

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

July 24, 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 July 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
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools (Proxy)
Todd Hoadley	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
John Marschhausen	Hilliard City School District (Proxy)
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District (Proxy)
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools (Proxy)
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington City School District (Proxy)
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 June 26, 2019, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Scot Prebles moved and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for June 26, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for June. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget finished within our targets for the year. Expenditures closed less than expected due primarily to the special project and contingency lines not being expended although in general, all other expenditures were in line with projections. In terms of revenue, our current membership numbers at the current dues level are meeting the needs of the organization. This will need to be reviewed in January as we prepare the next budget and determine what our costs project going forward in terms of outside lobbying support.

John Marschhausen moved and Robert Hunt seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of June 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve renewed lobbying contract with Ice Miller.

Tony informed the group that he is recommending that the Ice Miller contract for Jessica's services be renewed for the upcoming year. The renewal contract for the 19/20 school year contained no changes in terms of conditions and costs. An evaluation related to time, responsibilities and costs will be conducted in January in preparation for the next contract period. This will allow a review of the prior years' time commitment and whether an adjustment should be made going forward.

Robert Scott moved and Todd Hoadley seconded the approval of the 2019-2020 date change in the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Biennium Budget – Final Analysis of HB166.

Jessica provided the committee with an overview of the final provisions contained in HB166 and indicated that she was working on a document for distribution to membership that would provide an overview of the education provisions that made it into the final budget document. While we were pleased that the Graduation Proposal was approved in the budget, we were disappointed that the Fair Funding Amendment was once again vetoed by the Governor. Obviously, we will now need to once again advocate for this provision to be included in HB305 (Cupp/Patterson School Funding Proposal). We are planning to meet with the members of the task force over the summer to discuss strategies going forward.

We also became aware of a last-minute provision added to the budget during the conference committee process that would have significantly impacted one of our members, Orange City Schools. The Village of Hunting Valley was successful in getting added to the budget a provision that would have shifted a significant amount of property tax revenue from the District to the Village. Fortunately, quick action by the officials in the district and our support of their cause led to the Governor vetoing this provision.

There was a general discussion related to the process that eventually produced the graduation requirements proposal that is now in law. While circumstances required us to work outside of our norm and with nontraditional stakeholder partners, the executive committee is interested in finding a way to improve communication and coordination of efforts with ODE, the State Board of Education and the major education organizations. Tony shared that he, along with Jessica, had met with the State Board President and Vice-President earlier that week to discuss the process that led to the final graduation product. He indicated that there was agreement between all parties that we need to find a better method to share information and feedback so that as we work on future issues, like the state report card, better coordination and collaboration can take place.

In addition to continuing our work with other education partners, some members of the executive committee felt we should be cautious when working with those in the education space who in the past, have promoted a much different agenda than our own. Obviously, the process used this time to find a common set of guidelines that could be presented to the General Assembly certainly helped in moving the graduation proposal forward. The fact that our education organizations choose not to work with us on this issue is still very concerning to members of the executive committee and needs to be addressed going forward.

It was recommended that a meeting with BASA and the Alliance leadership be held in August so that the two organizations can review the past budget issues and plan for the future. Tony indicated he would work to set up that meeting.

B. House/Senate Education Committees and Legislative Update.

Jessica shared that she is working on a bill tracker in anticipation of the return of the General Assembly in the fall. It is expected that the General Assembly will be paying particular interest to discussing revisions related to the State Report Card, the Academic Distress Commission rules and processes, considering further testing reductions (Rep. Manning), and developing a new set of guidelines and consequences for students who both victims and perpetrators of student bullying (HB310 – Greenspan). SB4, a provision that would allocate additional funding for OFCC projects was passed as part of HB 166. We will be reaching out to members of the accountability committee on our proposal related to the State Report Card in September in anticipation of our need to testify this fall.

C. ODE/State Board of Education

As was indicated previously, a meeting scheduled with State Board President/Vice-President and attended by Tony and Jessica was held on July 22.

D. BASA/OSBA/OASBO

Upon the recommendation of the executive committee, Tony has been instructed to schedule a meeting with BASA leadership in August.

E. Membership - Dues Payments

Tony stated that dues payments are currently being received. We have received 36 payments to date.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2019.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

NEW BUSINESS

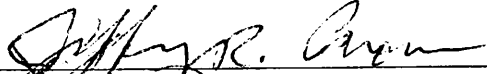
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ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

CERTIFICATE

I, Jeff Brown, Vice-Chairperson, 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 July 24, 2019.



Jeff Brown, Vice-Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director