

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

March 23, 2022

Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order a meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:39 a.m. on March 23, 2022, in the BASA Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235. The Executive Committee also offered the ability to join via video conference 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
John Marschhausen	Dublin City Schools
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Andy Culp	Grandview Heights School District (Zoom)
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District (Zoom)
Mike Barnes	Mayfield City School District (Zoom)
Bill Porter	Mentor Exempted Village School District (Zoom)
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District (Zoom)
Fred Bolden	Solon City School District (Zoom)
Kathryn Powers	Twinsburg 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

**MINUTES**

Executive Committee meeting minutes from February 2022 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Trent Bowers moved, and Kathryn Powers seconded the approval of the minutes for February 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. Fiscal Report**

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for February 2022. Tony indicated that we are on target to meet our budget projections in terms of both revenue and expenditure targets for the year. In addition, it would appear we are on target to end the fiscal year with a budget balance that will meet our 9-month carryover target (6 months of cash reserve for the operating budget and 3 months of cash reserve for special projects).

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

Robert Scott moved, and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of February. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Off Year Audit**

Hilliard (our fiscal agent) has completed the off-year audit with the State, the only concern was to have a records/retention policy written for the Alliance. That recommendation has been acted on and completed.

C. **PAC Account Request**

Tony and Jessica reminded the committee that the support from the contributions made to the Alliance PAC helps to maintain its visibility at the Statehouse and with the Governor's Office and Cabinet. Members were reminded that donations must be individual donations.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. **Coronavirus Issues/ Legislative Actions related to COVID**

1. **Ongoing Legislative Conversations regarding extending graduation flexibility for this year's Senior class**

Jessica is assessing the possibility of extending the graduation flexibility options provided to them for the 2021 graduation class to the 2022 graduating class. It would appear, based on a conversation with the Governor's office, while the option carried over, it may not be sufficient to meet the needs of this class of students. We are working with the Urban 8 to determine if they are experiencing the same level of concern in order to partner on a solution.

2. **HB 583 – Educator Licenses and Substitute Teachers**

HB583 will move from the House floor for a vote next week and then head to the Senate. The bill is asking to extend the temporary law for 2 years for substitute teachers. Jessica will share the updated bill once it is available.

3. **ESSR Funding Extension - Waiver**

Tony spoke with Aaron Rausch in which he clarified that while the Fed deadlines are not negotiable, a waiver request can be made to extend those deadlines. Aaron felt it was premature to seek that waiver at the present time but could be done closer to the funding deadlines. He indicated that he would notify us when would be the best time to request the waiver.

B. **Legislative Update**

1. **Redistricting and Status of May 3 Primary**

The redistricting process is ongoing, they have until Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> to produce the fourth attempt, Jessica will update once there is clarity and official maps and the new districts have been approved. As reported, it has been a messy and frustrating process so far. It is still TBD if we will have a May 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary.

2. **HB 126 Property Valuation Challenges and Ballot Language – still awaiting House Concurrence Vote** \*Update regarding outreach to the Ohio Chamber/Steve Stivers and Rick Carfagna

The House did vote to not concur and the bill is now in conference committee; Jessica does not anticipate the committee will meet to resolve the issues with the bill until the Fall. Jessica will update as more information is available.

3. **HB327 Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory- see sub bill comparative document attached**

HB 327 is at a standstill as of now. Jessica will keep members posted.

4. **HB 529 Curriculum Transparency**

Jessica will update members once this bill has a hearing. It is currently not scheduled to be heard in committee but that could change in the next week or two.

5. **SB 178 and HB 298 regarding Education Governance/SBOE**

These bills are structured to redefine the responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the role of the new State Superintendent. There will be ongoing changes regarding the roles of the State Superintendent and the SBOE if these bills are passed as anticipated. Once the bills have been dropped, they will be shared with members.

6. **HB 290 Backpack Bill**

This bill has had one hearing. Jessica will keep members posted.

7. **SB 306**

This bill will have its first hearing next week in the Senate Education Committee in regard to creating a program to allow for substitute teachers and retired teachers and others in the education field to tutor. It also allows students in the College of Education to tutor, and either be paid or have reduced tuition fees.

Jessica will keep members updated on this bill.

C. **ODE/State Board of Education**

1. **State Superintendent Search- Timeline**

We believe the next step will be to interview candidates selected from those who have applied. We have heard that the list is down to six although we are not aware of who is on that list. The board plans to meet next week to plan the interview process.

2. **State Report Card Rule Adoption**

The rule revisions, being considered by the State Board, have been approved, a final copy will be sent to members.

3. **Dyslexia Guidebook- Update**

The state board and their committee working in the guidebook have been struggling to reconcile whether the guidebook is a set of suggestions versus requirements. At the last board meeting, the board did not agree to the changes proposed and they moved the guidebook back to the committee for further discussion. Districts are still responsible for screening etc. Jessica will update once available.

4. **Transportation rules – 10-day Penalty/Scheduling**

Modifications to the language have been proposed related to the 10-day rule and the subsequent penalties. Tony is working with the Urban 8 to craft a set of changes addressing that as well as the overall issues related to scheduling and bell schedules.

5. **Early Childhood Rules**

ODE is working with the field to revise the rules related to the new 50/50 requirements. Jessica will continue to be a participant in those discussions and will share any updates as they come forward.

D. **Membership**

1. **Dues**

Invoices will be sent the first week of May.

**LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Committee meeting for February was postponed until March 2, 2022. A summary of that meeting 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 March 25, 2022.

## ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Accountability Committee meetings will continue to be held with the Legislative Committee meetings until further notice.

The next meeting is TBD.

### OLD BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

### NEW BUSINESS

**A. Initiative with OESCA – Werth Associates**

A communication firm, Werth Associates, is working with the Alliance and OESCA to develop a public relations communications plan to assist with implementing a statewide message system in support of public education and in particular, the work our members have been doing with the Quality Profile and the Profile of a Graduate.

**B. Ohio 8 – Medicaid Billing Task Force**

Tony was asked by the Ohio 8 to be part of a wider group of stakeholders who are discussing improvements and changes to the Medicare billing process as well as medical services delivered to and through schools. He will update the committee on the progress of that groups work at our next meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

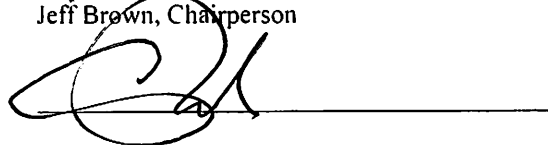
Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2022, at BASA's office.

### 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 March 23, 2022.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director