have added Avon Local, Brunswick, Nordonia Hills and Wadsworth. Membership now stands at 65 districts. Also, we remain in contact with two districts (Green and Oregon) that were members last year but have not yet rejoined. Several districts have been attracted by the "Quality Profile" project and have expressed an interest in becoming members, including Milford, Olmsted Falls, and Shaker Heights. Members should feel free to invite the superintendents from these districts, as well as Green and Oregon, to the Quality Profile meetings in their area.

### D. Capital Conference Update.

We have confirmation from the Hilton for space at breakfast the Tuesday morning of the conference. We have sent in our deposit and will begin to work with them on the menu and other arrangements. We will get that information to members as soon as possible to alert them to the change for next year.

**E. Communications – Advisory Emails.**

The Member Advisory and *News Flash* sent in February provided districts with information from our winter regional meetings.

**LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The summary of the February meeting was distributed and shared with the Committee. The next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a regular meeting held in Columbus.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Regional Meetings Follow-Up.**

Attendance at the regional meetings was good and discussions yielded some informative feedback for the organization. We continued to spread the word about the next release of the Quality Profile in August.

**B. Alliance PAC.**

Paul reminded the committee members that contributions to the Alliance PAC must be individual donations. Fundraisers for Rep. Amstutz and Senator Gardner are scheduled for March, and Tony and Jim will attend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Quality Profile Update – Steve Kramer.**

Steve Kramer shared several updates from the Cincinnati Region regarding their work in year two of the Quality Profile project. He indicated that they are working on some revisions to the profile including merging several of the categories to reduce the number from ten to six. They are also working on an Executive Summary, more benchmarks and longitudinal data. An updated profile template will be sent to all members once it is completed. In the interim, members are encouraged to continue working with the original template. When the new template is ready, districts will only need to merge the categories.

**B. Preschool Expansion.**

While the Committee has expressed support in the past for expanding funding for preschool programming in the state budget, issues involved in moving toward all-day kindergarten will have an impact on members because of the potential need for additional staff and facility capacity. Any conversation on preschool should include concern about all-day kindergarten requirements.

**C. Value-Added.**

Bob Lee updated the committee on his efforts to bring to the attention of the State Board of Education the concerns of school districts about value-added. He was to give a presentation at the Board's March meeting, but that invitation has been rescinded. He will attempt to meet with the board member, who originally issued the invitation, to review his findings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the OSBA Conference Room.

**CERTIFICATE**

We, Paul Imhoff, Vice-Chairperson of the Alliance for High Quality Education, and Tony Podojil, Executive Director, 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 February 26, 2014.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director