

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

February 23, 2022

Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order a video conference meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on February 23, 2022. The Executive Committee met by video conference due to health concerns related to the spread of Coronavirus.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Robert Scott	Avon Lake City School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
John Marschhausen	Dublin City Schools
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Jeff Brown	Granville City Schools
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
Bill Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District
Fred Bolden	Solon City School District
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District
Trent Bowers	Worthington City School District

Also, present were Alliance Executive Director Tony Podojil and Legislative Consultant Jessica Voltolini.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

**MINUTES**

Executive Committee meeting minutes from January 2022 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Fred Bolden moved, and Brian Poe seconded the approval of the minutes for January 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. Fiscal Report**

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for January 2022. Tony indicated that revenue and expenditures remain on target as we move into the second half of the fiscal year.

A copy of the financial report was electronically distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Robert Scott moved, and John Marschhausen seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of January. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Off Year Audit**

Hilliard (our fiscal agent) is in the process of conducting an off-year audit with the State, once complete Hilliard will send us a report. The auditors recommended that we adopt a records/retention policy.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Coronavirus Issues/ Legislative Actions related to COVID**

**1. HB 51 Remote meeting flexibility effective 2/17/2022**

HB 51 has been signed by the Governor which thereby, as indicated by the emergency clause, provides an immediate option for conducting video conference meetings for school boards thru June 30, 2022.

**2. Extended Learning Funding**

These funds will be allocated for summer programming thru the ESCs and will be spent over the next three years.

**3. Ongoing Legislative Conversations regarding extending graduation flexibility for this year's Senior class**

Jessica is verifying that districts will have the same graduation flexibility options provided to them for the 2021 graduation class for the 2022 graduating class. It would appear, based on a conversation with the Governor's office, the option is carried over.

**4. Teacher Shortages**

Gail Manning brought together a group of interested parties to brainstorm ideas and is trying to find solutions for this issue. Jessica is trying to schedule a meeting with Gail Manning next week and will keep members posted.

**5. Tutoring**

Sen. Brenner is very concerned about learning loss due covid and is promoting ways to provide additional tutoring options for schools. He has been talking to the ESC centers regarding additional funding needs and how the ESC can help with the recruitment and training of tutors.

**B. Legislative Update**

**1. Redistricting and Status of May 3 Primary**

The redistricting process is ongoing, Jessica will update once there is clarity and official maps and the new districts have been approved. As reported, it has been a messy and frustrating process so far.

**2. HB 126 Property Valuation Challenges and Ballot Language – still awaiting House Concurrence Vote \*Update regarding outreach to the Ohio Chamber/Steve Stivers and Rick Carfagna**

The House still needs to concur on the Senate amendments to the bill. Jessica will update as more information is available.

Tony and Jessica talked with Ohio Excels about the letter from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce that was shared by Jeff Brown in our last meeting. Jessica will be scheduling a meeting with Ohio Excels, Steve Stivers, and Rick Carfagna once Rick starts at the Chamber to discuss the rationale behind the letter and if we can clear up some of the misconceptions stated in the letter. That meeting should occur in March.

3. **HB327 Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory- see sub bill comparative document attached**

The House State and Local Government Committee did accept a sub bill on HB 327 on Wednesday last week, there was no testimony. The sub bill did not substantially change the content and intent of the original legislation to any great extent. Jessica will keep members posted.

4. **HB 529 Curriculum Transparency**

Jessica recommended to Rep. Manning that a fiscal analysis be done on the bill. She is in agreement and has made that request.

5. **SB 178 and HB 298 regarding Education Governance/SBOE**

These bills are structured to redefine the responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the role of the new State Superintendent. There will be ongoing changes regarding the roles of the State Superintendent and the SBOE if these bills are passed as anticipated. Once the bills have been dropped, they will be shared with members.

6. **HB 290 Backpack Bill -see sub bill attached**

The House Finance Committee had a hearing on this bill last week. Jessica will keep members updated on this bill. At this point, it does not appear to be on a front burner, and we don't anticipate additional hearings during this session.

C. **ODE/State Board of Education**

1. **State Superintendent Search- Timeline**

The search process will continue to unfold in the coming months. The board has not discussed or approved a search firm. The March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline date, for all intents and purposes, will likely be extended.

2. **State Report Card Rule Making Process -Update**

The rule revisions, being considered by the State Board, are now available for review, Tony and Jessica will put together a response on the behalf of the Alliance.

3. **Dyslexia Guidebook**

The Dyslexia group would like to see this as a requirement and not a guidebook. Jessica will be sending updates to all members.

D. **Membership**

1. **Dues**

Invoices will be sent the first week of May with no change to dues amount. Enrollment is at 72 members.

## **LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Committee meeting for February was postponed until March 2, 2022.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

The Accountability Committee meeting will be held with the Legislative Committee meeting due to the February meeting being postponed. The Accountability Committee will meet on March 2, 2022.

The next meeting is TBD.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Capital Conference - Review and Plans for next year (Costs/Location)

Members would like to continue to stay at the Hilton.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Records and Retention Policy

As part of the audit process, the State auditor has recommended that we approve a records and retention policy focused on the Alliance and our record keeping procedures. Based on that recommendation, a policy was created for the organization that would meet the compliance requirements contained in the audit.

A copy of the policy was electronically distributed to members prior to the meeting.

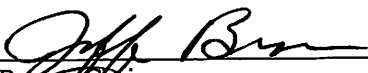
Tom Hosler moved, and Scot Prebles seconded the approval of the records and retention policy. The motion passed unanimously.

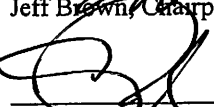
## ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022, at BASA's office.

## CERTIFICATE

I, Jeff Brown, 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 February 23, 2022.

  
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Jeff Brown, Chairperson

  
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Tony Podojil, Executive Director