

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

May 25, 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 May 25, 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
Nancy Santilli	Kenston Local School District
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
Bill Porter	Mentor 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 April 2022 were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Fred Bolden moved, and Trent Bowers seconded the approval of the minutes for April 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for April 2022. Tony indicated that the budget remains on target in terms of revenue and expenditures for the year. June will look different without an invoice from Ice Miller, as Jessica will be transitioning to a new position.

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

Trent Bowers moved, and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the fiscal report for the month of April 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget 2022-2023

Tony presented the proposed budget for 2022-23 for approval.

A copy of the proposed 22-23 budget that was electronically distributed to members prior to the meeting. The budget reflects similar totals from the previous year in all categories with the exception of increases in the administrative assistant and lobbyist services line items. The budget is presented, is balanced against anticipated revenues.

Fred Bolden moved, and Nancy Santilli seconded the approval of the budget for 2022-23. The motion passed unanimously

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Schedule Update and What's Happening with Redistricting

The legislature has scheduled to break on June 1st and will return after the November 8th election for, what is anticipated, a busy lame duck session. Redistricting clarification should be complete by May 28, 2022, with the August 3 date the likely primary date landed on. Jessica will send an update.

B. Bills Passing in Next Two Weeks

1. HB 583 Substitute Teacher Flexibility Plus All Other Education Related Amendments

Passed the Senate Education Committee last night and Jessica believes it will pass the full Senate and the House by next week on Wednesday. Several amendments were included in this bill.

a. School Funding Cleanup/Technical Amendments

ODE has clarified the school funding formula technical issues.

b. Dyslexia Screening and Guidebook Clarity

The requirement to screen all students for Dyslexia has been postponed to the 2023 school year although districts can implement the screening next year if they choose. The amendment also clarified the difference between what is required from a legal perspective and what provisions are recommendations and at the discretion of the district in terms of implementation.

c. Other Amendments

There were several changes added to the Ed Choice Vouchers program, those included eliminating the graduated reductions for poverty levels above 250%, the need to renew applications each year and the inclusion of siblings in the qualifications once one is determined to qualify. Jessica will summarize it once she gets the language and will send to members.

2. SB 306 Tutoring

This bill has been included in HB 583.

3. HB 606 Seizure Safe Act

This bill requires seizure plans for all students diagnosed regardless of impact on their education program. This bill is considered a priority as it moves through the House. Jessica will update as changes occur with this bill.

C. Bills Need to Be Prepared to Discuss for Lame Duck Session

1. HB 606—Seizure Safe Act (if it does not pass before Summer Recess)

See above.

2. HB 616—CRT/"Don't Say Gay" Bill: This legislation was referred to the House State & Local Government Committee

This bill has had no hearings to date, Jessica will send an update.

3. HB 529—Curriculum Transparency: First Hearing/Sponsor Testimony on 5/17/2022

This bill will be having second hearings with testimony; Jessica will keep members updated.

4. HB 497—Third Grade Reading Guarantee

The House Education Committee reported out this bill which would eliminate retention in the fourth grade which will now allow it to go to the full House for consideration.

5. HB 151—Resident Educator/RESA

Jessica will send an update to members on our next legislative call.

6. HB 554 – Temporary Educator Licenses

Jessica will send an update to members on our next legislative call.

7. HB 492 – Mental Health Training for Athletic Coaches

Jessica will send an update to members on our next legislative call.

D. ODE/State Board of Education

1. Preschool Special Education Integrated Classroom Rule Revisions—Public Comment Period

There is an open window for public comment on ODE's website. Comment must be completed by June 1, 2022. Jessica will update members as this continues through the process with ODE and the State Board of Education. Please reach out to Jessica if you have any questions.

2. Supt. Dackin and Leadership Team

Superintendent Dackin will start his new position this week and will be meeting with stakeholders on his top priorities; School Safety, Literacy, Learning Loss, STEM, and Career-Tech/Workforce Readiness. The Alliance should take the lead on his other concern of transportation.

E. Membership

1. 2022/2023 Membership

Many superintendents will be moving into new positions, which leaves several openings for the Alliance's executive board. Openings will be shared as they become available and recommendations to fill those positions will come from the regions, same as we have done in the past.

2. Annual Luncheon

The Board was asked to consider who should be this year's speaker. The suggestion was to invite State Superintendent Dackin.

LEGISLATIVE / SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

A summary of the meeting held on April 29, 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 June 3, 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

Tony met with Rick Carfagna to share our concerns related to the letter released by the Chamber. Additional meetings will be scheduled moving forward in an effort to improve communication between the two organization, share priorities and support each other when possible.

B. Initiative with OESCA – Werth Associates

Werth Associates, a communication firm 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 and the ESCs to see if we can produce a scaled down version of the project and/pr involve other interested parties to help share in the costs.

NEW BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 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 May 25, 2022.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director