

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

May 22, 2019

Vice-Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on May 22, 2019 in the OSBA 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
Michael Sheppard	Berea City School District
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg City Schools (proxy)
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Steve Estep	Mariemont City Schools
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg 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 April 24, 2019, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Scot Prebles moved and Robert Hunt seconded the approval of the minutes for April 24, 2019. 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.

Trent Bowers moved and Robert Hunt seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of April 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget 2019/2020.

The draft budget that was reviewed during our April meeting was presented for further deliberations. Tony indicated revenues are based on the Alliance retaining 74 members at the current dues.

Robert Hunt moved and Trent Bowers seconded the approval of the 2019-2020 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

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 our Graduation Requirements Proposal and our collaborative work with Ohio Excels and the Fordham Institute. The final version of the combined proposal continues to require the mandatory course completion requirements and the changes to the accountability section establishing a competency passing requirement for only two tests, English II and Algebra I. The endorsement/seal requirement, which allows students to display specific skills and accomplishments and then have those recognized on their diploma, continues to be a key component of the proposal.

Upon the urging of several members in the Senate, we developed the legislative language needed for inclusion in the biennium budget bill. We have provided testimony with Ohio Excels and Fordham in support of the proposal to the Senate Finance Subcommittee for Primary and Secondary Education and will be testifying today in front of the Senate Education Committee. The goal is to have the proposal added to the Senate's version of the budget. We are planning to meet with House members next week in anticipation that the Senate will add this to the budget thus making it an issue for the Conference Committee to consider. In addition to support from the Gifted Students Association and the Buckeye Institute, the Ohio 8 has officially endorsed the joint proposal.

In addition to our work with Ohio Excels and Fordham, we have been in contact with ODE and the State Board. The Board continues to promote their proposal and have come out in opposition to ours. While they have stated publicly that they like certain aspects of our proposal, they are still recommending that the "Culminating Student Experience" be included as one of the alternative pathways students can use to display competency in English and Math. We will continue to work with ODE and the State Board to see if we can find a compromise and have already included several of their suggestions in terms of the seals adding a Technology seal and expanding the methods students can use to demonstrate achievement in Science and Social Studies.

Members continue to feel strongly that advocating for what we believe to be a better solution is 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.

B. Biennium Budget; House Version – As Passed by the House HB166

Jessica updated the committee on the status of the biennial budget and the status of the work done by the Cupp/Patterson Task Force. Based on comments from Speaker Householder, the task force will continue working on the foundation formula and related areas in a separate bill with the goal of having an agreed upon process completed during this General Assembly. That leaves the Senate to determine how they will address the current As Passed House version that made major adjustments to the Governor's budget in order to fix what was perceived as funding inadequacies for agricultural and urban districts. There is a general concern that the Senate will offer a flat funding model that will be extremely damaging to many of our members who are either on the guarantee, have been capped and/or still on the TPP reduction program.

Jessica indicated that we are planning to offer to testimony next week when the Senate Finance Committee meets. We will 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, June 14 at 10:00 for the purpose of reviewing the Senate budget proposal and discussing strategies in terms of how to approach the conference committee process.

C. House/Senate Education Committees

Jessica indicated as discussed above that we will be presenting the joint AHQE/Ohio Excel/Fordham graduation proposal to the Senate Education Committee following our meeting today. She also shared that she is in contact with the House Education legislative team to set up a meeting to review the proposal with that chamber.

D. ODE/State Board of Education

Tony indicated that he had met with President Kohler to discuss the graduation proposal and answer any questions she may have had. An invitation to meet with the full Board was made and although there was a conflict with the May meeting dates, Tony indicated they were considering inviting him to the June meeting to discuss the proposal.

E. Membership.

I. Membership – 2019/2020 - Tony stated The Alliance sent all dues invoices via email on May 13th for next year and we have begun to receive payments.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The legislative committee held a conference call May 8, 2019 for the purpose of sharing the status of the graduation proposal as well as reviewing our key positions related to the budget.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2019.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The May 15, 2019, meeting was postponed due to the number of meetings at the Senate.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

NEW BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Jeff Brown, Vice-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 May 22, 2019.



Jeff Brown, Vice-Chair



Tony Podajil, Executive Director