

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

May 28, 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 May 28, 2014 in the BASA Administrative Conference Room, 8050 N. High St., Route 23, Columbus, OH 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Bob Scott	Avon Lake City Schools
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 <i>via proxy</i>	Dublin City Schools
Ed O'Reilly	Grandview Heights City Schools
Steve Kramer <i>via proxy</i>	Madeira City Schools
Gail Kist-Kline	Mason City Schools
Frank DePalma	Montgomery County ESC
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City Schools
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington City Schools
Dan Keenan	Westlake City Schools

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

MINUTES

Joe Regano moved and Brian Poe seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April Executive Committee meeting. The motion passed.

FISCAL REPORTS

Scot Prebles moved and Joe Regano seconded a motion to approve the April fiscal report. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

Tony and Jim provided the Committee with updates on H. B. 487 (MBR) – recently passed out of the Senate – and its status as it moves into Conference Committee. The Senate reinstated the minimum credit hour cost for the College Credit Plus program, which the House had removed, and, like the House, declined to provide for parent pay of the credit hour cost. While the argument for parent pay with a means test appeared sound, it was not adopted by either chamber. The Senate did reinsert the OTES proposal

that was originally offered by Senator Gardner (S. B. 229) that previously had been passed by the Senate, but essentially rejected by the House.

Both of these issues will have to be resolved in the Conference Committee. Once that group has been established, it would be beneficial to reach out again to both House and Senate representatives to try one last time to influence the deliberations around these proposals.

B. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

A meeting with the Budget Director is scheduled for the week of June 9th, when we hope to get a head start on the discussions that will lead to the preparation of the next biennium budget.

C. Membership.

A meeting is scheduled in June with Cuyahoga Falls which has shown interest in becoming a member. A list of potential new members will be developed and shared in July as we prepare for the 2014-2015 school year. Renewal invoices have been sent to existing members.

D. Executive Committee Appointments.

Joe Regano moved and Scott Prebles seconded a motion to approve the slate of candidates (indicated below) for membership on the Alliance Executive Committee effective July 1. The motion passed.

Bob Hunt – Chagrin Falls (replacing Dan Keenan/Cuyahoga County Region)

Kathi Powers – Twinsburg (replacing Bob Lee/Northern Region)

Bradley Neavin - Vandalia Butler (replacing Frank DePalma/Southern region)

Tom Henderson – Centerville (replacing Jim Schoenlein/Southern Region)

Thomas Tucker – Worthington (replacing Ed O'Reilly/Central Region)

E. Communications – Advisory Emails.

The Member Advisory and *News Flash* sent in May provided districts with information regarding deliberations over the MBR.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The summary of the June meeting was distributed and shared with the Committee. The next meeting will be scheduled for early fall at a time and date yet to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Drug Awareness Summit – Follow-Up.

The Drug Awareness Summit was held on April 29th in the Worthington Kilbourne High School Auditorium. Approximately 150 participants, including the Governor and the Attorney General were in attendance. Follow up information from the Attorney General's office will be sent out to those who participated, as well as all member districts of the Alliance.

B. Quality Profile – Update.

Tony Podojil provided an update on outreach to both member and non-member districts regarding our "Quality Schools" initiative. Information has been presented to school groups in Youngstown, Cuyahoga County and the inner-ring of suburban Cleveland, including the Cleveland Metropolitan District. Meetings are planned for the Toledo area at a later date.

With the anticipated release of the profiles on August 15, we will need to create a media release for all of the regions for use by participating districts. Work will begin soon on the release, which will be sent to all members in time for the August 15th release date.

NEW BUSINESS

A. School Foundations – Sharing Event.

Paul Imhoff surveyed the Committee to ascertain the interest level in having members meet to share best practices regarding the creation and ongoing development of school foundations. There was general agreement that this would be a well-received event and Paul indicated that he would have his foundation director begin putting together an event for next fall.

B. Tax Study.

The Committee discussed the possibility of reconstituting the tax distribution studies that had been done by the Alliance in the 1990's. Those studies compared the number of income tax dollars sent to Columbus by residents of member districts with those returned in the form of state aid. Tony and Jim will reach out to Howard Fleeter to determine how feasible it would be to conduct that analysis again to update those numbers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the BASA Administrative 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 May 28, 2014.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director