

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

March 22, 2017

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 22, 2017 in the BASA Administrative Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Bob Scott	Avon Local Schools
Michael Sheppard	Berea City Schools
Tom Henderson (<i>via proxy</i>)	Centerville City Schools
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills City Schools
Jeff Brown	Granville City Schools
Chad Hilliker (<i>via proxy</i>)	Loveland City Schools
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg City Schools
Michael Shoaf (<i>via proxy</i>)	Rocky River City Schools
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington City Schools
Brad Neavin	Vandalia-Butler City Schools
Trent Bowers	Worthington City Schools

Also, in attendance were Alliance Executive Director Anthony Podojil, Legislative Consultants Jim Betts and Michael Dovilla and Executive Assistant Barbara Adams.

MINUTES

The minutes for the January 25, 2017 meeting were electronically sent to members following that meeting for their review.

Joe Regano moved and Brian Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for January 25, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the February 22, 2017 meeting were not available for consideration and will be reviewed during the April meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Reports.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for February. Other than the expenses associated with our Annual Meeting and with the addition of the Dovilla Group, we remain on target in terms of overall budget projections. He pointed out that our membership dues for OEPI are due this month and will appear in a future budget as a paid expense.

Tom Hosler moved and Brian Poe seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of February, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **Biennium Budget Planning (HB 49)** - Jim Betts and Mike Dovilla provided the committee with an update on the activities of the General Assembly, in particular the House, as it continues its deliberations on HB 49. Currently, testimony is being heard in the House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education and should be coming to a close in the next week.

Executive Director Tony Podojil, Superintendent Mike Sheppard from Berea and Ronda Johnson, Treasurer of the Mason City School district, provided testimony on behalf of the Alliance. Their testimony emphasized the need to maintain district guarantees in the formula, to remove or significantly increase caps, to establish a minimum funding level equal to what chartered, non-public schools receive and restore the TPP supplemental fund that is scheduled to expire on June 30th.

Prior to the Alliance testimony, representatives of CFFO presented their position calling for restoring supplemental funds and adopting an alternative run-out plan that reduces the amount of funds lost by districts over the next three years.

Mike and Tony informed the committee of the progress being made in their meetings with House members regarding the Fair Funding proposal. Meetings have been held with House Leadership, key committee members and those members whose legislative districts included an impacted school district. Rep. Roegner and Rep. Brenner have drafted amendment language that they intend to submit to the Finance committee. As Mike and Tony meet with Representatives, they are getting commitments to include the Fair Funding amendment in their requests to leadership. We have been told it will be helpful to get as many Representatives as possible to submit amendments so that we can demonstrate to leadership the depth and breadth of support for an amendment. That includes both Republican and Democratic members.

B. ODE / State Board of Education.

1. **Graduation Requirements** – As had been indicated in December, a task force has been reviewing the issues associated with the change in graduation requirements. Jim Fritz, superintendent at Anthony Wayne is a member of the committee and the sole individual representing the Alliance. We will be monitoring the progress of this group as they put together their recommendations for presentation to the state board in April.

2. **Assessment Review** – The State Superintendent's assessment task force met for the first time on March 21st. Kevin Miller, Ottawa Hills and Mike Laub, Avon are Alliance members on the task force. The group is to review and make recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESSA application scheduled for submission in September. The task force has a very aggressive meeting schedule with a June deadline for reporting to the superintendent.

3. **OTES Recommendations** – Jeff Brown updated the committee on the work of the OTES task force of which he was a member. The group presented its report and recommendations to the State Board, and based upon the response of the board and superintendent, Jeff believed that the recommendations had a good chance of being approved. A follow-up discussion is scheduled with the board during its April meeting.

4. **ESSA** – The recent announcement that the state will delay its submission until September, allows more time for the accountability committee to develop specific recommendations for changes it would like to see made in the application. The accountability committee is scheduled to meet on April 19th.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **Education Advisory Committee Meeting** - The Education Advisory Committee will be meeting with House Education Chairperson Brenner on Monday, April 3rd at 10:00 at our offices. We are continuing to work on the following items with Chairperson Brenner with the hope that these issues will be addressed in the budget bill.

- a. **Chronic Absenteeism** – Jim indicated that we are working with the committee and Rep. Brenner to refine the definition of chronic absenteeism as it applies to both HB410 and the non-academic indicator being considered as part of ESSA. Rep. Brenner has expressed a desire to see that this is clarified prior to the start of the next school year.
- b. **Value-Added** – We continue to discuss this measure in the committee in an effort to get this assessment to revert to a single measure of growth for each student as measured from one point of time to another or, at the minimum, as one of two growth measures, the other being a comparison of how that student is performing as compared to their peer group.
- c. **College Credit Plus** – Jim indicated that the issues incurred with districts being responsible for books, fees and supplies associated with CCP have been discussed with the Advisory Committee. Chairperson Brenner has asked that recommendations be drafted and shared with him at the next meeting.

2. **House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education** – Tony shared the written testimony presented to the committee by the Alliance on March 8th. As was indicated earlier, Mike Sheppard, Berea, and Ronda Johnson, treasurer at Mason, provided additional testimony.

3. **Joint Education Oversight Committee** – Kathi Powers presented the Alliance's position regarding ESSA when she offered testimony on March 9th to the committee.

4. **Meetings with House and Senate Representatives** – To date, we have meet with Representatives Ryan Smith, Ryan, Blessing, Devers, Young, Patterson, Stein, Miller, Barnes, Slaby, Reece, Smith and Cupp to discuss our position on HB 49 and offer specific language for consideration for the Fair Funding amendment.

D. Membership.

1. **Regional Meeting Agenda** – The recent regional meetings were focused on getting feedback on the biennium budget, the ESSA application process and the level of support for conducting a study to assess the accuracy of the current base cost amount used in the funding formula. Regarding the latter, most members acknowledged the problems associated with the current amount used, but there was no consensus to commit resources to commission a study at this time.

2. **Executive Committee Vacancy** – Jeff Brown moved and Trent Bowers seconded the approval of the nomination of John Marschhausen to fill the Executive Committee vacancy created by the retirement of Michael Johnson on June 1st. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th.

ESSA / ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19th.

OLD BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

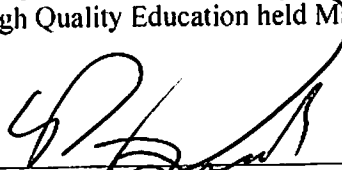
No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

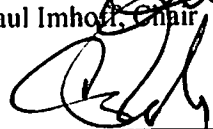
Paul Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Paul Imhoff, 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 March 22, 2017.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director