

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

March 23, 2016

In the absence of Chairperson Paul Imhoff, 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 March 23, 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
Mike Sheppard	Berea City Schools
Mike Johnson	Bexley City Schools
Chad Hilliker	Loveland City Schools
Steve Kramer	Madeira City Schools
Gail Kist-Kline	Mason City Schools
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Villlage Schools
Micheal Shoaf (<i>via proxy</i>)	Rocky River City Schools
Joe Regano (<i>via proxy</i>)	Solon City Schools
Kathi Powers	Twinsburg City Schools
Brad Neavin	Vandalia-Butler City Schools

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

MINUTES

The minutes for the February 24, 2016 meeting, sent electronically to members prior to the meeting, were discussed and reviewed. Gail Kist-Kline moved and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the minutes for February 24, 2016. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Reports.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of financial activity for February. 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. Steve Kramer moved and Bob Scott seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for February 2016. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. State Testing / ESSA – A meeting designed to blend the ESSA task group with the Accountability Committee scheduled for March was rescheduled for April 27th. Jim Betts indicated that the purpose of that meeting is to begin work with both groups in four areas aligned with ODE's structure for accepting input from the field as it prepares its response to ESSA. With the federal timeline for

developing their own rules being pushed back, it now appears we will have time to thoroughly study the changes in federal law before we make recommendations to the Department.

Mike Sheppard shared several pieces of information with the committee including a letter that was sent to the Department, as well as an article that appeared in the *Plain Dealer* regarding the letter, signed by two or three dozen superintendents that addressed the state report card and testing results. He also shared information regarding a meeting involving the same group and representatives of ODE which involved a more in depth conversation around specific aspects of ESSA, including OTES, the growth measures and resident educator.

2. **College Credit Plus / HB 445** – At this time, no additional information is available due to the legislators being in recess. Mike Sheppard shared that he is on a BASA, OASBO and OSBA committee that is developing a response to HB 445. He indicated that he would share the preliminary draft of that group’s work in order to determine if what is being proposed is consistent with our positions.

3. **SB 3 – Deregulation** – At this time, no additional information is available due to the legislators being in recess. One subject that needs to be addressed once this bill is finally considered again is that of resident educator. We may want to ask that the program be terminated.

4. Due to the legislative recess, no action has been taken on **HB 401** (charter schools), **HB 410** (truancy) or **HB 212** (Common Core).

Kathi Powers inquired into the status of HB 212 in committee. Presently, the bill is not on the House Education agenda for further discussion. If that changes, we will need to address it at that time. Even if it does find its way out of the House, we do not believe there will be support for it in the Senate.

B. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **House Education Committee** – The Education Advisory Committee, put together by the Alliance, has its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at 2:00 PM at the Riffe Center with Chairperson Brenner.

2. **ODE Stakeholder Meeting on ESSA** – We are waiting to set a date for the next meeting regarding its timeline which depends on the availability of federal rules.

3. **Coalition Meeting - 3/10/16** – The Coalition meeting held in March focused on how best to use the coalition as a sounding board for feedback on ESSA. The members agreed that, while their positions may be different on some points, it would be beneficial for the group to have a discussion to find points of agreement. The next meeting of the coalition is set for April 10th.

C. Quality Profile.

Tony informed the committee he continues to receive inquiries from non-Alliance member districts about the profile. The most recent inquiry was from the Southern Ohio ESC. They are interested in presenting the profile to their members and working as a cohort.

In addition, we met with Allerton communications group that has completed several profiles for members. We explored possible ways in which Allerton could be of assistance for us in terms of helping to get the message to our non-participating members and promoting the concept statewide. They were interested and will provide us with a proposal to review when we meet again in April.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Jim Betts provided a verbal summary of the deliberations of the March 9th meeting. The major focus of that meeting was HB 420 and the state testing system, along with the impact that the College Credit Plus program was having on districts from a fiscal standpoint.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Jim Betts reported that the joint meeting with the ESSA subcommittee scheduled for April 13th was rescheduled for April 27th following the regular meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Regional Meeting Update.

Meetings were held for members in all four regions. Conference calls held in Toledo and Columbus were the result of attendance constraints and went well. Group meetings, held in Cleveland and Cincinnati resulted in overall strong attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Strategies.

Jim Betts discussed the need to develop a legislative strategy targeted at House leadership due to the lack of Alliance districts in those legislative districts. Assistance will be needed by committee members to establish relationships with those in key leadership positions.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony Podojil adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Tom Hosler, Vice-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 March 23, 2016.



Tom Hosler, Vice-Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director