

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

July 24, 2024

Chairperson Jeff Brown called to order a video conference meeting for the Executive Committee of the Alliance for High Quality Education at 9:30 a.m. on July 24, 2024.

Those members in attendance from the Executive Committee were:

Scot Prebles	Bay Village City School District
Mike Hanlon	Chardon Local School District
John Marschhausen	Dublin City School District
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Michael Shoaf	Rocky River City School District
Fred Bolden	Solon City School District
Rob O'Leary	Vandalia-Butler City School District
Scott Goggin	Westlake City School District
Trent Bowers	Worthington School District

Also, present, Alliance Executive Director Tony Podojil, and William Schwartz, Legislative Consultant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

MINUTES

Executive Committee meeting minutes from June 2024, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Chad Hilliker moved, and Mike Hanlon seconded the approval of the minutes for June 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for June 2024. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget finished within our targets for the year as well as meeting our intended targets of 6 months of cash reserve and 3 months set aside for special projects at our current monthly expenditure rate.

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

Greg Sears moved, and Scott Goggin seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for June 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Major Bills of Concern to Membership:

a. HB 2 - Capital Appropriations Bill

The General Assembly passed House Bill 2 prior to summer recess. It contains more than \$4 billion in funding for construction, renovation, and one-time community projects. Gov. DeWine signed the bill in late June.

b. HB 47 – AEDs in Schools

This bill is now law and requires AED training and placement of AEDs in schools and other places. The bill takes effect October 24.

c. HB 8 -Parents Bill of Rights

The bill is still pending a committee vote in the Senate. The Senate Education Committee amended the bill prior to summer recess and is expected to pass the bill in the lame duck legislative session.

d. HB 147 – Educator Misconduct and Literacy Stipends

The bill was passed by the General Assembly prior to summer recess and was subsequently signed by Gov. Mike DeWine. It was amended to (1) require ticket prices at school events for students to be a lesser price than the adult price; prohibit different ticket prices based on the payment method; apply these provisions to OHSAA events; permit students who have been victims of bullying or other specified crimes or offenses to participate in interscholastic athletics at a different school, subject to the approval of the receiving schools superintendent; require public schools to pay a pre-K teacher a \$1,200 stipend for completing the required Science of Reading professional development; correct a funding overpayment in the school-funding formula, beginning with fiscal year 2025; and permit a student subjected to certain qualifying offenses to participate in interscholastic athletics at a different school.

e. HB 183 - The Bathroom Bill

Despite no action on the bill itself, Rep. Adam Bird amended the bill into Senate Bill 104 on the House floor. That bill was subsequently passed by the House and returned to the Senate for a final concurrence vote. The Senate, however, adjourned for the summer recess and will not return until after the November general election.

f. HB 214 – Political Speech by Staff and Religious Expression Days

The bill was signed into law by Gov. DeWine and takes effect on Oct. 24. It grants up to three religious expression days to students for use as excused absences and also prescribes prohibitions on and protections for certain political speech by staff and students.

g. HB 344 - Replacement Levies and Property Tax Complaints

The bill passed the House Ways and Means Committee but did not receive a House vote prior to summer recess.

h. HB 432 – Career-Technical Educator License Flexibility

The bill is pending in the Senate Education Committee where it most recently received a first hearing for sponsor testimony in June.

i. HB 445 - Required Religious Release Time Policy

The bill received sponsor and proponent testimony in the House. It has yet to receive a third hearing for opponent testimony. There is a chance the bill could receive opponent testimony in November.

j. SB 29 - Student Technology Records

Gov. DeWine signed the bill into law, which takes effect on October 24.

k. SB 112 – Inspection and Repair of Protective Door Assemblies

Gov. DeWine signed the bill into law, which takes effect on October 24.

l. SB 168 – Deregulation and Flexibility

Gov. DeWine signed the bill into law, which takes effect on October 24.

m. SB 205 - Drug Prevention Education

The bill has not received a hearing since May. Its fate is uncertain in the lame duck legislative session.

n. SB 208 – Open Enrollment for Military Children

The bill passed the Senate in June and is awaiting a first hearing in the House

B. DEW/State Board of Education

a. Ohio AI Taskforce

Tony and members continue to engage in conversations with the AI Taskforce, DeWine-Husted administration, state agency partners, and other stakeholders.

b. DEW Lawsuit

A Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge granted Gov. Mike DeWine's motion to dismiss the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the creation of the Department of Education and Workforce. The decision effectively ends the litigation, unless an appeal is filed

c. State Board of Education-Current Budget Issues

The State Board awaits a legislative appropriation to address its multi-million-dollar budget shortfall.

C. Other Issues

- a. Loveland Foundation Funding Subgroup Meeting- August (TBD)
A meeting is being scheduled to discuss Loveland's funding challenges associated with the current funding formula.
- b. Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform
The committee held its final meeting for public testimony in May. Next steps are not yet known. A report with recommendations is due December 31, 2024.
- c. USDOE Title IX - TRO
Several states, including Ohio, have filed lawsuits challenging the Biden Administration's new Title IX regulations. A temporary restraining order has been issued temporarily halting those rules' implementation in Ohio and other states.
- d. Funding Formula – Association Planning Meetings
The Department of Education and Workforce identified a funding overpayment to schools and districts for fiscal year 2024 that will be addressed beginning in fiscal year 2025 via a legislative change. A funding clawback will not be in place.
- e. STRS/ORSC
The entity continues to be the subject of controversy as consulting entities terminate their agreements, members resign, and the panel is without a permanent leader.

D. Membership

- a. New Member-Willoughby-Eastlake

LEGISLATIVE / ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting will be held September 27, 2024, 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 September 25, 2024, at the BASA office and 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 July 24, 2024.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director