

**THE ALLIANCE FOR
HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

October 24, 2018

Chairperson Tom Hosler called to order a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on October 24, 2018 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
Michael Sheppard	Berea City School District
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
Timothy Ackermann	Kings Local School District
William Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District
Joseph Regano	Solon City School District
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

The meeting minutes from the September 26, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Michael Sheppard moved and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for September 26, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial statement for September.

Scot Prebles moved and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for September 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Current Policy Positions.

Jessica provided the Committee with an update on the gubernatorial campaigns, statewide office races, and other statehouse elections will have implications related to leadership in the House and Senate. The race for the Governor's office is still too close to call. DeWine appears to have a slight lead on Cordray. Based on the trends reported, it does not appear that there will be an early call in terms of a winner on election night.

In terms of a post-election impact in the House and Senate, while it does not appear that the Republicans will lose control of the General Assembly, the majorities they currently enjoy will probably be diminished. Exactly how many seats will flip and where in the state is still in question. Jessica distributed a report to members that addressed the status of races in key legislative districts across the state.

The results of the November election will also determine the level of activity during the lame duck session as well as a determination of who will become the next Speaker of the House. Depending on who is elected in the House, Speaker Smith may or may not retain that position. He may once again face a challenge by Rep. Householder. If the Speaker's position does change, that could shift the priorities of the House as well as result in changes in leadership and committee chairmanships.

The Committee was also updated on the progress made in terms of the position papers and the discussions Tony and Jessica have had with members of the Legislative and Accountability Committees.

1. **Graduation Requirements** – The State Board has been working in committee to solve two issues. First, there is an immediate issue related to the class of 2019 and that group's ability to meet current graduation requirement standards. The test performance data related to this class indicates they are in the same or similar position that the class of 2018 was in at this time last school year. The Board would like the General Assembly to extend the alternative pathways developed for the class of 2018 to the class of 2019 and possibly through 2022.

The second issue relates to changes the State Board would like to make from a long term and permanent perspective and how that transition should take place. The State Board's Graduation Committee passed a resolution during the October meeting that provides a variable pathway approach to graduation standards. The Graduation Committee's resolution and recommendations will be considered by the full board during the State Board meeting on November 14 and 15. The new proposal would begin with the class of 2022 (or 2023) so that the incoming freshman class would have all four years to adjust to the new standards.

Finally, Stephanie Dodd offered a resolution at the October State Board meeting that would change the number of end-of-course exam points needed to graduate from 18 to 14. The hope is that this resolution will not be needed if the General Assembly addresses the graduation issue during lame duck session.

2. **State Report Card** – HB591 is still pending before the House Education Committee. The State Board has a working group reviewing potential changes to the report card and the bill as currently written. This working group is in the process of completing its review and recommendations, which will ultimately be sent on to the full board for their consideration. Both the working group and Rep. Duffey are recommending that the report card be changed to a dashboard emphasizing the data rather than using an A-F grading approach.

3. **School Finance** – Tom Hosler updated the Committee on the meetings that the Cupp/Patterson funding task force has been conducting around the state. He distributed a copy of the base cost funding model that the task force has been sharing during recent regional meetings. Overall, feedback has been positive from Alliance members who have discussed this at our regional meetings. Updating and developing a process for costing out a base amount is supported by all. The ideas being considered related to the distribution

methodology, including returning to a charge-off approach, would benefit members along with funding categoricals outside of the base formula.

4. **Student Wellness and Safety** – As Jessica shared at an earlier meeting, both gubernatorial candidates have indicated that mental health, student wellness, and school safety remain high priorities for both. We anticipate that some level of funding may be available in the next biennial budget to address these issues and we have been seeking ideas related to programming and staffing needs when discussing this with our members during the regional meetings.

5. **Education Governance** - We continue to use the position paper that was developed by the Committee in the spring regarding the education governance bill, HB512. Tony and Jessica spoke to the bill's sponsor this week and he is still having discussions with leadership in anticipation that this bill may move forward during lame duck session.

B. ODE/State Board of Education.

1. **Graduation Requirements -2019 and beyond**– See report above.

2. **Pre-school – Special Education Staffing Changes** – The State Board has delayed a decision on the changes they were considering that would have resulted in significant staffing increases to pre-school programs. The discussions we have had with education organizations indicate that they are advising the department to consider these changes as best practices and not as a requirement. More information will follow as this is discussed at the state board level.

3. **Gifted PD Rules Update** – Tony distributed a recent update received by the department that helps to clarify the changes associated with the gifted licensing rules that we helped to negotiate last year. The group was asked to look over these documents to see if they are both clear and match what we agreed to.

C. Meetings with Key Stakeholders.

1. **Candidates for Governor** – See report above

D. Membership.

1. **New Member – 2018/2019** –Tony indicated that Wooster, a past Alliance member, is considering joining the Alliance this year. They will be attending the Annual Meeting to learn more about the organization.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on October 10, 2018, was distributed to members for their review. The contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2018.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The October meeting was postponed.

The next meeting date is to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Conference- Panel Discussion Participants

Jessica Voltolini has secured Senator Gardener, Senator Huffman and Rep. Ryan for our Legislative Panel during the Alliance's Capital Conference annual meeting and program. She is working on a set of questions for the panel and will share those with the Executive Committee prior to the meeting. This group of participants should make an excellent, and informed, panel.

B. Capital Conference- Attendance

Tony advised that since we have reached our maximum allotment of 350 seats at the Hilton, we are working with the hotel to try to add seats in order to accommodate as many members as we can who are on our waiting list. We have about 35 on that list. We will be sending out confirmation emails shortly to confirm who will be attending. If we have any cancellations, we will then add guests from the waiting list.

NEW BUSINESS

No items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Hosler adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 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 October 24, 2018.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director