

HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2019

Executive Director Anthony Podojil called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:45 a.m. on September 25, 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
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District (Proxy)
Tim Ackermann	Kings Local School District
Bill Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District
Michael Zalar	North Olmsted City School District
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District
Trent Bowers	Worthington City Schools

Also, in attendance, Jessica Voltolini.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

Executive Committee meeting minutes from July 24, 2019, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Scott Prebles moved and Trent Bowers seconded the approval of the minutes for July 24, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for July and August. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target with maintaining membership numbers at 75, with the current dues, meeting the needs of the organization. He mentioned the transition from Upper Arlington to Hilliard as the fiscal agent was completed. The year over year budget spreadsheets will need to be adjusted to reflect actual monthly totals once the transition has been completed since the June bills were loaded onto the July totals due to the timing of the transition process.

Brian Poe moved and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of July 2019 and August 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Graduation Requirements - Feedback.

Overall, feedback has been positive on the new graduation requirements although it is still early in the process regarding implementation. Tony has been conducting Question and Answer sessions with members and non-members to help explain the changes and get first-hand feedback.

B. House Education Legislative Update.

Jessica provided the committee with an overview of the following legislative items.

1. HB305 - Cupp/Patterson School Funding

Currently the bill is in the House Finance Committee, although it has not yet been scheduled for a hearing. The task force is continuing to work outside of the legislative process on the concept of defining financial equity as well as building a support structure to help in moving the bill forward.

2. HB281 (Rep. Antani) – Naming a Valedictorian

The bill is not likely to move out of committee. There appears to be a lack of support for the measure in the General Assembly as well as a rejection of the idea by the field.

3. HB164 (Rep. Ginter) – Student Religious Liberties Act

While we do not believe this may move out of committee during the current session it is on our watch list.

4. HB239 (Rep. Manning) – Testing Reduction Act

With the changes made to the testing requirements in the graduation bill, this bill will probably remain dormant in committee unless there is a change overall in the support for continuing the American History and Government test, which is highly unlikely at this time.

5. HB 322 (Reps. Jones, D. and Manning) Resident Educator (RE) Program

This bill would eliminate the current requirements to maintain administer the Resident Educator Summative Assessment as part of the Resident Educator program. Based on the sponsors, this bill could be heard during the fall committee session in House Education.

C. Senate Education Legislative Update.

1. Sub. HB154 (Rep. Miller and Jones) – Academic Distress Commissions

This bill appears to have stalled in the Senate Education Committee. There was hope that this work would be done prior to Senator Terhar exit on Sept. 30 but that does not appear likely at this time.

2. SB 26 (Sen. Kunze) – Tax exemption for Teachers

No movement on this bill at this time.

3. SB102 (Sens. Brenner and Lehner)—Dyslexia Screening

This bill, which would add universal dyslexia screening for all public schools in the lower grades is sponsored by Senators Lehner and Brenner and will have hearings in Senate Education Committee next month.

4. SB 134 (Sen. Gavarone) – School Bus Safety

No movement on this bill at this time.

5. SB157 (Sen. Williams) – Enforcing the ‘Eliana Alert’

No movement on this bill at this time.

D. ODE/State Board of Education/Stakeholders.

1. State Report Card Revision Process

Tony and Jessica shared the work they have been doing in an effort to put together an Alliance white paper on the state report card revision process. They indicated that meetings have been held with BASA and the education organizations as well as with those groups who worked with us on the graduation requirements. We also held a discussion with the Accountability Committee in which they reviewed the white papers BASA had created several years ago in their report card committee. In addition, follow-up meetings with BASA, the education groups and the outside organizations are planned in October along with a second meeting of the Accountability Committee meeting. The goal is to have a concept paper for the Executive Committee to review when we meet in October during the Executive Committee meeting.

E. Membership.

1. Currently, all dues payments have been received with the exception of 3. We have been in contact with each of those three districts and expect those members to renew.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Jessica gave a summary of the meeting held on September 11, 2019 the contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

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OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

NEW BUSINESS

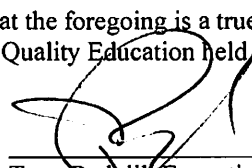
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ADJOURNMENT

Tony Podojil adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony Podojil, Executive Director, 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 25, 2019.



Tony Podojil, Executive Director