

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

April 27, 2022

Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order a meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on April 27, 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:

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| Robert Scott | Avon Lake City School District |
| Brian Poe | Copley-Fairlawn City School District |
| John Marschhausen | Dublin City Schools |
| Chad Hilliker | ESC of Hamilton County |
| Scot Prebles | Forest Hills School District |
| Andy Culp | Grandview Heights School District |
| Nancy Santilli | Kenston Local School District |
| Greg Sears | Kings Local School District |
| Steve Estep | Mariemont City School District |
| Mike Barnes | Mayfield City School District |
| Bill Porter | Mentor Exempted Village School District |
| Thomas Hosler | Perrysburg Exempted Village 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 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 March 2022 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Kathryn Powers moved, and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the minutes for March 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for March 2022. Tony indicated that we are in the last quarter for this year and remain on target in terms of overall budget projections. It would appear we are on target to end the fiscal year with a budget balance that will meet our 9-month carryover target.

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

John Marschhausen moved, and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of March. The motion passed unanimously.

B. PAC Account Request

Tony mentioned that a PAC request letter was included in the packet for today's meeting. 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/Department Conversations regarding extending graduation flexibility for this year's Senior class

Tony and Jessica both shared that any changes for this year would require a legislative fix, which we unfortunately, cannot get now. The suggestion was made to have students come back to participate in the Senior options classes/tech classes. The Urban 8 either did not have the same issues and thereby did not share the same level of concern that would have enabled us to partner on a solution.

2. HB 583 – Educator Licenses and Substitute Teachers

HB583 is the bill asking to extend the temporary law for 2 years for substitute teachers. This is one of the educational bills that may pass before Summer Recess. The Senate may add to this bill during the last weeks of May. Jessica will share the updated bill once it is available.

B. Legislative Update

1. Redistricting and Status of May 3 Primary

The redistricting process is ongoing, they have until May 28th to produce the final attempt, if they do not accept that map, they will defer to the third map. Jessica believes she will update in August once there is clarity and official maps and the new districts have been approved.

2. HB 126 Property Valuation Challenges and Ballot Language – Conference Committee

This bill was amended and passed by the House Committee and was signed by the Governor. Jessica sent an update to members.

3. HB327 Prohibitions Related to Teaching Race Theory- Update

HB 327 remains in committee as of now. We believe it may be merged with HB616 at some point. Jessica will keep members posted.

4. HB 616 “Don't Say Gay” Bill

Jessica will update members once this bill has a hearing.

5. HB 529 Curriculum Transparency

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. This Bill has not had any hearings yet. Jessica believes it will probably not move as a standalone bill. Jessica will keep members updated.

6. SB 178 and HB 298 regarding Education Governance/SBOE

We are still waiting to see what the General Assembly is planning to do with these bills. Once the state superintendent search is completed, we may see more movement on these bills.

7. HB 290 Backpack Bill

This bill, while still a possible future issue is not being discussed at this time.

C. ODE/State Board of Education

1. State Superintendent Search- Interviews/Next Step

There is a special committee meeting tomorrow to vote on which of the seven candidates will return for the second interview, which we believe will be held on May 9th, with an offer to hire the chosen candidate on May 10th.

2. Dyslexia Guidebook- Update

The state board and their committee working in the guidebook have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to continue working on the situations with the guidebook. Jessica will update once available.

3. 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.

4. 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. 2022/2023 Membership

Several superintendents will be moving into new positions, which leaves an opening for the Alliance's board. Openings will be shared as they come appear and recommendations to fill those positions will come from the regions as we have done in the past.

2. Annual Luncheon Cost Increase

The Hilton has sent the menu for this year with a note on the price increase for the buffet. The price will change from 38.00 per person to 48.00 per person.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on March 25, 2022, 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 will be held April 29, 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

A. Update regarding outreach to the Ohio Chamber/Steve Strivers and Rick Carfagna

Jessica plans to schedule a meeting with the Chamber to discuss several issues. She will email members once the date and time has been set.

B. Initiative with OESCA – Werth Associates

A communication firm, Werth Associates, working with the Alliance and OESCA developed 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. Werth's initial cost is beyond the ability of both organizations, it was decided to continue to work with Werth for the implementation and have the ESC's produce the actual strategy to reach communities.

NEW BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

ADJOURNMENT

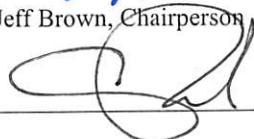
Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2022, at BASA's office.

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 April 27, 2022.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director