

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

June 25, 2014

Vice-Chair Tom Hosler called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on June 25, 2014 in the BASA conference room, 8050 N. High St., Route 23, Columbus, OH 43235. A quorum of the members was not present.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Scot Prebles	Brecksville Broadview-Heights City Schools
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Todd Hoadley	Hilliard City Schools
Steve Kramer	Madeira City Schools
Gail Kist-Kline	Mason City Schools
Matt Miller	Mentor City Schools
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg City Schools
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Adrienne James	Sycamore Community Schools

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

MINUTES

The approval of the minutes for the May meeting was deferred until the July meeting due to lack of a quorum.

FISCAL REPORTS

The approval of the fiscal report for May was deferred until the July 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 final version of H. B. 487 (MBR – recently reported by the conference committee and then adopted by the House and Senate). Of particular interest to the Committee were the provisions for establishing the College Credit Plus program in their districts and the actual start date. Fortunately, the State delayed the implementation of the rules until the 2015/16 school year giving districts the chance to negotiate contracts with the college providers located within a thirty-mile radius.

In addition to the starting date, the members discussed the impact of the number of course hours students can take each year (30) and what would occur if they do not have a contract with a provider (reverts back to default tuition provisions). Concern was expressed once again about how these changes will impact current AP and IB programs and staffing levels, once scheduling patterns are established.

The second part of the discussion centered on how OPES is interacting with OTES in terms of timelines and requirements. The Committee would like to see similar changes made to OPES as those that were originally adopted for OTES by the Senate in S. B. 229, were debated during consideration of H. B. 487, and were ultimately inserted into H. B. 362 to avoid a potential line item veto. With the changes made to OTES, there is now a lack of continuity with the OPES timelines for administrators and the teachers they are evaluating.

B. Meetings With Key Stakeholders – State Superintendent.

Tony, Jim and Paul had a recent meeting with State Superintendent Ross who indicated that, as the Department prepares for the next budget process, he would be willing to consider language that would eliminate obstacles for schools that are performing at a high level. Based on that meeting, the legislative committee is meeting on July 11th to explore some possible proposals. One of the areas that the Committee thought should be addressed were the rules implementing the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

C. Membership.

Renewals are now due for the 2015/16 fiscal year. Cuyahoga Falls is a potential new member.

D. Quality Profile.

With the anticipated move of the release of the report card by ODE to sometime in mid-September, the Committee discussed the merits of moving our release date to the week following Labor Day. There was general agreement in favor of that move. In addition, Tony is working on a media release that districts can use to assist them with communicating the release.

E. Communications – Advisory Emails.

The Member Advisory and *News Flash* sent in June provided districts with information regarding final deliberations on the MBR bills.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The summary of the June meeting was distributed and shared with the Committee. The next meeting will be September 9th at BASA.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Drug Awareness Summit Follow-Up – Communications with Members.

Follow-up emails containing information from the Attorney General's office will be sent to those districts that participated in the Summit, as well as other districts which may be interested in pursuing the program in the next school year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Changes to Bylaws.

Jim distributed and discussed some of the changes to the bylaws being considered. These changes will make that document current in terms of our present practices. Any changes will need to be voted on at our annual meeting in November.

B. Income Tax Study.

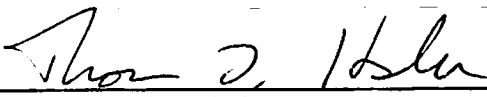
Tony informed the Committee that he had spoken to Howard Fleeter who indicated that he would be unable to complete the analysis, but would send us the data files and help us create the analysis on our own.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Brio's Tuscan Grille at Polaris.

CERTIFICATE

We, Tom Hosler, 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 June 25, 2014.



Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director