

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

March 26, 2014

Chairperson Paul Imhoff called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on March 26, 2014 in the OSBA conference room, 8050 N. High St., Route 23, Columbus, OH 43235. A quorum was not present.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Ed O'Reilly	Grandview Heights City Schools
Bob Lee ( <i>via proxy</i> )	Kenston Local Schools
Jim Schoenlein	Kettering City Schools
Steve Kramer ( <i>via proxy</i> )	Madeira City Schools
Wade Lucas	Olentangy Local Schools
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg EVSD Schools
Adrienne James	Sycamore Community Schools
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington City Schools
Dan Keenan	Westlake City Schools
Bob Scott	Avon Lake City Schools

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

**MINUTES**

*The vote to approve the February, 2014 minutes was tabled for the April meeting due to lack of a quorum.*

**FISCAL REPORTS**

*The vote to approve the January, 2014 fiscal report was tabled for the April meeting due to lack of a quorum.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Current Legislative Concerns.**

Tony and Jim provided the committee with updates on the just released H. B. 487 (MBR) focusing on the College Credit Plus provisions, the calamity day legislation, S. B. 229 (OTES), and H. B. 228 (School Funding Minimums).

The Governor's Mid-Budget Review has been divided into fourteen separate pieces of legislation with the House Education Committee taking up H. B. 487 which includes the sections devoted to College Credit Plus and Dual Enrollment. The Committee discussed several strategies for furthering our talking points. It was determined that we should reach out to the budget director, the Department of Education, members of the House Education Committee, and Senator Peggy Lehner, chair of the Senate Education Committee. It appears that this legislation is on a fast track in the House, so we will need to see what headway we can make in the House before turning to the Senate to get our issues addressed.

The House and the Senate have resolved their differences and have passed the Calamity Day legislation. The final decision was a compromise that took provisions from both the Senate and the House versions. Districts will get some relief from the changes, but will need to make up some of the days missed due to inclement weather.

S. B. 229 (OTES) remains in the House and is on hold while the MBR is addressed. The House is poised to make many changes to the bill before sending it back to the Senate. What started out as a couple of simple changes to the original legislation has morphed into a collection of add-ons to the bill, some having nothing to do with the bill's original intent.

H. B. 228 has been introduced in the House Education Committee and we are monitoring the process by which it will be heard. The fact that it has been sponsored by Rep. Brenner is problematic considering some of the issues he has with his own party.

**B. Meetings With Key Stakeholders.**

As indicated above, several members of the Executive Committee, along with Tony and Jim, will reach out to the Budget Director's office, the Department of Education, and the House and Senate Education Committees as we move to provide input into the deliberations regarding the dual credit provisions contained in H. B. 487.

**C. Membership Update.**

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.

**D. Capital Conference Update.**

We have confirmation from the Hilton for space at breakfast the Tuesday morning of the conference and we are working on a price structure for that event.

**E. Communications – Advisory Emails.**

The Member Advisory and *News Flash* sent in March provided districts with information regarding the dual credit program as recommended by the Board of Regents.

**LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The summary of the March meeting was distributed and shared with the Committee. The next meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Drug Awareness Summit.**

The Drug Awareness Summit is set for April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Worthington Kilbourne High School Auditorium. Once we receive the official invite from the Attorney General's office, we will send it to members so that we can begin to finalize a count.

**B. Alliance PAC.**

Fundraisers for Rep. Amstutz and Senator Gardner scheduled for March were attended on behalf of the PAC.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Possible Changes to Bylaws.**

A subcommittee of the Executive Committee made up of Paul Imhoff, Joe Regano, Jim Betts and Tony Podojil met to review some possible changes to the Alliance's Bylaws. Recommended changes will be presented at our April meeting for a first review. Once agreed upon by the Executive Committee, they must be voted upon at our Annual Meeting in November.

**B. Other.**

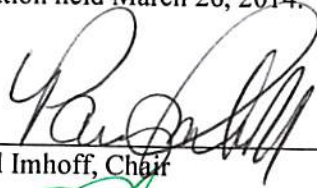
There was no other new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the OSBA Conference Room.

**CERTIFICATE**

We, Paul Imhoff, 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 March 26, 2014.

  
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Paul Imhoff, Chair

  
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Tony Podojil, Executive Director