

THE ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2018

Chairperson Thomas Hosler called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on April 25, 2018, in the BASA Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Robert Scott	Avon Lake City Schools
Mike Sheppard	Berea City School District
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City School District
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills
Chad Hilliker	Hamilton County ESC
John Marschhausen	Hilliard City School District
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District
Steven Estep	Mariemont City Schools
Gail Kist-Kline	Mason City 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

Also, in attendance were Alliance Executive Director Anthony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini and Executive Assistant Patricia Cali. A Proxy vote was submitted by Michael Shoaf.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the March 28, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Robert Scott moved and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the minutes for March 28, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for March. He indicated that we remain on target in terms of revenue and expenditures for the year. He provided a draft budget for next year for the committees review and highlighted those areas in which changes needed to be made such as the capital conference costs that have risen due to the number of attendees. In addition, costs for office rental should show a slight decrease due to changes in our lease with BASA. A final version of the budget will be presented for a vote when the committee meets again in May.

Scot Prebles moved and Brian Poe seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for March 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jessica provided the committee with an update on what to expect in terms of legislative activity over the next couple of months. With the resignation of the Speaker and the upcoming primaries, she indicated that the level of legislative activity in both the House and Senate would be limited. Prior to the Memorial Day break, the House is scheduled for a voting session on May 16, 23, and 24 and the Senate on May 16 and 23. We also anticipate very few if any, committee hearings prior to the May 8th Primary Election. Based on that schedule, we are anticipating very little activity to be conducted in both chambers. We are then anticipating that following Memorial Day, both the House and Senate will be out of session until the elections are held in November. That will then set up what could be a very active and busy lame duck session in November and December.

A. Current Legislative Concerns.

1. **HB512 - Department of Learning and Achievement (DLA)** – Tony provided the committee with a set of talking points developed by a task force formed after the Executive Committee held a discussion regarding HB512. The document centers around a structural change that would influence how ODE involves the field in the policy development process and a statement that the Alliance is not in support of the changes being proposed in HB512 related to changing the purpose and duties of the State Board of Education.

The Executive Committee was supportive of the proposals developed by the task force and added two additional provisions. The committee was in support of a P-20 Council that would allow the work of the three Departments to come together for collaboration. Also, the suggestion that we return to an all elected board was also supported. Those items were added to the initial list.

Tony indicated that he had met with Rep. Reineke's office who had indicated their support for the structural changes. We are anticipating that there may be several amendments proposed to HB512. Some of them could include the amendments we suggested and are seeking. Due to timing, it is unlikely HB512 will be amended and voted out of Committee prior to Memorial Day. There is still strong opposition related to the changes proposed to the State Board, which may also impact a Committee vote.

Regardless, the Executive Committee felt it was important that we use this opportunity to promote some changes to the decision-making structure that would improve input and feedback both to ODE and the field. The items discussed in terms of structural changes stand on their own regardless of the fate of HB512.

2. **SB216** – Jessica indicated that we are still waiting to see what Rep. Brenner is intending to do with this bill since it has been referred to the House Education Committee. He has indicated that he may want to add some additional items to the bill such as changes to the graduation requirements. With limited time, available over the next two months, this bill could turn into a “Christmas Tree” bill during the lame duck session.

We have a meeting scheduled with Rep. Brenner on May 14. We should get a better handle on what he intends to do in terms of timing and additional amendments to the bill at that time.

3. **HB360 – Bullying** – This bill has passed out of the House and is now in the Senate Education Committee. Based on our conversations with Senator Lehner, it does not appear that this bill will be heard in committee prior to the summer break. We will be keeping our eye out to see if any changes occur in terms of timing and potential hearings on the bill.

4. **HB591 State Report Card Revisions** – Rep. Duffey introduced his bill and provided an overview of HB591 in the House Education Committee this month. With the complexities associated with the changes and what will be certainly a lively debate in terms of continuing to assign letter grades. We do not anticipate this bill moving very quickly, if at all prior to the lame duck session. There is interest on behalf of the State Board of Education who is also considering changes to the report card, but the timing and complexity will make this difficult to move forward.

Part of Rep. Duffey’s strategy was to get the bill introduced and the discussion started. We may need to consider resurrecting these concepts when the next General Assembly is seated in 2019 and looking for a new sponsor to carry these changes.

B. ODE/State Board of Education.

1. **Gifted Rule Changes** – The rules proposed in SB216 have been passed by the board during their meeting in April. This will allow districts to incorporate the changes into their plans for next year.

2. **Graduation Requirements** – Any changes that may be considered by the House or Senate regarding graduation requirements for the class of 2019 and beyond are on hold at the present. Based on the current climate and circumstances, this topic may not return until after the November elections. Districts should plan accordingly.

3. **State Report Card** – See report above.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **Meeting with House Education Committee Chair** - The Education Advisory Committee will meet with House Education Committee Chairman Brenner on Monday, May 14th, at 10:00 a.m. Items to be discussed include State Report Card Revisions, Graduation Requirements, SB 216 (Public School Deregulation), and HB512 (Department of Learning and Achievement Proposal).

2. **Rep. Reineke – HB512** – In addition to the meeting we held with Rep. Reineke earlier, we are anticipating another meeting to discuss a potential sub bill once amendments are drafted and compiled.

D. Membership.

1. **Membership – 2018/2019** - Tony stated The Alliance will be sending the dues invoices for next year starting in May.

2. **Membership – 2018/2019** - Tony continues conversations with two new potential members (Brooklyn and Lebanon). Tony also stated that Independence has dropped membership.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on April 11, 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 determined later this month.

ESSA/ACCOUNTABILITY TASK GROUP

A summary of the meeting held on April 18, 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 determined later this month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **National School Walkout – 4/20/18** - There was no further discussion regarding the planned National School Walkout day on 4/20/18

B. **IceMiller Contract** – The changes that Jim Betts suggested regarding the contract with IceMiller were made and incorporated into the agreement. Jessica spent a moment to clarify the conflict of interest provision contained in the agreement. Based on her explanation, the group was satisfied with her response.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Legislative Goal Setting-Summer** – Jessica suggested that we utilize the summer months to put together a legislative platform that would address the major issues that the Alliance would like to explore with both the returning General Assembly and those running for office. The committee agreed with that approach but cautioned that we keep our priority list to only those items of most importance to us. A draft will be shared in June and finalized in July.

B. **Alliance PAC**– Jessica described both the importance and need to maintain and effective PAC as we navigate the political landscape during this election year. The PAC is a good tool that provides access to candidates and elected officials as we seek to spread our message. Being strategic in how best to spend those funds is a function of both the issue that is being addressed and who may be in a position of influence.

Now is the time to replenish the account as we head into the fall. A reminder memo will be sent out to members asking for an additional contribution in May.

ADJOURNMENT

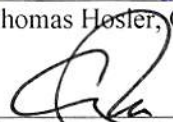
Thomas Hosler adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas 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 April 25, 2018.



Thomas Hosler, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director