

**THE ALLIANCE FOR
HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 27, 2021

Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order a regular meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on October 27, 2021, in the BASA Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235, The Executive Committee also offered a video conference option 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 (zoom)
John Marschhausen	Dublin City Schools
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County (proxy)
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Andy Culp	Grandview Heights School District (zoom)
Jeff Brown	Granville City Schools
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District (proxy)
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
Mike Barnes	Mayfield City School District (proxy)
Bill Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District (zoom)
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village (zoom)
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District (zoom)
Fred Bolden	Solon City School District
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Paul Imhoff	Upper Arlington 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 (zoom).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

Executive Committee meeting minutes from September 2021 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Trent Bowers moved, and Fred Bolden seconded the approval of the minutes for September 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for September. Tony indicated that all memberships are paid, except two which will be received this week. Wickliffe has decided to discontinue membership this year.

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

Bob Scott moved, and Kathi Powers seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of September. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Coronavirus Update

1. Quarantine
 - a. HB 244 Oct. 13 effective date
 - b. Status of Updated DOH quarantine guidance
2. SB 229 and blended Learning plan extension
3. SB 1 and substitute teacher provision
4. Status of HB 435/HB 248 Vaccination Mandate legislation

HB244

HB244 became effect on October 13, 2021. HB244 states that public school districts cannot discriminate against any individual that has not gotten a vaccine that has a full FDA approval. This includes requiring those individuals to engage in or refrain from activities or precautions that differ from activities or precautions that a person that is vaccinated with an FDA approved vaccine.

Status of Updated DOH quarantine guidance

On October 25, 2021, new quarantine guidance was published from the DOH, Jessica will review the information and has asked members to send any questions for clarification to her.

SB229 Flexibility on Blended learning plans

SB229 passed out of the Senate Education Committee October 19, 2021, the Senate then voted affirmatively on the bill October 20, 2021, it is now in the House Education Committee. Jessica will send the as passed language of the bill to members with more information as it unfolds.

SB1 Financial Literacy and substitute teacher provision

SB1 extends the flexibility for employing substitute teachers that was granted last year. The bill is pending the Governor's signature. Jessica will let us know when it is signed

Status of HB 435/HB 248 Vaccination Mandate legislation

Jessica stated that both bills have been removed form committee discussion by the House Speaker. The chances that these bills will have additional hearings or/and will move quickly is highly doubtful. Jessica will keep members posted moving forward.

B. Legislative Update

1. **HB 322/HB 327 Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory**
2. **HB 126 and HB 140 Property Valuation Challenges and Ballot Language**
3. **HB 105 Abuse Prevention Training**
4. **ESSER II and III Statewide Discretionary Funding and AHQE Proposal**

HB 322/HB 327 Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory

The House has decided to move a revised version HB327. They will accept HB327-7 version of the bill and begin to schedule hearings on the bill during the week of November 16. Jessica will circulate this information to members. We will consider providing testimony on the bill.

HB 126 and HB 140 Property Valuation Challenges and Ballot Language

The Alliance is working with the other Ed organizations and will testify in opposition to these bills the week of November 16, 2021. HB140 does not look like it has sufficient support in the Seante to move forward.

ESSER II and III Statewide Discretionary Funding and AHQE Proposal

Jessica and Tony shared an update on the levels of ESSR funding (Rounds 2 and 3) and the distribution methodology that negatively impacts many Alliance members as available. Meetings have been scheduled in the Senate to introduce a solution to this situation that would provide those districts with a minimum level of funding that would be distributed from the 10% set aside that the GA and the Governor's office has yet to decide on the distribution guidelines.

C. ODE/State Board of Education

1. State Superintendent Search Timeline

We have been in contact with the interim superintendent, Stephanie Sidders. The search process will continue to unfold in the coming months once the search firm has been selected.

2. Board Resolution - Equity

Some of our boards have discussed the change by the state board in terms of the equity resolution passed over the summer and recently revised. While there is no requirement to adopt the resolution or change the one from the summer if already approved, the fact that it was changed is generating discussion and what should be done going forward. We are sure this will be a topic at Capital Conference.

D. Membership.

1. Renewal Update

We have received all dues payments except for two which will be received this week. We are still waiting on Wickliffe to make a final decision on membership.

Tony is still in contact with two new districts that have received information and are considering membership.

2. Capital Conference- Enrollment, Panel, and additional programming

Tony stated that the Annual Luncheon is November 8, 2021, at the Hilton. We expect 350 guests to attend this year and plan to have two speakers for our panel. The speakers are Sen. Andrew Brenner, Chair, Senate Primary & Secondary Education Committee and Rep. Gayle Manning, Chair, House Primary & Secondary Education Committee. Members were asked to send any questions they would like to ask to Jessica before the luncheon.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on October 20, 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 scheduled for November 17, 2021.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on October 20, 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 scheduled for TBD.

OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section

NEW BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section

ADJOURNMENT

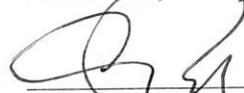
Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021, during the Alliance Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

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 October 27, 2021.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director