

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

April 28, 2021

Chairperson Tom Hosler called to order a video conference meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on April 28, 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
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Scot Prebles	Forest Hills School District
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
Tim Ackermann	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
William Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District
Mike Zalar	North Olmsted City 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 Schools

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 March 2021 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Brian Poe moved, and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for March 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report.

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for March. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target for the year. Tony presented a proposed budget for 2021-22 that will be considered during our May meeting.

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

Mike Zalar moved, and Jeff Brown seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of March. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Coronavirus Update- Remote Learning Platforms – 21/22 SY

Tony stated that he has heard several concerns from members regarding remote learning platforms and instructional delivery methods for next year and how best to transition from our current situation to returning to a level of normalcy in which all students return for direct instruction. The conversations on this topic will continue with committee meetings as districts finalize what they are planning for the 21-22 school year. Most districts are not considering using the flexibilities afforded last year by the legislators due to staffing and facility concerns; however, several are still considering online schooling options as an option.

B. Legislative Update

1. **HB 110 – Biennial Budget – As Passed by the House**

A. **HB 1 Fair School Funding Plan was amendment into HB 110**

B. **Education Policy Provisions:**

1. **FAFSA Initiatives**
2. **Transportation of Private/Charter School Students**
3. **Computer Science Education Requirements**
4. **Graduation Requirements and Citizenship/Seal Change**

The House Finance Committee passed their version of the budget which now includes HB 1, the stand-alone school funding bill, along with a variety of other education policy items that were part of the Governor's initial budget proposal. The bill now moves to the Senate which started having budget hearings last week. The Primary and Secondary Education Committee will be hearing the education components of HB110 and the school funding formula. Tony provided testimony on behalf of the Alliance last Thursday along with the education organizations. Hearings will continue in that committee for the next few weeks then Senate Finance Chairman Dolan will have additional budget hearings.

Members of the Senate have until May 10th to submit their proposed budget amendments for consideration to the Senate Substitute budget bill. After the Memorial Day weekend, the Senate will unveil their substitute version of the budget in Senate Finance Committee and then a final week of hearings before it passes out of the Senate in June.

The House has removed the FAFSA completion requirement that was in the Governor's original budget proposal. We are still working on the changes proposed related to transportation, computer science and graduation requirements.

Jessica will be updating members after the meeting with Senator Dolan on Tuesday and will have more budget updates for everyone relating to language as it becomes available and will send a summary out to all members.

2. **HB 200/SB 145 – Report Card Reform**

Tony has given testimony on SB145 and is meeting with Rep. Jones today to discuss HB200. There is more work to do on both bills in terms of reconciling the differences, especially those dealing with the methodology for the overall ratings and navigating the political issues between the chambers related to the bills.

Jessica will have more budget updates for everyone relating to language as it becomes available and will send a summary out to all members.

3. SB 111/HB 170- Federal Funding

SB111 and HB170 were introduced a month ago that gives the controlling board and the state the ability to distribute the American Recovery Plan funds to schools. Several concerns are centered around the auditing and use of the funds. ESCs were supposed to receive some of the discretionary funds for doing a variety of things on behalf of the state such as learning recovery and summer programs. This has now become an issue.

C. ODE/State Board of Education

1. Report Card Resolution.

Tony informed the committee that he has had several conversations with ODE regarding the report card discussions currently occurring with the State Board. A resolution was passed that outlined the priorities that the State Board would like to see included in the final version of the report card legislation. While they did not formally endorse one bill over the other, as it stands based on their resolution, SB 145 meets most of the criteria they have set out for inclusion.

D. Membership.

1. Executive Committee Member Changes

Tony stated we will have several Executive Committee changes due to superintendents retiring or changing locations. We will have a discussion on this next month.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on April 21, 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 May 19, 2021.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

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OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

NEW BUSINESS

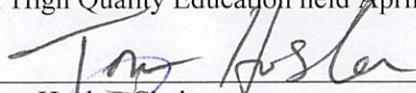
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ADJOURNMENT

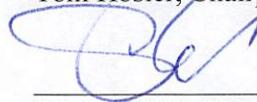
Chairperson Tom Hosler adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom Conference Invite.

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 April 28, 2021.



Tom Hosler, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director