

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

September 27, 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 9:35 a.m. on September 27, 2023.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Scot Prebles	Bay Village City School District
Jason Fine	Bexley City School District
Mike Hanlon	Chardon Local School District
Brian Poe	Copley-Fairlawn City School District
John Marschhausen	Dublin City School District
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Andy Culp	Grandview Heights Schools
Jeff Brown	Granville Exempted Village School District
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
Mike Barnes	Mayfield City School District
Thomas Hosler	Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District
Fred Bolden	Solon City School District
Kathi Powers	Twinsburg City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District
Scott Goggin	Westlake City School District

Also, present, Alliance Executive Director Tony Podojil, William Schwartz, Legislative Consultant representing The WRS Group LLC and guest Jessica Voltolini from The Ohio Department of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

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

Mike Hanlon moved, and Brian Poe seconded the approval of the minutes for July 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for July and August 2023 and reviewed the start of the fiscal year. He mentioned dues payments were mostly all received except for a final few that have confirmed the payments will be received shortly. He also mentioned the Annual Luncheon registration forms and checks are also being received.

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

Greg Sears moved, and Mike Hanlon seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for July and August 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jessica Voltolini, Chief of Staff with the Ohio Department of Education, joined committee members to provide an update on the Department of Education, the transition to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW), and pending litigation challenging the creation of the DEW. She also provided an update on the state's implementation of the Science of Reading from House Bill 33.

A. Major Bills Under Consideration:

- a. HB 8 - Parents Bill of Rights
- b. HB 68 - SAFE Act and Save Women's Sports Act
- c. HB 103 - Social Studies Task Force
- d. HB 135 - Excused Absences for 4-H and FFA
- e. HB 183 - The Bathroom Bill
- f. HB 187/SB 153 - Property Valuations
- g. HB 211 - Free to Speak Act
- h. HB 216 - Compliance on Bullying Laws
- i. SB 49 - RED Act
- j. SB 104/HB 219 - College Credit Plus

B. ODE/State Board of Education

- a. ODE transition to ODEW.
- b. State Board of Education Transition

The Alliance was invited by the Governor's office to participate in a stakeholder meeting to provide feedback and suggestions regarding the skills, knowledge, and experiences to consider when selecting the Director of Education and Workforce. The group we participated in included representatives from the Gifted community, ESC and Chorus.

C. Legislative proposal on universal Pre-K and All-Day Kindergarten

Rep. Phil Robinson requested feedback from associations regarding a legislative proposal to require schools to provide all-day kindergarten and one grade level of pre-kindergarten.

D. Sen. Brenner Deregulation Bill Draft

Sen. Brenner will be unveiling a deregulation draft in the coming days and weeks to reduce unnecessary burdens faced by schools.

E. Membership

1. Annual Meeting- Capital Conference

The Annual meeting will be held November 13, 2023, registration forms have been sent to members. We have over 360 guests signed up to join us and are still receiving forms. The hotel raised fees thus the price increased this year to 50.00 per person and the Alliance is still paying a portion of the fee.

a. Panel Speakers

Tony and Will are inviting speakers and will provide an update before the luncheon.

b. Honoree

The Alliance would like to recognize and honor Senator Dolan at the annual luncheon.

2. Ohio Statewide Survey – Quality Profile Update

In January we would like to submit five questions for the Fallon Survey, members are asked to send questions to be considered for the survey.

LEGISLATIVE / ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting will be held September 29, 2023, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

The QP was released September 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

No business discussed in this section.

ADJOURNMENT

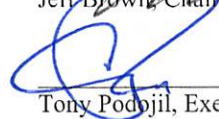
Chairperson Jeff Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023, via Zoom invite and in person at the BASA Office.

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 September 27, 2023.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director