

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

*November 8, 2021*

Chairman Jeff Brown, Superintendent of Granville Exempted Village School District, called to order the Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 12:10a.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021, in the Bellows Room of the Hilton Columbus Downtown Hotel, adjacent to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Fifty-three member districts were represented, and a quorum was reached.

**MINUTES / FISCAL REPORTS**

*Tom Hosler moved, and Scot Prebles seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on November 9, 2020, as submitted. The motion was adopted.*

*Bob Scott moved, and Tom Hosler seconded a motion to approve and accept the fiscal report for FY2021 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. That level of membership along with the membership dues increase will allow our budget to remain stable and solvent, while fully meeting the needs of a larger, very dynamic organization. Dr. Podojil thanked the members for their support of the dues increase.

**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. During the last two years, we have opened the legislative committee to all members while we dealt with topics related to legislative issuers related to COVID as well as legal concerns resulting from the pandemic.

These full meeting zoom calls took the place of our in person regional meetings. This allowed us to continue to inform, discuss and receive feedback on the issues surrounding legislative updates, ODH updates, vaccinations, mask, quarantine, online learning, remote meetings, open enrollment, property valuation challenges, financial literacy and other issues that affect our membership districts.

**Legislative** – The Alliance continues to pursue member initiatives using a variety of strategies including developing and advocating our own positions on selected topics, working with the educational organizations on common issues and concerns, and keeping open lines of communication with stakeholders outside of the educational community.

We have maintained close contacts with key members of the Senate and Education concentrating our efforts with both the House and Senate Education Committees by providing testimony when necessary. As we look forward to the next year, we will continue to work on the next budget as well begin to implement the school funding plan as well as the distribution of ESSR funds and some select bills seeking to change the property valuation review process.

**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 most recently passed state report card legislation.

**Quality Profile** – District participation in the Quality Profile continues to grow, both among Alliance member districts, and non-Alliance members. Approximately 92 school districts participated this year.

Dr. Podojil shared that while the Quality Profile is a key document for informing our communities on what we are doing in terms of meeting student needs, due to COVID, now is also the time to refocus our efforts to meet the instructional needs of our students. While it is not fully understood the degree of impact the last year has had on student achievement, focusing on how best to close any gaps in achievement is something that all members are working towards at the present.

### **SPECIAL PANEL PRESENTATION**

Jessica Voltolini facilitated the legislative panel discussion which this year consisted of two distinguished guests: Sen. Andrew Brenner, Chair, Senate Primary & Secondary Education Committee and Rep. Gayle Manning, Chair, House Primary & Secondary Education Committee.

Our guest panel demonstrated their knowledge, expertise, and thoughtful approach to a wide range of education policy issues, including report card reform, the school funding revisions included in HB110, the distribution of federal ESSR II and III COVID funding, flexibilities for schools due to COVID as included in SB229, and the issues resulting at the district level as the general assembly discusses legislation related to Critical Race theory and vaccination restrictions. In particular, the membership expressed significant concerns regarding CRT and the impact it is having at the local level as it relates to board elections and classroom instruction.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business items came before the membership.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business items came before the membership.

### **SUMMARY / REMARKS**

Jeff Brown closed the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their support.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

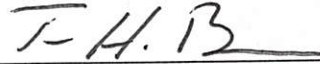
Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE**

We, Jeff Brown, Chair of the Alliance for High Quality Education, and Trent Bowers, 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 8, 2021.



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Jeff Brown, Chair



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Trent Bowers, Vice-Chair