

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

October 23, 2024

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 9:32 a.m. on October 23, 2024, at the BASA office, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 150, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

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
John Marschhausen	Dublin City School District
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Andy Culp	Grandview Heights School District
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Steve Estapp	Mariemont City School District
Jonathan Cooper	Mason City Schools District
Aaron Sable	Medina City School District
Tom Hosler	Perrysburg 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
Scott Goggin	Westlake City 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 September 2024, were electronically distributed to members prior to this meeting for their review.

Fred Bolden moved, and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the minutes for September 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Fiscal Report

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for September 2024. He mentioned all dues payments, except three, had been received with the remaining three being processed. A review of our current revenue position and expenditure projections indicates that the budget remains on target for the year.

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

Steve Estapp moved, and Aaron Sable seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for September 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Major Bills of Concern to Membership:

- a. 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.
- b. HB 206 -Student Expulsion Policy
There is a chance the House could move this bill to the Senate in lame duck. The bill is awaiting a House vote.
- c. HB 230 -K-12 Fentanyl Education
The bill passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.
- d. HB 407 – Private School Accountability and Transparency
The bill has received three hearings in the House and is pending a committee vote. It is likely to undergo modifications at the request of Republican committee members.
- e. HB 432 – Career-Technical Educator License Flexibility
The bill passed the House in June and received a first hearing in the Senate on June 26. A second hearing is likely to take place in November, and the bill has potential for passage in lame duck.
- f. 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. A third hearing could occur in November or December. There is intense interest among majority party members to enact this in lame duck or through the budget process.
- g. SB 29 - Student Technology Records
The bill was signed by Gov. DeWine on June 26. Revisions to the law are expected in lame duck.
- h. SB 104 – CCP and the Bathroom Bill
The bill was amended on the House floor to include the provisions of HB 183 – the Bathroom Bill. It is likely to be passed by the legislature and signed into law in lame duck.

B. DEW and State Board of Education

- a. Field Rep. Change
Scott Hunt, the current Field Representative for the Department, has left the department. Indications are that the Department is rethinking how best to deliver those services to the field. More information to follow in the coming months once the new K-12 Director is named.

C. Other Issues

- a. SB29- Technology Privacy
Districts have shared their frustrations with the changes and actions required because of the passage of SB29. We have been working with the other education organizations and the Senate to craft language amendment that would correct many of the major issues the bill has created in terms of implementation. We are hopeful those amendments will be approved during the upcoming lame-duck session.
- b. Pupil Transportation – Columbus/GA Response
Tony shared that he has been working with Urban 8 to facilitate the incorporation of our ideas into their master document that they intend to present to DEW and the General Assembly. He will keep the committee updated on any new developments and when meetings are scheduled with DEW and the GA.
- c. Loveland Foundation Funding Subgroup Meeting -October
A follow-up meeting was held with the group as was discussed during our last Executive Committee meeting. It appears that the group is consolidating around the prior Alliance position to increase the funding floor from 10% to 20% for the next round of the funding formula phase in. That would not only increase the base costs for all districts who are currently at the floor but allow some increases to districts on the

guarantee through the categorical funding formula. That formula would increase from 10% to 20% as a minimum.

- d. **Funding Formula – Association Planning Meetings**
Tony continues to engage with the statewide associations on continuation of the phase in of the Fair School Funding Plan for the upcoming budget cycle,
- e. **STRS/ORSC**
The STRS Board continues to be the subject of controversy as consulting entities have terminated their agreements, board members leaving, and the need to replace their Executive Director with a permanent leader by December 1, 2024.

D. Membership

- a. **Capital Conference Annual Meeting – Agenda**
Tony mentioned the Alliance Annual Luncheon and Meeting will be next month, November 11, 2024, with guest speakers, The Honorable Andrew O. Brenner, Senate District 19 Chair, Senate Education Committee and The Honorable Gayle Manning, House District 52 Chair, House Primary and Secondary Education Committee.

LEGISLATIVE / ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting will be held October 25, 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 11:08 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2024, 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 23, 2024.



Jeff Brown, Chairperson



Tony Podojil, Executive Director