

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

May 25, 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 May 25, 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
Bob Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools
Brian Poe (<i>via proxy</i>)	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village Schools
Chad Hilliker	Loveland City Schools
Steve Kramer	Madera City 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, Executive Assistant Barbara Adams and guest Scot Prebles.

MINUTES

The minutes for the April 27, 2016 meeting, previously distributed to members electronically, were reviewed and discussed.

Steve Kramer moved and Bob Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for April 27, 2016. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Bob Scott moved and Steve Kramer seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for April, 2016. The motion passed.

Tony Podojil presented an amended budget proposal for the 2016-17 fiscal year for approval. Revenues continue to be based on the Alliance retaining 70 members and costs associated with operating the organization are to be consistent with the current year. Funds for special projects once again include

funding to participate in the statewide survey in September along with some additional funds dedicated to recognizing the organization's 25th Anniversary at our annual meeting during Capital Conference.

Bob Hunt moved and Trent Bowers seconded the approval of the 2016-2017 fiscal operating budget. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steve Kramer moved and Chad Hilliker seconded the motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion passed. The meeting entered Executive Session at 10:15 AM.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 10:45 AM.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **State Testing/ESSA** – A meeting of the ESSA task force / Accountability committee is scheduled following today's Executive Committee meeting. Jim Betts reminded the committee that the purpose of that meeting is to prepare recommendations for ODE for the ESSA reauthorization process. With the federal time line changing, allowing the states additional time to meet the new standards (likely not until the end of the calendar year), we have time to thoroughly review and study the ESSA changes before making recommendations to ODE.

2. **College Credit Plus / HB 445** – It appears that a vote on HB 445 will be delayed until sometime this fall when the House returns from the summer/re-election campaign break. This bill continues to be of high importance for members since it deals with costs, weighted grading and course credits. We continue to advocate for the inclusion of a means test, at least for textbooks, supplies and fees. The current bill offers a correction for the weighted course issue that would be beneficial to local districts. The proposed course credit change may actually cost districts additional funds because it may motivate students to take more college courses needed for graduation.

3. **SB 3 – Deregulation** – Jim provided the committee with an update indicating that the bill has still not yet been placed on the agenda for discussion and in all likelihood will not be heard until sometime after legislators return from summer break. The bill is being looked at as a possible 'Christmas Tree' bill, whereby any and all other education issues will be attached to it. What those may be are unknown at this time.

4. **HB 410 - Truancy** – HB 410 has been reported out of the House Education Committee and at some point will be considered for a vote by the full House. Following that, it will move on to the Senate Education Committee for review and discussion.

5. **TPP, Minimum Funding Level, Guarantees, Caps** – We will be meeting with the TPP group this week to discuss strategies regarding how best to pursue some relief to the TPP rollout scheduled to be implemented beginning in July, 2017. Jim indicated that he has had discussions with Representative Cupp and, while Cupp has not offered, as yet, to propose a change, he has indicated that he understands the issue and the impact it will have on districts. Paul indicated that he has reached out to the budget director and a meeting is being planned for some time over the summer. Besides the TPP issue, we plan to discuss with the director the minimum funding concept, lifting of the caps, as well as the impact that the elimination of guarantees would have.

7. **OFFC Funding for Special Projects** – Senator Gardner is working on a bill affecting how OFFC funds are made available. His proposal, a concept we have advocated for years, would allow our members to access OSFC funds for building projects related to safety, security and technology. Once introduced, we will need testimony from members in support of the bill.

B. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **House Education Committee** – The Education Advisory Committee will meet with House Education Chairperson Brenner on Thursday, June 2nd at 9:30 at BASA.
2. **ODE Stakeholder Meeting on ESSA** – We are waiting to set a date for our next meeting with ODE, which has not received the federal rules establishing parameters for a state plan in response to ESSA.
3. **Coalition Meeting - TBD** – The next Coalition meeting is scheduled for June 2.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the legislative/system improvements committee will be on June 8th pending the status of legislation at that time.

ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

Jim Betts reported that the joint meeting with the ESSA subcommittee is scheduled following the regular meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee today.

OLD BUSINESS

Plans for the 25th Anniversary during capital conference are now underway.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rollback / Homestead Exemption.** – Tony informed the committee that he had met with representatives of Mentor Schools who had indicated that their board wants to pursue a restoration of the property tax rollback for senior citizens who would qualify by a means test similar to the homestead exemption. Their concern arose because of feedback from senior citizens during their last levy campaign for new millage.

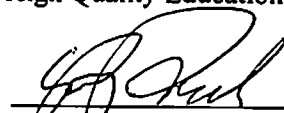
The committee agreed that this was worthy of our support, but felt an organization that represented senior citizens would be more effective in promoting this statewide. Tony Indicated that Mentor is approaching the Ohio AARP to see if they are interested in leading this effort.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at OSBA.

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 May 25, 2016.



Paul Imhoff, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director