



## Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2010

2:15-4:00pm

Ohio School Boards Association  
8050 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43235

### Members in Attendance:

Deborah Delisle, Chair	Robyn Essman	Richard Lukich	Sen. Tom Sawyer
Dayvenia Chesney	Rep. Randy Gardner	James McClure	John Scheu
Michael Dawson	Dave Huelsman	Dr. Renee Middleton	Dr. John Stanford
Nathan DeRolph	Jan Kennedy	Dr. Richard Murray	Sue Taylor
Rep. Stephen Dyer	Bill Leibensperger	Richard Petrick	Dr. George Wood
Lynn Elfner	Dr. Kathryn Lorenz	Jack Pierson	

### Members not in Attendance:

Dr. Neil Gupta	Ms. JoAnn JohnTony
Dr. Bill Hiller	Dr. Adrienne O'Neill
Alan Hutchinson	

### Opening and Minutes Approval

Chair Delisle called the meeting to order at 2:11 and welcomed all members and guests. Sen. Sawyer moved to approve the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, and Mr. Leibensperger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### Reports from Subcommittees

Chair Delisle asked for brief reports from each of the subcommittees.

Dr. Middleton reported as chair for the Traditional Public/ Community School Collaboration Subcommittee. Ms. Essman reported as chair for the Special Needs Subcommittee. Dr. Lorenz reported as acting chair for the Educational Linkages Subcommittee. Dr. Wood reported as chair of the Regional Variation Subcommittee. Mr. Petrick reported as chair of the Learning Environment Subcommittee.

Chair Delisle announced that ten members had indicated that they would like to serve on the Education Reform Tracking Subcommittee: Mike Dawson, Nate DeRolph, Alan Hutchinson, Bill Leibensperger, Kathryn Lorenz, Tom Sawyer, John Stanford, Renee Middleton, Sue Taylor and George Wood. Other members who would like to participate in the Education Reform Tracking Subcommittee were directed to contact Council Coordinator Carey McDonald.

### Future Meeting Dates and External Guests

In the memo sent out by Chair Delisle in the previous week, future meeting dates had been presented for discussion. Council members with conflicts on those dates were encouraged to bring those issues to Coordinator McDonald's attention. In response to questions about possible overlaps of session dates for the Ohio General Assembly and Council meeting dates, Coordinator McDonald agreed to explore this

issue further and report back. Chair Delisle also indicated that subcommittees should be aiming to present recommendations to the full Council in July and August.

Chair Delisle articulated a process for making formal requests on behalf of external presenters seeking to address the Council or its subcommittees. These requests should address the standards outlined in the Chair's memo (Attachment 1). Because the Council does not have a budget, any costs associated with external guests such as travel expenses and honorariums need to be considered when recommending external speakers.

Dr. Wood formally requested that Dr. Allan Odden or Dr. Lawrence Picus be invited to speak on the evidence-based model and update their assessment of Ohio's EBM performed in April 2009. Dr. Wood said that as the founders of the model they can clearly contribute to the Council's charge and provide expertise. The KnowledgeWorks Foundation agreed to cover the cost of travel expenses. It was unanimously agreed that Dr. Odden or Dr. Picus would be brought in for either the March 25<sup>th</sup> or the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, contingent on their availability. Members requested that reading materials, including an update on the April EBM assessment, be sent out in advance so that all Council members would have a common ground for the discussion. An extended full Council meeting was also suggested to provide ample time for the presentation and questions.

Mr. Dawson submitted a proposal to bring in Dr. Eric Hanushek to discuss his thoughts on the evidence-based model. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Scheu indicated that Dr. Hanushek has agreed to come, and Chair Delisle said that the proposal would be considered during the next meeting.

#### **Additional Appointments to Subcommittees**

Chair Delisle described the process for selecting additional subcommittee members, which included initial suggestions made by the Chair, recommendations made by subcommittees at their Feb. 4 meeting, and identification of possible appointees by the Chair and staff members per each subcommittee's recommendation. She further noted that additional members will be considered full subcommittee members effective through Dec. 2010, when the Council must present its first report. Mr. Petrick offered a motion to accept the slate of appointments, Rep. Dyer seconded it, and it was approved without objection.

#### **Presentation**

Coordinator McDonald delivered a detailed presentation on the components of Ohio's evidence-based model; this included the calculations, data, policy reasoning, and research highlights with bibliographical citations behind the funding calculations (available on the Council's website at <http://sfac.education.ohio.gov>).

#### **Closing**

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Elfner moved to adjourn, Rep. Dyer seconded motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

## Attachment 1

### MEMORANDUM

From: Deborah S. Delisle, chair  
To: Members of the Ohio School Funding Advisory Council  
Re: Appointment of additional members, invited guests and speakers, future meeting dates  
Date: February 24, 2010

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As we were unable to meet as scheduled on Feb. 16, 2010, I want to share with you a few issues for your thoughtful consideration at our meeting on March 1.

#### I. Appointments for Additional Members of Subcommittees

Below I have listed my nominations for additional appointments to the Council's subcommittees. At our last meeting on Feb. 4, subcommittees considered my suggestions for possible appointments and made recommendations as to the type of members they would like to join their group. I worked with our staff to identify the following individuals for appointment (the organizations that recommended them appear in parentheses):

##### Learning Environments

Susan Witten (Ohio Alliance for Arts Education)

##### Education Linkages

John Boggess, Miami Valley CTC (Ohio Assoc. of Career Technical Superintendents)

Dave Plahuta, Polaris CTC (Ohio Assoc. of Career Technical Superintendents)

Steward Gibboney, South-Western City Schools (Ohio Assoc. of City Career-Technical Schools)

Tim Buschur, Tri-Star Career Compact (Ohio Assoc. of City Career-Technical Schools)

Judy Hennessy, Dayton Early College Academy (KnowledgeWorks, Ohio Early College High School Association)

##### Special Needs

Ann Sheldon (Ohio Association for Gifted Children)

Jan Osborn, Putnam County ESC (Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities)

Thomas Babb, Constellation Schools (Ohio Coalition for Quality Education)

Roger Saurer, Copley-Fairlawn City Schools (ESL Advisory Committee)

##### Regional Variation

Craig Burford (Ohio Educational Service Center Association)

Larry Holdren, Ohio Educational Service Center Boards of Education (Ohio School Boards Association)

I will ask the Council's general consent to appoint this slate of individuals at the March 1 meeting.

## II. Invited Guests and Speakers

As we gather the information we need to craft our recommendations due Dec. 1, Council members may wish to hear from external experts. Members who have suggestions for individuals to invite can notify Council Coordinator Carey McDonald or make a proposal at a Council meeting. In general, we will try to bring in as many helpful experts as is practical.

At our last meeting it was proposed that we invite a guest to speak with the Council, but other members objected to that guest's invitation. To resolve disagreements such as this, I would like to put forth a more formal set of standards for choosing our invited guests and speakers. Please consider the criteria below in thinking about who we should invite to join us for discussion. Members who propose guests to invite should address each of the following considerations:

- Relevance to the Council's charge – will the guest substantially be able to contribute to advancing the Council's charge of improving Ohio's evidence-based model of school funding and its various components?
- Specialized expertise – does the guest have expertise in a pertinent area which the Council would not otherwise be able to obtain?
- Practicality – is the guest located nearby, or is there another solution for securing the guest's attendance, given the budget and time constraints of the Council's report this year (members bringing forward suggestions for guests that would require travel reimbursement or an honorarium should identify a funding source)?

In order to invite Dr. Allen Odden or Dr. Lawrence Picus to join us for a meeting as we previously discussed, I will ask one of the members who had requested the presence of Drs. Odden and Picus to make a formal request, per the guidelines above, at our March 1 meeting.

## III. Future Meeting Dates for 2010

In planning our calendar and workload, I have identified dates for the remainder of the year for us to consider (listed below). I suggest we continue to reserve the 12-4 p.m. time slot for these meetings. Note that dates which have already been scheduled are included for ease of comparison.

[March 25, already scheduled]

[April 1, already scheduled]  
[April 27, already scheduled]

May 12  
May 25

[June 4, already scheduled]  
[June 22, already scheduled]

July 14  
July 28

August 9  
August 18 (possibly extended meeting)

September 16  
September 30

October 21

November 3  
November 16  
November 3