

Alliance for High Quality Education Education Advisory Committee

A meeting of the Education Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

The following individuals were in attendance:

- Rep. Andrew Brenner, Chairman, House Education Committee
- Nick Derksen, Majority Policy Advisor to Speaker Rosenberger
- Allison Lawler, Legislative Aide to Rep. Brenner
- Anthony Podojil, Executive Director, AHQE
- Mike Dovilla, Legislative Consultant, AHQE (via conference call)
- Brenda Boeke, Shelly Vaughn, Dave Toth, Brian Poe, Chad Hillicker, Jeff Brown, and Jack Fette

Chairman Brenner offered opening remarks, commenting on the way ahead for the Legislature during the autumn. The House will have a limited session schedule between now and the holidays, and committee work will follow a similar pattern. The Education Committee, for example, will meet this week with no plans to reconvene until October. The Chairman shared that the committee is planning to travel to a number of school districts around the state for site visits and a possible field hearing. Mike encouraged Rep. Brenner to include an Alliance district on the tour to focus on some educational best practices rather than simply visiting districts with challenges.

The Advisory Committee discussed a number of legislative and policy matters. The Chairman indicated there was not much new to report on the FY18-19 budget, which took effect July 1, 2017. Tony and Mike provided an update on recent efforts with Rep. Dever to craft possible legislative solutions to matters of concern that were not included in the budget, specifically adopting fair funding language for the next biennium, restoring the TPP supplement for the current budget, and incorporating a more gradual TPP run-out period.

In terms of pending legislation, H.B. 181 (Hood/Brinkman) and H.B. 176 (Thompson), the Common Core repeal bills, remain in the House Education Committee, where they have had one and two hearings, respectively. The Chairman does not envision these bills moving, and regardless they would face opposition in the Senate. H.B. 200 (Koehler), which would expand vouchers statewide, has had five hearings in House Education as recently as June, while its companion, S.B. 85 (Huffman), has been heard twice prior to the end of March. These bills are more likely than the Common Core measures to move, but again the outcome remains uncertain, particularly in light of the limited number of session and committee days scheduled.

With regard to pending policy matters, the committee discussed the ongoing need for a long-term solution regarding high school graduation requirements. While the Class of 2018 has been addressed with a one-time fix in the budget, a remedy is needed for subsequent classes. In addition, the H.B. 410 attendance requirements continue to present challenges, particularly with respect to hourly reporting related to on-line course offerings. Finally, the committee had a

dialogue about the state's ESSA application. The proposal, which is with the USDoEd, reflects the work of ODE, and the Legislature is awaiting the federal government's response to determine if corrective legislation is indicated.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will take place on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the AHQE offices.

Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., the meeting adjourned.