

ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION
Accountability Committee

October 18, 2017

10:00 a.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance on phone conference: Scott Goggin, Michael Hanlon, Julie Ramos, Joe Regano, Cameron Ryba, Aaron Sable, Robert Scott, Cassandra Johnson, Kathy Powers, Mike Dovilla and Tony Podojil.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting by phone conference at 10:00 a.m.

I. Graduation Requirements.

A. Class of 2019 and beyond – State Board of Education

Tony indicated that discussions have begun at the state board level regarding the fate of the class of 2019 and beyond. During the October board meeting, the board was provided with an updated set of data points showing the status for the class of 2018 and the projected completion rate for the class of 2019. While the class of 2018 has improved from 66% to 77% projected to meet the criteria, the class of 2019 is starting at the same point as last year, 65%.

Based on the questions and responses from individual board members, it would appear that extending the graduation criteria options for the class of 2019 will be taken under consideration when they meet over the next several months. We will be monitoring the situation closely to determine where and when we can provide input.

II. ESSA

A. Application Process

We are anticipating the Department of Education's decision regarding the ODE's application will be made soon. Based on the conversations we have had with Rep. Brenner, we fully anticipate the General Assembly will be weighing in on the details of that application once they see the approved version. The application submitted is technically in the department's name and has not been filed on behalf of the State of Ohio. We should expect hearings sometime after the first of the year.

III. OTES - RESA

Tony provided the committee with an MOU that has been circulating among several member districts asking for a waiver regarding OTES requirements for years three and four of the RESA process. After discussing the contents and intent of the document, the consensus of the committee was that the request was not in the best interest of the districts and should not be agreed to. The changes required to be made based on the MOU would significantly

limit the district's ability to perform a comprehensive evaluation of the teachers involved in the RESA program.

IV. **College Credit Plus**

A. Higher Education Committee Hearings

The Higher Education Department is currently holding interested party hearings as they begin to consider writing the rules associated with the changes made in the budget bill (H.B. 49). Of particular interest to our members are the changes being made to course selection requirements and the need to intervene when students are not successful in the program.

Tony indicated that although we were not invited to the interested party meeting, we would be monitoring how the rules are developed and what potential impacts they may have on our members.

V. **State Board of Education Strategic Planning Process**

Tony updated the committee on the work being done on the oversight committee of which he is a member. To date, their focus has been on determining what characteristics and skills are necessary for students to earn a diploma. This discussion should merge at some point with the current conversation on the graduation requirement changes influencing the class of 2018 and beyond.

VI. **S.B. 216 – Senator Huffman/Deregulation Bill.**

Mike provided the committee with an overview and the status of recently introduced legislation by Senator Huffman that includes several changes to current education regulations of interest to the Alliance. An overview of the bill was sent to members of the committee prior to the meeting. The committee agreed that a more extensive discussion of the contents of this bill should be done and agreed to devote the next meeting of the committee to completing that task.

The next meeting will be **November 1 at 10:00 a.m. by phone conference, if necessary.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.