



**THE ALLIANCE FOR  
HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

*November 11, 2019*

Chairman Tom Hosler, Superintendent of Perrysburg Exempted Village School District, called to order the Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019, in the Bellows Room of the Hilton Columbus Downtown Hotel, adjacent to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Fifty-six member districts were represented, and a quorum was reached.

**MINUTES / FISCAL REPORTS**

*Robert Scott moved, and Scot Prebles seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on November 12, 2018, as submitted. The motion was adopted.*

*Joe Regano moved, and Kathi Powers seconded a motion to approve and accept the fiscal report for FY2019 as submitted. The motion was adopted.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Dr. Anthony Podojil addressed the gathering by recapping the highlights and the major activities of the Alliance over the last year in the following areas:

**Membership / Budget** – Our current membership is set at 74 districts. With that level of membership, our budget has remained stable and solvent, while fully meeting the needs of a larger, very dynamic organization.

**Committees** – In addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, two other committees continue to meet regularly to promote Alliance positions and keep members informed: Legislative and Accountability. Beginning with the 2019 school year, we assigned each member a position on one or both of the committees in an effort to maintain member engagement and assist the organization in acquiring timely feedback.

In addition to the committee work, we have continued to hold regional meetings twice a year, once in the fall and then again in the spring. Those meetings traditionally have been held in Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati to both inform members and receive feedback.

**Legislative** – The Alliance has developed several position papers on the topics of most interest to the organization. The position statements were shared with members as we began our work on the biennium budget process that officially began in March 2019. The position papers are focused on school funding, graduation requirements, student wellness and mental health, education governance, and the state report card. In addition to our work on the budget, we spent a considerable amount of

time spearheading the discussion and changes related to the Graduation Requirements as part of the biennial budget. Our work with various stakeholder groups resulted in legislative changes being included in the budget bill and later signed into law by the Governor. We were successful in reducing the number of tests required for graduation as well as implementing a new diploma seal attainment program for each graduate.

**State Board of Education / ODE** – Over the last several years, the Alliance has made an active effort to attend the State Board of Education meetings to provide direct input on issues such as the new High School Graduation requirements and proposed State Report Card reforms.

**Quality Profile** – District participation in the Quality Profile continues to grow, both among Alliance member districts, and non-Alliance members. Close to 100 school districts participated this year.

#### **SPECIAL PANEL PRESENTATION**

Jessica Voltolini facilitated the legislative panel discussion with two distinguished guests: Representative Don Jones, 95th House District and Senator Matt Dolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District.

Our legislative panelists demonstrated their respective knowledge, expertise and thoughtful approach to a wide range of education policy issues, including the impact of the recently enacted biennial budget, school funding, TPP reimbursements, testing, school safety, high school graduation requirements, the report card, public school deregulation, and school choice.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business items came before the membership.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business items came before the membership.

#### **SUMMARY / REMARKS**

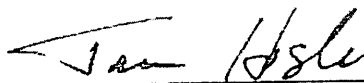
Tom Hosler closed the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their support.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

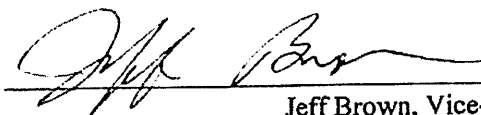
Chairman Hosler adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

#### **CERTIFICATE**

We, Tom Hosler, Chair of the Alliance for High Quality Education, and Jeff Brown, Vice-Chair, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Alliance for High Quality Education held November 11, 2019.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Jeff Brown, Vice-Chair