

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

April 24, 2019

Chairperson Tom Hosler called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:35 a.m. on April 24, 2019 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 School District (proxy)
Michael Sheppard	Berea City School District
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
John Marschhausen	Hilliard City School District
Chad Hilliker	Hamilton County ESC
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District (proxy)
Steve Estep	Mariemont City Schools
William Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington City School District (proxy)
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District
Trent Bowers	Worthington City Schools

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

Executive Committee meeting minutes from February 27, 2019, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Scot Prebles moved and Kathryn Powers seconded the approval of the minutes for February 27, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for February and March. He indicated that we remain on target to meet our budget projections in terms of both revenue and expenditure targets.

Jeff Brown moved and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of February 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Scot Prebles moved and Steve Estep seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of March 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fiscal Agent – 19/20 School year.

Tony informed the group that Hilliard will assume the duties of fiscal agent for the Alliance. Andrew Geistfeld, Treasurer at Upper Arlington, has started working with Hilliard for the transition to take place on July 1, 2019.

C. Budget 2019/2020.

Tony distributed a draft of the 2019/2020 budget that will be considered during our May meeting. Revenues are based on the Alliance retaining 74 members at the current dues. He informed the committee that it may be necessary to consider a change in the dues for the following year since the likelihood of increasing revenue by adding members is unlikely.

Tony also shared information related to the hotel's cost for additional space and the cost to provide lunch for members attending the Alliance's Annual Luncheon. He indicated he would be recommending that members cover the actual cost of the luncheon and that we budget to cover the cost of the room rental. Jessica indicated Ice/Miller would continue to provide a donation that would help defer the costs associated with the room rental.

Tony requested approval to issue payment on the final bill for printing services for Betts and Associates related to our work with his group on the Cupp/Patterson school funding project.

Trent Bowers moved and Jeff Brown seconded the approval for final payment of services.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Graduation Requirements – 2021 and beyond.

Tony and Jessica began the Executive Director's report by reviewing the progress made regarding seeking support for our Graduation Requirements Proposal for 2021 and beyond. The final version of our proposal continues to require the mandatory course completion requirements and changes the accountability testing by establishing a competency passing requirement for only two tests, English II and Algebra I. Finally, we also established an endorsement/seal requirement that allows students to focus and display skill and interest in areas and have those areas recognized on their diploma. A copy of the proposal was distributed and discussed.

Tony indicated that he and Jessica had spent a considerable amount of time soliciting feedback from the Executive, Legislative and Accountability committee as we worked on drafting and refining this proposal. Once that was completed, it was shared with the Ohio Department of Education, various educational organizations and groups, the teacher organizations, the Governor's office and representatives in the House and Senate. Upon the urging of several members in the Senate, we reached out to the Business community (Ohio Excels) and Fordham in an effort to arrive at a consensus that we could present to the General Assembly in legislative language with the intent of including it in the biennium budget.

Based on all of the above, they indicated that we had arrived at a consensus in terms of submitting a joint proposal with Ohio Excels and Fordham to the Senate and House. That proposal is now being developed into legislative language for what we anticipate will be first, hearings in the Senate Education Committee shortly.

Members shared their feelings in terms of how we had arrived at this point, in particular, how our partnership with Ohio Excels and Fordham came about. The consensus from the group was that this places our organization in a position in which rather than simply supporting the State Board on this topic, we've chosen to take the lead on this issue. The Members continue to feel strongly that advocating for what we believe to be a better solution was critical at this time. Our students not only deserve a long term solution to the graduation requirements but also a fundamental shift that balances course completion, accountability with student experience and skill attainment.

1. **Alliance Proposal- Next Steps** –Tony and Jessica indicated that the proposal is currently being drafted as a bill by the Legislative Service Commission and we anticipate meeting with members of the Senate in the next week to discuss the process in which this will be introduced in the Senate Education Committee.

B. Governor – Biennium Budget- Analysis

Jessica updated the committee on the status of the biennial budget and whether the House will incorporate the work of the Cupp/Patterson Task Force into the school funding calculations. Based on comments made by Speaker Householder, the amount needed to fund the new formula, the issues the new calculations have created for some of the urban districts and low-wealth districts and the timing of trying to get this done in this condensed timeframe appears to make it unlikely the House will take this up during this budget cycle.

Jessica indicated that we are anticipating a release of the budget in the House either on 4/29 or 4/30. Regardless of what occurs with the foundation formula, we will need to continue to advocate for our minimum funding level and the held harmless language for the remaining TPP districts. A conference call for the Executive Committee will be held on Friday, May 3 at 10:00 for the purpose of reviewing the House budget proposal and discussing strategies in terms of our positions.

C. House/Senate Education Committees

Jessica is working on establishing meetings with Senator Lehner, Senate Education Chair, Senator Brenner, Senator Terhar and others on the Senate Education Committee for next week in which we can have follow-up discussions regarding AHQE's graduation proposal.

D. ODE/State Board of Education

No items were discussed other than the role that the state board will play in the final development of the graduation requirements.

E. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **OSBA, BASA and OASBO** – Tony indicated he had met with Rick Lewis, Executive Director of OSBA to share our concerns related to working together and seeking their support when introducing items such as our graduation proposal.

F. Membership.

1. **Potential New Members-** Tony indicated Richmond Heights will be rejoining the Alliance beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Reynoldsburg and Circleville are still possibilities in terms of membership.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on April 10, 2019, was distributed to members following the meeting. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2019.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on April 17, 2019, was distributed to members following the meeting. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Regional Meetings- Updates

The regional meetings for Spring drew good attendance and discussions. Conference calls for the Toledo and Columbus regions were held since we were having difficulty scheduling an actual on-site visit in which members would be available to attend. The agenda focused on the new graduation requirements proposal and next steps.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Executive Committee Report Card Subcommittee** – Executive Committee representatives Jeff Brown, Rob O’Leary and Robert Hunt have agreed to work with Jessica and Tony as part of a group that would be discussing report card changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Hosler adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 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 April 24, 2019.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director