

THE ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2018

Chairperson 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 September 26, 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
Michael Sheppard
Robert Hunt
Brian Poe
Scot Prebles
John Marschhausen
Nancy Santilli
Timothy Ackermann
Steven Estep
William Porter
Joseph Regano
Paul Imhoff
Rob O'Leary
Trent Bowers

Avon Lake City School District
Berea City School District
Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Copley-Fairlawn City School District
Forest Hills School District
Hilliard City School District
Kenston Local School District
Kings Local School District
Mariemont City School District
Mentor Exempted Village School District
Solon City School District
Upper Arlington City School District
Vandalia-Butler City School District
Worthington City School District

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 July 25, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Michael Sheppard moved and Scot Prebles seconded the approval of the minutes for July 25, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial statements for July and August. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target with revenues having a chance to exceed projections based on maintaining membership retention and two new members

joining in Brooklyn and Wooster. In addition, our end of the year carry forward balance is equivalent to between 7 and 8 months of reserve.

Joseph Regano moved and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for July and August 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Policy Positions.

Jessica recapped the meeting she and Tony had earlier in the week with the DeWine campaign's education policy staff in which they shared the three Alliance position papers (education, governance, mental health/school safety, and school funding). We are working to get a meeting established with the Cordray campaign as soon as possible. Depending on who wins the election, we could be faced with either a very active and highly volatile lame duck session or one in which little is put forward. The lame duck session will begin the week of November 11 and will conclude on or before December 20.

The Committee was updated on the progress made in terms of the position papers and the discussions Tony and Jessica have had with members of the Legislative and Accountability Committees.

1. **Graduation Requirements** – The State Board continues to work with their advisory committee in order to put forth proposals that would address alternative pathways and additional measures for the class of 2019 and beyond. There does not appear to be a resolution to what will happen with the class of 2019 unless some version of an extension of the 2018 options is considered during lame duck session. The testing data for this year's class indicates little change in terms of where the class of 2018 was at this point in the year. The Alliance's position paper on graduation requirements advocates for additional measures to be included in as part of an alternative diploma pathway.

2. **State Report Card** – HB591 is still pending before the House Education Committee. We are not sure if the bill will have any committee hearings during the lame duck session. Since the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Duffey, is term-limited, there is uncertainty around what may happen to HB591 once this General Assembly wraps up its work in December. We continue to look for another representative to consider sponsoring the bill when the new General Assembly is sworn in this upcoming January.

3. **School Finance** – Tony and Jessica circulated the school funding position paper for the Committee's review and feedback. In addition, Tom Hosler updated the Committee on the current status of the Cupp/Patterson funding task force's work. It is our understanding that this group is in the final stages of issuing a report. They have a meeting set for Friday with the education organizations to discuss the recent release of the school funding white paper by those organizations. Concern that the release of that document degrades the work of the committee is a concern. Tom spoke of the time and effort that has gone into developing a rational and reliable base cost formula and the lack of any true formula existing going forward.

Jessica indicated that during the meeting with the DeWine staff, she and Tony were asked about the Alliance's position on developing a base cost and what our thoughts were regarding the work of the funding task force. These questions signaled that the campaign staff have an interest in school funding and our working through the school funding concepts and principles they believe to be the most important.

4. **Student Wellness and Safety** – Jessica shared that both gubernatorial candidates have indicated that mental health, student wellness, and school safety remain high priorities for them both. We anticipate that some level of funding may be available in the next biennial budget to address these issues and we need to be prepared to offer some ideas on how schools and educators could best utilize potential additional resources.

We heard from members of the Legislative Committee that health providers are relying on enhanced Medicaid billing to partner with districts to create programs for schools. By using this approach, schools can

make services available to everyone in the community. If the ability to use enhanced Medicare as a funding source is either reduced or eliminated, these programs could be discontinued due to lack of funding.

5. **Education Governance** - We continue to use the position paper that was developed by the Committee in the Spring regarding the education governance bill, HB512. Tony and Jessica spoke to the bill's sponsor this week and he is still having discussions with leadership in anticipation that this bill may move forward during lame duck session.

B. ODE/State Board of Education.

1. **Graduation Requirements -2019 and beyond-** The State Board of Education will continue their discussion on graduation requirements when they meet in October.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **Candidates for Governor** – See above

D. Membership.

1. **New Member – 2018/2019** – Brooklyn has joined the Alliance. Tony indicated that Wooster is considering joining the Alliance this year. They were a member previously as was Brooklyn.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on September 12, 2018, was distributed to members for their review. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2018.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on September 19, 2018, was distributed to members for their review. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

This year's release of the Quality Profile had approximately 85 districts participate and this year's release was September 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Capital Conference- Panel Discussion Participants**

Jessica Voltolini is working on securing a Legislative Panel for our Capital Conference program. She believes we have several good candidates to choose from which should allow for a very relevant and comprehensive conversation that day.

Tony advised we have reached our maximum allotment of 350 seats at the Hilton. We are placing those who request seats now on a waiting list. We will be sending out confirmation emails shortly to confirm who will be attending. If we have any cancellations, we will then add guest from the waiting list. We will be in contact with the hotel to see if there are any options to consider in terms of additional seating.

B. Pre-school – Special Education Staffing Changes

Scot Prebles asked for guidance on the new rules associated with staffing pre-school special education programs. The current changes require additional special education staff to be assigned to each classroom if students who are in need of those services are in those rooms. This potential rule change will mean that in most cases, there will be two instructors in each classroom. The cost associated with these changes would be significant.

Jessica indicated she would follow up on this topic and send out an update to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

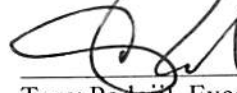
Tom Hosler adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Tom Hosler, Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education held September 26, 2018.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director