

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

September 25, 2024

Vice-Chairperson Trent Bowers 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 September 25, 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
Mike Hanlon	Chardon Local School District
Chad Hilliker	ESC of Hamilton County
Andy Culp	Grandview Heights School District
Greg Sears	Kings Local School District
Steve Estep	Mariemont City School District
Jonathan Cooper	Mason City Schools District
Mike Barnes	Mayfield City School District
Aaron Sable	Medina City 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**

Vice-Chairperson Trent Bowers requested that the committee move into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. to discuss the approval of Aaron Sable's appointment to the Executive Committee. Kathy Powers moved, and Chad Hilliker seconded the approval of the appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 9:37 a.m.

**MINUTES**

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

Fred Bolden moved, and Mike Hanlon seconded the approval of the minutes for July 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. Fiscal Report**

Tony Podojil provided a summary of the financial activity for July and August 2024. He reviewed the start of the fiscal year and mentioned dues payments were mostly all received except for a final few. Tony also mentioned the Annual Luncheon registration forms and checks are also being received. There is an expense for new technology equipment for the office.

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

Steve Estep moved, and Aaron Sable seconded the approval of the fiscal reports for July and August 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 230 -K-12 Fentanyl Education**  
The bill passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.
- c. **HB 407 – Private School Accountability and Transparency**  
The bill has received three hearings in the House and is pending a committee vote.
- d. **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.
- e. **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.
- f. **SB 29 - Student Technology Records**  
The bill was signed by Gov. DeWine on June 26. Revisions to the law are expected in lame duck.
- g. **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.
- h. **SB 308 – Emergency and Substitute Levies and Inside Millage**  
The bill is pending a first hearing in Senate committee.

### B. DEW and State Board of Education

- a. **Controlling Board Appropriation**  
The State Board of Education received \$4.66 million from the State Controlling Board, filling its multi-million-dollar budget shortfall.
- b. **DEW Lawsuit**  
A lawsuit challenging the creation of DEW was dismissed by Franklin County Common Court Pleas Judge.

### C. Other Issues

- a. **Pupil Transportation – CCS Lawsuit**  
Lawmakers are evaluating school transportation laws amid Attorney General Dave Yost's lawsuit regarding Columbus City Schools' transportation of charter and private school students.
- b. **Loveland Foundation Funding Subgroup Meeting- August**  
A meeting was held to discuss Loveland's funding challenges associated with the current funding formula.
- c. **Funding Formula – Association Planning Meetings**  
Tony continues to engage with the statewide associations on continuation and amendment of the Fair School Funding Plan.

- d. 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 Executive Committee Member  
The Board welcomed new Executive Member Aaron Sable from Median City School District to the committee.
- b. Capital Conference Annual Meeting – Speaker Panel
  - a. The Honorable Andrew Brenner, Senate District 19 Chair, Senate Education Committee
  - b. The Honorable Gayle Manning, House District 52 Char, House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

**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**

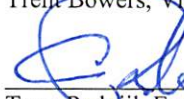
Vice-Chairperson Trent Bowers adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2024, at the BASA office and via Zoom invite.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Trent Bowers, Vice-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 25, 2024.



Trent Bowers, Vice-Chairperson



Tony Pedojil, Executive Director