

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

October 25, 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 9:45 a.m. on October 25, 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
Jonathan Cooper	Mason 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
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 September 2023, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

John Marschhausen moved, and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the minutes for September 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for September 2023. He mentioned all dues payments have been received. 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.

Thomas Hosler moved, and Brian Poe seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for September 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Major Bills of Concern to Membership:

- a. HB 183 - The Bathroom Bill
The bill is expected to receive a committee vote and a potential House floor vote. Doing so would allow House Republicans with primary election challengers to show voters their conservative credentials with a vote in support of the bill. Timing will be key as only one House session is scheduled for January and then not again until April.
- b. HB 187/SB 153 – Property Tax Valuation Changes
The Senate has yet to take up HB 187 for a first hearing despite the committee having multiple times to meet. This potentially indicates the Senate's lack of interest in the House's plan to address historic increases in property values. We are monitoring efforts by some county auditors to limit revenue growth for districts at or near the 20-mill floor.
- c. HB 206 - Expulsion Policies
The bill to provide additional expulsion authority to superintendents is expected to be revised in the coming weeks and likely passed before the year's end. Chairman Bird considers this bill a priority for his committee.
- d. HB 211 - Free to Speak Act
While this bill has not received any hearings thus far, several members of the House indicate it is important to them and they wish to see it passed. It is anticipated the House may consider this legislation after advancing the bills on its plate currently and may do so in the beginning of 2024.
- e. HB 214 – Professional Standards for School Staff
Like HB 206, this bill is expected to pass the House soon. It is a priority for Chairman Bird and many members of the House Majority Caucus.
- f. HB 216 - Compliance on Bullying Laws
This bill has not yet received traction, but House lawmakers are expected to address it once HB 206 and 214 are finished.
- g. SB 162 – Academic Intervention Plans
The bill is a priority of Chairman Brenner and is expected to clear the chamber, potentially by year's end.
- h. SB 168 – Deregulation and Flexibility
Also a preferred legislative item by Chairman Brenner, the bill is expected to undergo modifications over the next several weeks as unions and other organizations have issues with some of the licensure items in the bill.
- i. SB 104/HB 219 - College Credit Plus
An interested party meeting with Sens. Brenner and Cirino resulted in the textbook-sharing provision being removed from a forthcoming draft of the bill, but future action is uncertain; Sen. Cirino is primarily focused on advancing SB 83 and will return efforts to SB 104 when that concludes.
- j. SB 17- Capitalism and Financial Literacy
The bill is expected to be passed and sent to the governor by the end of the calendar year.

B. ODE/State Board of Education

- a. ODE transition to ODEW- TRO Update
The temporary restraining order expired on Oct. 20, and the DEW transition is now in effect. Gov. DeWine selected Jessica Voltolini as interim director until a permanent director can be seated.
- b. Science of Reading Lawsuit
A lawsuit challenging the constitutionality and legality of a budget provision regarding the Science of Reading was filed in a Franklin County court. The lawsuit requests for a preliminary injunction, but that has not yet been granted or decided upon by the judge hearing the case.

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 CORAS.

C. 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 380 guests signed up to join us and are still receiving forms.

a. Panel Speakers

Tony and William have invited and confirmed our speakers, Senator Brenner, and Representative Bird, for the luncheon. Please let Tony or William know if you have any suggestions for the panel questions.

b. Honoree

The Alliance would like to recognize and honor Senator Dolan at the annual luncheon for being a friend to the Alliance.

2. Ohio Statewide Survey

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 October 27, 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 10:53 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023, at the Hilton Downtown Columbus.

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 October 25, 2023.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podjil, Executive Director