

THE ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2018

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 23, 2018, in the BASA Large Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Clinton Keener	Bay Village-(Proxy)
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City School District-(Proxy)
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
Chad Hilliker	Hamilton County ESC
John Marschhausen	Hilliard City School District-(Proxy)
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District-(Proxy)
Steven Estep	Mariemont City Schools
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District-(Proxy)
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City Schools
Trent Bowers	Worthington City Schools

Also, in attendance were Alliance Executive Director Anthony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini and Executive Assistant Patricia Cali.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the April 25, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Chad Hilliker moved and Tom Hosler seconded the approval of the minutes for April 25, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for April. He indicated that we remain on target in terms of revenue and expenditures for the year.

Joe Regano moved and Scot Prebles seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for April 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2018-2019 Budget. The draft budget that was reviewed during our April meeting was presented for further deliberations. Tony indicated that he added a possible additional funding amount of \$3,500.00 from Ice Miller to help defray the cost of capital conference. Jessica is working on verifying the actual contribution.

No further discussion was held on the budget proposal.

Kathy Powers moved and Jeff Brown seconded the approval of the 2018-2019 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jessica provided the committee with an update on the current status related to replacing the Speaker of the House. It was anticipated that Rep. Smith had the necessary votes to be selected as the replacement for Speaker Rosenberger and that an expected vote was to occur in the afternoon following our meeting. As of this morning, the House session had been cancelled as well as the session planned for May 17. This will undoubtedly delay any bills from coming to the House floor for a vote prior to their exiting for the summer since the selection of speaker is essential to the House functioning as a body. This could result in any legislative activity being held to the lame duck session following the November election. Bills such as SB216 and HB21 would be delayed for consideration until that time and in the case of SB216, have the effect of pushing those changes into the 19-20 school year. Jessica will keep the Executive Committee updated should the House move forward with a vote on the speaker in the next couple weeks.

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **HB512 - Department of Learning and Achievement (DLA)** – At this point it appears that this bill will not be considered at this time. The bill sponsor has prepared several amendments to the bill including several of our suggestions but without another hearing scheduled in committee, the bill is not moving forward.

2. **SB216** – Jessica indicated that Rep. Brenner would like this bill to be referred out the House Education Committee prior to the close of this session. The bill was on the House Education agenda for hearings on both May 22 and May 23. With the problems associated with the House Speaker selection, whether this bill makes it out of the committee with or without amendments, may all be for naught if the House can't get back together for a voting session.

3. **HB360 – Bullying** – The bill is now in the Senate Education Committee. Based on our conversations with Senator Lehner, she has indicated an aversion to including any suspension language that would allow for time to be carried over into the next school year. This could hold up the movement of this bill in her committee since additional testimony is sure to be heard from both proponents and opponents of this bill. Any changes ultimately made by the Senate would then return the bill to the House for further deliberations.

4. HB591 State Report Card Revisions – Rep. Duffey’s report card bill is presently being heard in Brenner’s House Education Committee. Much of the debate so far has revolved around the continued use of letter grades. Several legislators and the Governor’s office are still proponents of using letter grades and the committee heard testimony from several groups who advocated that the report card maintain letter grades as a component.

Part of Rep. Duffey’s strategy was to get the bill introduced and the discussion started. There are many components of the bill that are appealing to Alliance members. As a method to determine the level of support for the bill by the Executive Committee, Paul Imhoff asked the committee for a motion to determine the level of support for the bill.

Trent Bowers moved and Todd Hoadley seconded, the support for HB591 including offering testimony when needed. The motion passed unanimously.

5. HB585/SB288 - Public Safety – Jessica addressed the group by reviewing the provisions associated with the companion bills in the House and Senate dealing with public safety related to weapons and guns. Several of the components of the bills are of interest to our organization including the “red flag” provisions and the improvements related to the employee background check system. She indicated that the Alliance was invited to a meeting of the Governor’s leadership staff to review the proposals and seek our input as well as support for the proposals. The Governor’s office would like to have us offer testimony when the bills come up for discussion.

Joe Regano moved and Tom Hosler seconded, the support for HB585/SB288 including offering testimony when needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica indicated that she would begin working on sample testimony for use by members of the Executive Committee who indicated an availability to appear at a hearing to offer proponent testimony should a hearing be scheduled.

B. ODE/State Board of Education.

1. Graduation Requirements – Any changes that may be considered by the House or Senate regarding graduation requirements for the class of 2019 and beyond are still on hold. Based on the current climate and circumstances involving the House leadership dilemma, this topic may not return until after the November election. Districts should plan accordingly.

2. State Board Strategic Plan – The State Board of Education is in the final stages of the development of their strategic plan. We can expect this to be rolled out to districts sometime in August with a statewide release in early September.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. Meeting with House Education Committee Chair - The Education Advisory Committee met with House Education Committee Chairman Brenner on Monday, May 14th. Rep. Brenner indicated a willingness to have items such as the State Report Card Revisions, Graduation Requirements, and SB 216 (Public School Deregulation), discussed and possibly moved out of committee prior to the summer recess. Obviously, with the issues associated with House leadership discussed earlier, movement of and approval of legislation will be difficult.

2. **Rep. Reineke – HB512** – While we continue to have open discussions with Rep. Reineke’s office regarding the provisions we would like to see added to the bill, there does not appear to be a path for this bill to go forward at this time. The education organizations continue to be opposed to the bill.

D. Membership.

1. **Membership – 2018/2019** - Tony stated The Alliance sent all dues invoices via email on May 1st for next year and we have begun to receive payments.

2. **Membership – 2018/2019** - Tony continues to reach out to Brooklyn as a potential new member.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on May 16, 2018 was distributed earlier to members for their review. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director’s report.

The next meeting date will be June 13, 2018, if needed.

ESSA/ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

The meeting for May was postponed.

The next meeting date will be June 20, 2018, if needed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **Alliance Pac**- Tony stated the Alliance sent letters to all members via email on May 1st requesting contributions to the PAC account. He stated we have received some contributions from Executive Committee Members.

NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Imhoff adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 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 May 23, 2018.



Paul Imhoff, Chair

Tony Podojil, Executive Director