

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

June 26, 2019

Chairperson Tom Hosler called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:25 a.m. on June 26, 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)
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
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
John Marschhausen	Hilliard City School District (Proxy)
Timothy Ackermann	Kings Local School District
William Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District (Proxy)
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District
Joe Regano	Solon City Schools
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District

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 May 22, 2019, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Jeff Brown moved and Scott Prebles seconded the approval of the minutes for May 22, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for May. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target to meet our yearly projections with one month remaining in the fiscal year.

Joe Regano moved and Nancy Santilli seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of May 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fiscal Agent – 19/20 School year.

Tony informed the group that Hilliard would like to assume the duties of fiscal agent for the Alliance. Andrew Geistfeld, Treasurer at Upper Arlington, and Brian Wilson, Treasurer at Hilliard, have started working on the transition to take place on July 1, 2019.

Rob O'Leary moved and Joe Regano seconded the approval of the 2019-2020 change in fiscal agents. The motion passed unanimously.

C. OESCA Agreement – 19/20.

Tony informed the group that the Ohio ESC Association would like to purchase administrative services from the Alliance again this year. The agreement was distributed for review. Following an overview of the agreement, Tony asked for a motion for approval to enter into the agreement officially with OESCA beginning on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Nancy Santilli moved and Todd Hoadley seconded the approval of the 2019-2020 change in fiscal agents. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Graduation Requirements – 2021 and beyond.

See HB166 Conference Committee Report below.

B. Biennium Budget: HB166 (Conference Committee Deliberations)

Jessica provided an update on the budget process as the biennial budget bill works its way out of the Senate and into the Conference Committee. In regard to the Senate version, the Fair Funding Language and the Graduation proposal made the final version of the senate passed version of the budget. Unfortunately, Senator Dolan was unable to get the TPP reimbursements changes into the Senate version.

The budget bill now moves to the Conference Committee where many issues will need to be worked out including the Graduation proposal which has run into some opposition in the House. Rep. Cupp would like to see at least one hearing on the graduation requirements proposal be scheduled and Speaker Householder has commented that changes such as what is proposed should be considered in a stand-alone bill. We are working with Ohio Excels, Fordham and the Ohio 8 in an effort to address concerns in the House that could block the proposal from being passed in the budget.

One of the major pending budget issues raised by Speaker Householder has been the shifting of school funding resources to rapidly growing districts in the senate passed version.

C. House/Senate Education Committees

1. **HB 239 – Testing Reductions (Manning/Crawley)** – Jessica shared that we had met with Rep. Manning to discuss HB239 and point out some of the similarities this bill shares with the graduation proposal. We do not anticipate that HB 239 will be rolled into the budget. The bill will continue with committee hearings when the House returns in the fall.

2. **Other Legislative Updates – Cupp/Patterson** – We are anticipating that the Cupp/Patterson task force work will be offered as a separate piece of legislation that will then be heard as a stand-alone bill either beginning this summer or when the House returns in the Fall. We will be prepared to offer testimony again once that opportunity arises.

D. ODE/State Board of Education

Tony indicated that he had met with President Kohler during the last state board meeting to once again discuss the graduation proposal and answer any questions she may have had. It appears based on several board actions that they are continuing to advance the Culminating Student Experience proposal for inclusion in the competency section of our graduation proposal. That idea is still getting push back from the General Assembly by members in both the House and Senate.

E. Education Organizations (BASA, OSBA, OASBO)

The Committee spent some time discussing possible next steps in regard to working in collaboration with the education organizations going forward. The current situation involving the graduation proposal and the role that the education organizations have taken in opposition to the proposal and the lack of effort to work with us to resolve conflicts has raised concerns amongst many of the committee members.

It was suggested that we reach out to the Executive Directors and lobbyists in those organizations for a meeting over the summer to see if we can determine a better process going forward as we continue to tackle school funding and the revisions to the State Report Card. Tony will work on coordinating that effort.

F. Membership.

1. Executive Committee Member Appointment – Northern Region- Mike Zalar was suggested as a candidate to fill the northern region opening on the committee.

Joe Regano moved and Tom Hosler seconded the appointment of Mike as a candidate. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Dues Payments – Tony stated that dues payments are being received.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee held a conference call June 12, 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 September 11, 2019.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The June 12, 2019, meeting was postponed due to the number of meetings at the Senate.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

NEW BUSINESS

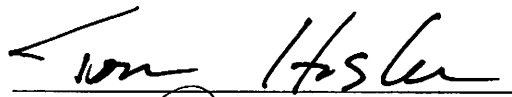
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ADJOURNMENT

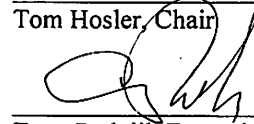
Tom Hosler adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at BASA.

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 June 26, 2019.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director