

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

November 6, 2020

Tony Podojil called to order a video conference meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education and their treasurers at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2020. The Executive Committee met by video conference due to health concerns related to the spread of Coronavirus. This meeting was to focus on the election updates and the school funding formula.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Election Update

Jessica shared there was a record voter turnout in Ohio this year. There are over 300,000 absentee and provisional ballots left to count in Ohio. The Secretary of State will be able to certify the election results once those are counted. They can include any votes that were postdated by November 3 but need to finalize numbers by November 13th. She will be sending an overview and update to everyone on the election results.

Trump did win in Ohio and from a State House perspective the Republicans have kept their super majorities in both the House and Senate. The Ohio House has 64 Republicans to 35 Democrats, of the 99 members 21 are new members. On the Ohio Senate side there will possibly be 25 Republicans and 8 Democrats, Jessica will update once confirmed.

There were 6 State Board seats open for election. We will have some new members on the State Board of Education. Sarah Fowler won her race to take Patterson's seat in the House so there will be an additional State Board seat.

1. General Assembly Changes

Jessica believes that once the General Assembly is sworn in, in January, the House will vote to expel Larry Householder. Former Speaker Householder ran unopposed in this past election and did get re-elected to the House. The House knew he was running again for this year and waited to expel him because it can only be done once. Speaker Cupp will have to have him removed from the House in January.

Speaker Cupp was elected Speaker this summer and the House will vote again for a Speaker in the next General Assembly for next year. There is still question if Speaker Cupp will remain the Speaker next year.

On the Senate side, the Senate will have to vote to elect a new Senate President in January. Senator Matt Huffman is the presumed President Elect. Next week when the Senate is in session, they will vote to appoint him President Elect with an official vote in January.

2. HB305- School Funding Formula

Jessica suspects that the House will have Finance Committee next week to accept the sub bill on the House side. Senator Lehner and Senator Sykes are having a press conference today on the companion bill in the Senate. Jessica will keep the group updated.

The media release is at 11am and spreadsheets will be available at noon today. OSBA, BASA and OASBO are having a conference at 1pm today to discuss, but the language

will not be out today. The floor remains at 5%, Tony asked the members to look at the numbers once the spreadsheet is posted so members can provide feedback at the next meeting.

3. **Lame Duck**

Other concerns the Alliance will continue to work on during Lame Duck will be the continuation of extending the COVID flexibilities for the 20/21 school year. EdChoice will be resolved during Lame Duck. SB89 and HB9 were pending in Conference Committee should be moved and a few other educational issues that are pending that hope to go thru Lame Duck.

Jessica will update the entire group at the Annual Meeting on Monday, November 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony Podojil adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, Tom Hosler, 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 November 6, 2020.



Tom Hosler, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director