

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

June 23, 2021

Vice-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 June 23, 2021. The Executive Committee met by video conference due to health concerns related to the spread of Coronavirus.

Those members in attendance on the video conference from the Executive Committee were:

Robert Scott	Avon Lake City School District
Robert Hunt	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
John Marschhausen	Dublin City Schools
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District
Tim Ackermann	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
Bill Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District
Mike Zalar	North Olmsted City School District
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
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 May 2021 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Brian Poe moved, and Kathy Powers seconded the approval of the minutes for May 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for May. Tony indicated that the budget remains on target in terms of revenue and expenditures for the year.

One of the major impacts on this year's budget occurred due to the 2020 Annual meeting being held via zoom due to COVID health concerns resulting in no expenses related to the rental of the hotel conference center. The only expense for this year's budget will be the deposit to hold the hotel for the 2021 November annual meeting. Tony mentioned that the Alliance will have 400 seats held at the Hilton for the 2021 meeting.

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

Robert Scott moved, and Scot Prebles seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of May. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Coronavirus Update

- 1. ESSER II and ESSER III Fund Estimation and Calculation Error Corrections**
- 2. Extended Learning Plans/Opening of school year 21-22**
- 3. HB316 – High School Covid Credit Relief**

Tony believes that HB316 will not move forward during this session and due to the nature of this legislation, it does not appear it will return in the Fall.

There are no updates on the ESSER II and III calculation error corrections. These meetings will continue after the budget is finalized with the Governor's office and ODE and the State Superintendent.

It is expected that school year 21-22 will be in person only offering what was originally allowed for electronic teaching under the current laws. A summary of what is currently available to districts was provided by ODE and includes the following:

Districts can create an alternative school model in which they would be able to offer remote learning opportunities for students at all grade levels.

A blended learning declaration is still in code and will allow districts to use that pathway if they choose to go that route.

Credit flexibility is also available for use in individual student plans.

An innovative education pilot program waiver is open to students to apply for an exception to an application in which the rules prohibit districts from implementing their plan. For example, law requires students to be in school for five days a week. Butler Tech applied for a waiver for a four-day week with a fifth day being allowed for over campus activities.

B. Legislative Update

- 1. HB 110 – Biennial Budget – Conference Committee**
- 2. HB 200/SB 145 – Report Card Reform**
- 3. SB1 – Financial Literacy**
- 4. HB327/HB322 – Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory**

Jessica shared that the Report Card Reform in HB 82 was passed out of Committee this morning and will be in the Senate, today or tomorrow, for a vote. We anticipate that the House will concur, and the Governor will sign before the end of the month. The report card is changing to stars with 5 levels and

descriptions. ODE stated changing to 4 or 6 components would cause a complete rewrite of the Federal components which are based on 5 levels.

Jessica will send a summary once the Governor has signed the bill.

School funding is still being discussed in conference committee. There is a possibility this could be agreed to by Friday this week. ODE sent out a memo to the House and Senate yesterday with school funding considerations. One of the provisions the Alliance may want to consider is the suggestion to use the House-State local share mechanism with current updated data.

Jessica will share this information as it is released.

Jessica will attend a meeting today with the House to talk about financial literacy recommendations needed on SB1. The House is trying to pass SB1 by the end of the week.

Jessica will keep members posted.

HB327/HB322 – Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory

There were two bills proposed in the House, HB 322 (Rep. Jones) and HB 327 (Rep, Grendell/ Rep. Fowler Arthur) dealing with proposing restrictions related to the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools. Last week a substitute version of the bills was done.

The Alliance plans to have meetings with members to share concerns as districts move forward with these discussions with their boards and communities. These bills are very restrictive in terms of restricting local decision-making related to curriculum content and classroom instruction. Second hearings on CRT are today. The Alliance may be asked to testify.

Jessica sent an updated summary of these two bills to members during the meeting and will keep members posted on this concern as it evolves.

C. ODE/State Board of Education

No updates to report.

D. Membership.

1. Executive Committee Member Changes (North, Central, Southern)

Tony stated we will have several Executive Committee changes due to superintendents retiring or changing locations. Members sent suggestions for candidates to Tony for the North, Central and Southern regions. Tony will reach out to those candidates to discuss the opportunity.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on June 16, 2021, was made available and the contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report related to the legislative update.

The next meeting is TBD.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on June 16, 2021, was made available and the contents of that meeting were reviewed during the Executive Director's report related to the legislative update.

The next meeting is July 21, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Will continue to work on the vaccination bill and keep members posted.

NEW BUSINESS


Tom Hosler has stepped down as the Chairperson of the Alliance. The members unanimously voted Jeff Brown as the new Chair and Trent Bowers as the new Vice-Chair.

ADJOURNMENT


Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom Conference Invite.

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 June 23, 2021.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director