

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

April 27, 2016

Chairperson Paul Imhoff called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:35 a.m. on April 27, 2016 in the BASA Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Members of the Executive Committee in attendance were:

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| Clint Keener | Bay Village City Schools |
| Michael Sheppard | Berea City Schools |
| Michael Johnson | Bexley City Schools |
| Bob Hunt | Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools |
| Todd Hoadley | Dublin City Schools |
| Jeff Brown | Granville Exempted Village Schools |
| Chad Hilliker | Loveland City Schools |
| Gail Kist-Kline | Mason City Schools |
| Matt Miller | Mentor City Schools |
| Tom Hosler | Perrysburg City Schools |
| Joe Regano | Solon City Schools |
| Kathi Powers | Twinsburg 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, Consultant Jim Betts, Executive Assistant Barbara Adams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Joe Regano moved and Chad Hilliker seconded a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss contracts and personnel. The motion passed.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 10:35 AM.

MINUTES

The minutes for the March 23, 2016 meeting were electronically sent to members prior to the meeting for their review. Todd Hoadley moved and Joe Regano seconded the approval of the minutes for March 23, 2016. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Reports.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of financial activity for March. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target for the year with revenues higher than expected due to an increase in memberships and expenditures in line with

projections. Mike Sheppard moved and Joe Regano seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for March, 2016. The motion passed.

In addition to the financial statements, Tony Podojil presented a proposed budget for 2016-17. Revenues are based on the Alliance retaining 70 members and operating costs will be consistent with the current year. Special projects once again include funding to participate in the Paul Fallon statewide survey in September, plus some additional monies dedicated to recognizing the organization's 25th Anniversary at our annual meeting during Capital Conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **State Testing / ESSA** – A joint meeting of the Executive Committee's ESSA task group and the Accountability Committee is scheduled following the April 27th Executive Committee meeting. Jim Betts reminded the committee that the purpose of that meeting is to organize input to ODE as it prepares its state plan as part of the ESSA reauthorization process. With the federal timeline changing, allowing ODE additional time to meet the new bill's requirements, we now have more time to study ESSA's changes before making recommendations to ODE.

The committee discussed several areas related to the ESSA feedback process, including how positions will be developed, how to engage boards and parents in that process and how the new testing provisions will influence the state report cards. As was indicated in an earlier position statement, the committee agreed that we should insist that the state's position is to simply satisfy the minimum federal requirements before considering any additional proposals.

2. **College Credit Plus / HB445** – No additional information at this time.

3. **SB 3 – Deregulation** – Jim provided the committee with an update indicating that SB 3 has not yet been placed on the active agenda, but Senator Gardner is working on an additional bill supporting a position addressed in SB 3, that the Alliance has advocated for years. The Senator's bill would allow school districts that have not yet qualified for OFFC funding, to access reduced amounts for projects addressing safety, security and technology needs. Once the bill is introduced, we will need assistance from members to testify in support.

4. **HB 401 – Charter Schools** – No additional information at this time.

5. **HB 410 - Truancy** – HB 410 has been reported out of the House Education Committee and should soon be scheduled for a vote by the full House. Following that, it will move on to the Senate Education Committee for review and discussion.

B. Meetings with Key Stakeholders

1. **House Education Committee** – The Education Advisory Committee will meet with House Education Chairperson Brenner on Thursday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

2. **ODE Stakeholder Meeting on ESSA** – We are still waiting for a second meeting with ODE regarding the state's response to USDE on ESSA.

3. **Coalition Meeting - TBD** – The Coalition has qualified for continuing funding and will continue its regular meetings regarding accountability policy.

C. Quality Profile

Tony Podojil informed the committee that he is beginning the process for our next release of the Quality Profile in the fall. He suggested that we consider upgrading the template. After a brief discussion, he indicated we would talk with several providers that have worked with our members to see if we can find an economically appropriate method to accomplish that upgrade.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee did not meet in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Jim Betts reported that the joint meeting with the ESSA Task Group is scheduled to follow the regular meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee today.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business came before the committee for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

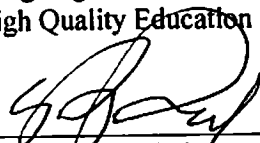
No new business came before the committee for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Pual 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 27, 2016.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director