

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

April 26, 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 April 26, 2017, in the BASA Large Group 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
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills City Schools
Jeff Brown	Granville City Schools
Chad Hilliker	Loveland City Schools
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools
Bob Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village 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 February 22, 2017 and March 22, 2017 meetings were electronically sent to members following the March meeting for their review.

Scot Prebles moved and Bob Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for February 22, 2017 and March 22, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Reports.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for March. Other than the expenses associated with our Annual Meeting, we remain on target in terms of overall budget projections.

Tom Hosler moved and Todd Hoadley seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for the month of March, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY2018 Budget – Draft. – Tony Podojil distributed a draft of the FY2018 budget that will be considered during our May meeting. The budget reflects the end of the contract with Betts & Associates, includes a line item for an administrative assistant position, and adjusts the revenue and expenditure line items for the Annual Meeting.

Regarding the administrative assistant position, created because of the retirement of Barb Adams, Tony indicated he is working with OESCA and their vendor, Rachel Wixey, to create the job description, conduct the search, and then select a final candidate. The initial probationary contract will be through

Rachel Wixey for the first six months. At that point, we can continue with the same arrangement with Wixey or hire the individual through the Franklin County ESC, which would allow the Alliance to contract for those personnel costs under a service agreement. We will need the Committee to vote on the contract associated with whatever arrangement is decided.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **Biennium Budget Planning** – Jim Betts and Mike Dovilla provided the committee with an overview of the current issues involved in the House discussions on the budget. With the Governor's release of revised revenue numbers showing a need for an additional reduction of \$400,000,000 per year, a tight budget proposal became even more of a challenge. The need for those additional reductions will have a detrimental effect on the issues we have been pursuing, including the fair funding concept, reinstating the guarantees and TPP reimbursements.

The changes included by the House in the sub-bill, increasing the per-pupil amount to \$6,020 from \$6,000, and increasing the cap to 5.5% from 5.0%, do not have a significant impact on our members. If we are not successful in getting our amendments into the omnibus amendment, we will need to move on to the Senate to see if we can get a favorable result. That effort will begin immediately following the House passing the bill.

Regarding the fair funding amendment, we need to rethink our strategy to ensure that, at the minimum, appropriate language is included in the Senate version even if there is little or no funding attached to it.

2. **Value-Added** – While we have had discussions with ODE, as well as with Chairman Brenner in the Advisory Committee, there has been no movement in changing how value-added is calculated. Jim suggested that a meeting with Jim Mahoney be scheduled to see what he would suggest regarding engaging Battelle for Kids in this conversation. Jim Mahoney still has many contacts at Battelle and has provided a wealth of testimony on this topic in the General Assembly and at the State Board of Education.

A meeting will be scheduled prior to our May meeting so that we can report back regarding a possible course of action.

B. ODE/State Board of Education.

1. **Graduation Requirements** – The Task Force's recommendations were approved by the State Board of Education, and will be considered for adoption by the General Assembly. While we are in agreement that these options are helpful in meeting the needs of the class of 2018, there is still a general concern that the class of 2019 will experience the same issues. At present, there appears to be very little support for extending the recommendations beyond the Class of 2018. This will receive ongoing engagement by our Accountability and Legislative committees.

2. **Assessment Review** – The task force meetings to date have been a general review of the data the Department has gathered regarding the amount of testing time required. During the next two meetings, the group will consider recommendations which should be available by the time we meet again in May.

3. **OTES Recommendations** – Now that the State Board has approved the recommendations from the task force, those recommendations are now in the hands of the General Assembly. Like the graduation requirements, they could be considered for inclusion in the budget or subject to legislation in HB 49.

been shortened by a month. Several outstanding questions exist including whether the work of the assessment task force will be finished in time to impact the final submission. We are watching this situation closely.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **Education Advisory Committee Meeting with Chairman** – The Education Advisory Committee will be meet with House Education Chairman Brenner on Monday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Riffe Center.

D. Membership.

1. **Executive Committee Opening** – With Matt Miller's move to Lakota, there will be an opening in the Northern region. Joe Regano suggested that we wait until the Mentor position is filled so that individual could be considered, along with others. for the open seat.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th.

ESSA / ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

Jim Betts and Joe Regano provided a verbal summary of the meeting held on April 19th during the legislative update portion of the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

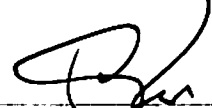
ADJOURNMENT

Paul Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA, followed by a luncheon honoring Barb Adams at 11:30 at Marcella's Italian Kitchen located on Polaris Parkway.

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 April 26, 2017.



Paul Imhoff, Chair

Tony Podojil, Executive Director