

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

June 28, 2023

Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order an in-person and video conference meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on June 28, 2023, in the BASA Conference Room located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Robert Scott	Avon Lake City School District
Scot Prebles	Bay Village City School District
Mike Hanlon	Chardon Local School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City School District
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Andy Culp	Grandview Heights School District
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District
Fred Bolden	Solon City School District
Kathy Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District
Trent Bowers	Worthington City School District

Also, present, Alliance Executive Director Tony Podojil and William Schwartz, Legislative Consultant representing The WRS Group LLC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

**MINUTES**

Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 2023, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Brian Poe moved, and Kathy Powers seconded the approval of the minutes for May 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. Fiscal Report**

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for May 2023. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target to meet our yearly projections with one month remaining in the fiscal year.

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

Scot Prebles moved, and Robert Scott seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for May 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Budget 2023/2024**

Tony presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024 for approval. A copy of the proposed 23-24 budget was sent electronically to members prior to the meeting for review. The budget reflects similar totals from the previous year in all categories with changes in administrative assistant and Lobbyist services line items. The budget is presented, is balanced against anticipated revenues.

Chad Hilliker moved, and Scot Prebles seconded the approval of the budget for 2023-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### A. Major Bills Under Consideration:

#### 1. Budget

##### a. HB 33 (Edwards) Main Operating Budget (Budget Bill)

- *Funding Formula*
- *10% Minimum Floor*
- *Vouchers, Transportation, ESC funding*
- *other*

Will provided an update on the current progress being made by the conference committee now that HB33 has been passed by the Senate. There are major differences between the House and Senate versions of HB33 that need to be reconciled, including several aspects of the school funding formula including the change to the local capacity measure and the change of the floor from 5% to 10%.

We are waiting to see if the General Assembly is going to meet their statutory deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> for the completion of the budget process. That is still to be determined as of this meeting.

The Alliance will hold a legislative zoom meeting on Friday this week to update memberships on the current status of the budget.

#### 2. SBOE/ODE

##### a. SB 1 (Reineke) Reform function, responsibilities, accountability of state education office to emphasize education, workforce development.

SB 1 has been incorporated into HB33 and is currently being discussed in conference committee.

##### b. HB 12 (Jones/Dobos) Reform function, responsibilities, accountability of state education office to emphasize education, workforce development.

The House companion bill to SB 1 is still pending in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. The Senate included this bill into HB 33.

#### 3. Other Bills Under Consideration

##### a. HB 8 (Swearingen/Carruthers) Parental notification on student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content (Parent's Bill of Rights)

This bill has passed. Despite being a House priority bill, HB 8 was not included in the House's budget proposal. Nevertheless, the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee continues to hold hearings on the bill.

##### b. HB 103 (Jones/Richardson) Ohio Social Studies Standards Task Force

The bill has received five hearings and is expected to be passed by the House in the fall.

##### c. SB 104 (Cirino/Brenner) College Credit Plus

Three hearings have been held on SB 104, and interested party hearings are expected to take place as lawmakers return from their summer recess.

### B. ODE/State Board of Education

#### 1. Next Steps

The State Board is now in recess for the summer and is waiting for a decision on the legislation that would restructure the department making it an agency of the Governor's office and restructuring the responsibilities of the

board of education. SB1 was included in the Senate version of HB33 and is currently under discussion as an item in the conference committee deliberations.

**C. Membership**

Olentangy will be returning as a member for the 23-24 school year.

Tom Burton (Cincinnati Region) and Bob Scott (Cleveland Region) are retiring and will need to have their positions on the Executive Committee filled. Tony will be in contact with Executive Committee members in those regions for recommendations for replacements for discussion at our meeting in July.

**LEGISLATIVE / ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The next meeting will be held June 30, 2023, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No business discussed in this section.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No business discussed in this section.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023, via Zoom invite.

**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 June 28, 2023.

  
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Jeff Brown, Chairperson

  
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Tony Podajil, Executive Director