



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

November 9, 2020

Alliance Executive Director, Dr. Tony Podojil and 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 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by video conference, due to health concerns related to the spread of Coronavirus.

Sixty member districts were represented, and a quorum was reached.

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND RESPECT FOR JOE REGANO

Tony asked members to join him in a moment of silence as we remember Joe Regano. Joe was a founding member of the Alliance. He had a great impact on many people, and he leaves a remarkable legacy. Tony expressed that the Alliance members knew Joe as both a colleague and a friend. Tony spoke of the fact that everyone that knew Joe felt it was an honor and a privilege to know and work with him.

The Alliance would like to express our sincere sympathy to the Regano family. Joe will be greatly missed.

MINUTES / FISCAL REPORTS

Annual meeting minutes from November 11, 2019 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Brian Poe moved, and Robert Scott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on November 11, 2019, 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 75 districts an 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.

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 2020 school year, each member was asked to take a position on one or both committees, to maintain member engagement and assist the organization in acquiring timely feedback.

In addition to the committee work, taking the place of the regional meetings for this year, which were cancelled in March, due to COVID, the Alliance brought all members together weekly in the Covid-19 Committee meetings to inform, discuss and receive feedback on the issues surrounding the Governor's closing of schools based on health concerns related to the spread of Coronavirus.

Legislative – The Alliance worked on several topics of most concern to our member districts regarding COVID's weekly changes with activities, athletics, teacher and staff issues, mask, social distancing, and also focused on many other topics such as: school funding, graduation requirements, student wellness and mental health, education organization and the state report card. The Alliance spent a considerable amount of time in discussions

with various stakeholder groups to find common ground and seek solutions with the General Assembly which resulted in legislative changes.

State Board of Education / ODE – Over the last year, the Alliance has made an active effort to participate on the weekly COVID-19 calls held by the Ohio Department of Education and the State Board of Education to provide direct input on the issue's districts were facing due to COVID-19. The Alliance participated on those calls with representatives of other educational organizations across the state.

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 will participate this year, with the profiles being released between September 2020 and January 15, 2021.

SPECIAL PANEL PRESENTATION

Jessica Voltolini facilitated the legislative panel discussion, this year our distinguished guest was Lt. Governor Jon Husted.

Lt. Governor Husted shared a thoughtful approach to the impact of COVID-19 regarding the closing of schools, the effect it has had on students, teachers, staff, and families. He is concerned with the virus continuing to spread in the community and the strain it is placing on the healthcare system in our state. He mentioned that activities held outside of school are spreading the virus more than in the school setting. He thanked the Superintendents for their leadership and strength within their communities.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business items came before the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items came before the membership.

SUMMARY / REMARKS

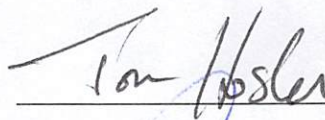
Dr. Podojil closed the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their support and expressed how important it is for members to reach out to their legislators to develop a connection to work together on educational concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Podojil and Chairman Hosler adjourned the meeting at 12:37 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 9, 2020.



Tom Hosler, Chair



Tony Podojil, Executive Director