



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

November 12, 2018

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 12:20p.m. on Monday, November 12, 2018, in the Bellows Room of the Hilton Columbus Downtown Hotel, adjacent to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Sixty member districts were represented and a quorum was reached.

MINUTES / FISCAL REPORTS

Scot Prebles moved and Robert Scott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on November 13, 2017, as submitted. The motion was adopted.

Joe Regano moved and Kathi Powers seconded a motion to approve and accept the fiscal report for FY2018 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 74 districts, another all-time high for the organization. With that level of membership, our budget has remained stable and solvent, while fully meeting the needs of a larger, very dynamic organization. The organization has made a smooth transition with the appointment of Jessica Voltolini as our legislative consultant.

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.

Also, we have continued to hold regional meetings at least 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 have been shared with the incoming Governor's office and will be the basis for our lobbying efforts during the lame duck session and the biennium budget process that will officially begin in March 2019. Those statements are focused on school funding, graduation requirements, student wellness and mental health, education organization and the state report card.

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 the new High School Graduation requirements and the rules related to the gifted operating standards. In addition, we were a participant on the State Board’s Strategic Planning oversight committee along with the other major education organization and associations.

Quality Profile – District participation in the Quality Profile continues to grow, both among Alliance member districts, and non-Alliance members. Approximately 85 school districts participated this year.

SPECIAL PANEL PRESENTATION

Jessica Voltolini facilitated the legislative panel discussion which this year consisted of three distinguished guests: State Representative Scott Ryan, 71st House District, Senator Randy Gardner, 2nd Senate District, and Senator Matt Huffman, 12th Senate District.

Our guest panel demonstrated their 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 1:30 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 12, 2018.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Jeff Brown, Vice-Chair