

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

June 22, 2016

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 June 22, 2016 in the BASA Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Bob Scott	Avon Lake City Schools
Clint Keener	Bay Village City Schools
Michael Sheppard	Berea City Schools
Michael Johnson	Bexley City Schools
Tom Henderson (<i>via proxy</i>)	Centerville City Schools
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village Schools
Chad Hilliker	Loveland City Schools
Steve Kramer	Madera City Schools
Tom Hosler (<i>via proxy</i>)	Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools
Michael Shoaf (<i>via proxy</i>)	Rocky River 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, and Executive Assistant Barbara Adams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bob Scott moved and Steve Kramer seconded a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion passed. The meeting entered Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 10:00 AM.

MINUTES

The minutes for the May 23, 2016 meeting, distributed to members prior to the meeting, were reviewed and discussed.

Steve Kramer moved and Jeff Brown seconded the approval of the minutes for May 23, 2016. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Reports.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of financial activity for May. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target with one month

remaining in the fiscal year. Revenues are higher than expected due to the increase in memberships and expenditures are in line with projections.

Chad Hilliker moved and Mike Johnson seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for May 2016. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **State Testing / ESSA** – A combined meeting of the ESSA Task Force and the Accountability Committee will follow today's Executive Committee meeting to identify priorities among ODE's designated subject areas and begin work on developing recommendations. With the federal timeline changing, thereby providing additional time to meet the new standards (likely not until the end of the calendar year), the committee will have more time to create recommendations specific to our members to share with the Department and legislators.

2. **HB 524 – Value Added** – We are anticipating that further hearings will be scheduled on this bill once the House Education Committee returns in the fall. When that happens, we should be prepared to offer testimony regarding changes to how value added is calculated and used as an accountability tool on the report card.

3. **College Credit Plus / HB 445 / 474** – It appears that HB 474, not HB 445, will be the vehicle for any changes to the College Credit Plus program. With HB 474 being heard in the Higher Education Committee, it may be more difficult to get some of the changes we are seeking. HB 445 continues to be of high importance for members since it deals with the costs associated with tuition, fees, textbooks and supplies. The current version of HB 445 offers a correction for the weighted course issue that would be beneficial to local districts. In addition, HB 445 addresses equivalent course credits. We continue to advocate for the inclusion of a means test at least for textbooks, supplies and fees.

4. **SB 3 – Deregulation** – The bill has not yet been placed on the agenda for discussion, but should be sometime after the legislature returns in the fall. It may become a so-called 'Christmas Tree' bill, whereby any and all education issues that leadership wants to pass before the end of the year, will be attached to it.

5. **HB 410 - Truancy** – HB 410 has been voted out of the House and now sits in the Senate Education Committee for a hearing once the legislature reconvenes. The House-passed version would require additional involvement by school districts in interventions with truant students. We must be ready to offer testimony about what changes we would like to see in the final version of the bill. Senator Lehner appears open to changes since she is on record as opposing some of the requirements.

6. **TPP, Minimum Funding Level, Guarantees, Caps** – We met with the TPP group to begin our discussions regarding the best way to pursue relief from the TPP rollout scheduled to begin in July of 2017. Jim has had discussions with Representative Cupp, who fully understands the issue and the impact current law will have on some districts, but he has not yet offered a specific solution. Paul Imhoff indicated that he is planning a meeting with the budget director some time this summer to discuss TPP, the minimum amount and caps.

7. **SB 326 – OFFC Funding for Special Projects** – Senator Gardner has introduced SB 326 which would allow many of our members to access OFFC funds for building projects related to safety, security, technology, and technology infrastructure. Once the bill is scheduled for hearings, we will need testimony in support of this concept, and for amending the bill to include building expansion.

B. Meetings with Key Stakeholders

1. **House Education Committee** – The Education Advisory Committee met with House Education Chairperson Brenner on Thursday, June 2 at 9:30 AM at BASA. Future meetings will be scheduled beginning in September, once the chair's calendar becomes clearer.
2. **ODE Stakeholder Meeting on ESSA** – We are still waiting to schedule a date for our next meeting once we hear back from ODE in terms of readiness based on the federal rules.
3. **Coalition Meeting - TBD** – The next Coalition meeting is scheduled for June 22nd. The agenda includes a discussion of how priorities for ESSA may be established and how stakeholder feedback will be collected.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the legislative/system improvements committee will be on September 14th, pending the status of legislation at that time.

ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

Jim Betts reported that the joint meeting with the ESSA task force will be held following the regular meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee today.

OLD BUSINESS

No items discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT


Paul Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Paul 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 June 22, 2016.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director