

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 28, 2021**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Gary Dicken called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A moment of silent reflection was held and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Present	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Present
Mr. Mick Davenport	Present	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Present
Mr. John Depoy	Present	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Present
Mr. Gary Dicken	Present	Mr. Mony Wood	Present
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Ex-officio Members: Mr. Covert Absent Mr. Grippa Present

**21-082.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on July 14, 2021. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Abstain	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

**Goal 1 - The AMESC Governing Board will maintain well-informed members by holding monthly question and answer sessions on a variety of AMESC-related topics, including:**

**July – Funding Sources**

Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer, provided the Governing Board with an overview of the funding sources from which the ESC receives revenue. ESC funding comes from four major sources: State funding, Federal funding, fee-for-service, and other. State funding consists of the State subsidy and State grants. Federal

funding is made up of Federal grants. Fee-for-service is the services and personnel provided to school districts and other entities in which the ESC receives reimbursement from the school districts and other entities. The other category consists of grants from entities other than the State and Federal Governments. Member school districts pay a fiscal fee calculated at 3% of the total expenses related to the specific district, whereas outside entities pay 5%. Additionally, fiscal fees are taken from all grants (when allowable under the grant guidelines) at the rate of 3.71% for fiscal year 2022, which is the Ohio Department of Education approved Indirect Cost Rate for the ESC.

### **Public Participation**

None

### **Head Start Reports and Recommendations**

**21-083.** Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Head Start Reports and Recommendations as presented by Dawn Hall, Head Start Director:

- A. Accept the resignation of Zachary Ash, Head Start Teacher effective July 23, 2021.
- B. Accept the resignation of Sabra Davidson, Head Start Teacher Assistant effective July 22, 2021.
- C. Approve up to three staff members to attend the ChildPlus Scramble in Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 27 through September 30, 2021.
- D. Approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Mr. Vogt seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Dawn Hall, Head Start Director, informed the Governing Board that the Superintendent of the Gallia County Local School District came to the Meigs

Early Learning Center to look at the Head Start buses and made an offer of \$7,000 for all of them. There are 7 buses valued under \$5,000, 2 buses valued at \$8,500, 1 bus valued at \$29,000, and 1 bus valued at \$48,000. The offer is not going to be accepted as the buses can be sold individually for more.

Ms. Hall also informed the Governing Board of a potential opportunity to open a new Early Head Start facility in Meigs County, where the location would be ideal to serve Meigs, Southern Meigs, and Eastern School Districts. Head Start recently released a plan to grant programs a total of \$750,000 for Head Start expansion. A member of the Meigs County community would like to build a facility on available property and inquired about the possibility of the facility being a daycare facility that will be leased by Head Start for an Early Head Start program. The cost to build would be roughly \$447,000, the ESC will need to put down 20% and then pay a monthly lease ranging from \$2,700 to \$5,000. Upon inquiry by Mr. Depoy, Ms. Hall reported that applying for the grant for the Head Start expansion doesn't open until October 2021.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Vogt, Ms. Hall explained that ChildPlus is a database used by Head Start and is important for the federal review. The scramble will transition to an online platform if restrictions change due to COVID.

### **State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations**

**21-084.** Mr. Koehler moved to approve the following State Support Team Reports and Recommendations as presented by Angie Gibbs, SST Director:

- A. Approve a Service Contract with Matt Bergman to present a Closing the Gap Professional Development Series on October 21 & 22, 2021. Contract amount of \$5,300.00 includes all expenses including any potential travel.
- B. Approve a Service Contract with Fast Lane Learning, LLC for Suzy Pepper Rollins to present a Closing the Gap Professional Development Series on September 23, 2021. Contract amount of \$3,500.00 includes all expenses.
- C. Approve a Service Contract with Kunkel Consulting, LLC to present a Closing the Gap Professional Development Series on October 14 & 15, 2021. Contract amount of \$6,300.00 includes all expenses including any potential travel.

Mr. Depoy seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Angie Gibbs, SST Director, provided an update to the Governing Board that the new training rooms are almost finished and the training rooms are being reserved. SST is currently working on professional development plans with school districts. In addition, SST currently has two positions posted for consultants.

### Executive Session

None.

### Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

**21-085.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

A. Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY22.

<b>FUND NO.</b>	<b>FUND DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FY22 PERMA-NENT APPROPRIATIONS 7/28/21</b>
001	General	\$3,900,000.00
006	Food Service	\$104,600.00
007	Expendable Trusts	\$1,500.00
011	Rotary-Special Services	\$150,000.00
014	Rotary - Internal Services	\$52,200.00
018	Public School Support	\$0.00
019	Other Local Grants	\$515,714.12
026	Employee Benefits	\$21,000.00
414	ABLE Ohio Works First	\$0.00
416	Local Professional Devel	\$0.00
439	Public School Preschool	\$448,000.00
440	Entry Year Teacher	\$0.00
451	OneNet Connectivity	\$0.00

459	Ohio Reads	\$0.00
499	Misc State Grants	\$300,607.59
501	ABLE	\$0.00
507	Federal Funds	\$418,605.23
508	GEER CARES	\$76,737.08
516	IDEA Part B Grants	\$1,085,002.21
524	Equity in STW Mini Grant	\$0.00
525	Project Head Start	\$2,818,961.00
572	SST Priority School Support	\$13,560.60
584	Safe & Drug Free Schools	\$0.00
587	IDEA Preschool-Handicapped	\$96,931.38
590	Resident Educator	\$0.00
599	Misc Federal Grants	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$10,003,419.21

Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

### **Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations**

**21-086.** Mr. Davenport moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

- A. Amend Board Action # 21-067 of the June 9, 2021 Regular Governing Board Meeting to reflect the following:
  - 1. Reflect a correction in the salary for Rebecca Robinette to be \$12.36 per hour plus a \$2.00 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD (previously approved as \$11.00 per hour plus stated stipend).
  - 2. Reflect a One Year Contract for twelve months (209 days) to Amber Blackwell, Head Start Secretary, no benefits (previously approved as 260 days with Board approved benefits).
  
- B. Approve a One Year Contract beginning 2021 through 2022 to Katelyn Foster, Paraprofessional at Beacon School, for nine months (188 days) at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, plus a \$2.00 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with

ACBDD, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

- C. Approve a Service Contract to Katelyn Foster, employed as a Paraprofessional at Beacon School for the 2021-2022 School Year, to attend the STAR Curriculum training held on July 19 and 20, 2021, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.
- D. Accept the resignation of Brianna Wollett, Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective the end of her 2020-2021 contract.

#### Alexander

- E. Recommend rescinding the Three Year Contract (2021-2024) to Erin Thomas, Special Education Coordinator due to services no longer being needed by Alexander Local (said Contract was Board approved on 5/26/21; # 21-061).
- F. Approve the Online Instructor Job Description.

#### Head Start

- G. Approve the following Head Start Job Descriptions:
  - 1. Data/Compliance Manager
  - 2. Teacher Assistant

#### HVCRC

- H. Approve a Service Contract to Brenda Bills, Intervention Specialist, to serve as a Substitute Teacher at HVCRC on July 20, 2021. Contract amount: \$85.00.

#### Southern - Meigs

- I. Approve a One Year Contract beginning 2021 through 2022, to Kimberly McKendree, Paraprofessional, for nine months (185 days) at the rate of \$9.51 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need, with terms and conditions of employment being determined by Southern Local.

#### Federal Hocking / Trimble

- J. Approve a One Year Contract beginning 2021 through 2022, to Monica Willey, as a Speech Language Pathologist, for nine months (182 days) at the rate of \$64,920.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

- K. Accept the resignation of Gabriel Miller, ECE Intervention Specialist, effective July 27, 2021.
- L. Approve a Service Agreement between the Athens-Meigs ESC and the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide Occupational Therapy Services for students at Beacon school in the amount of \$64,500 for up to forty-three (43) students. Service Agreement is effective for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Trimble

- M. Approve the Social Emotional Coordinator Job Description.
- N. Approve a One Year Contract beginning 2021 through 2022, to Lydia McLean, as a Teacher on Special Assignment/School Psychologist Assistant, for ten months (211 days) effective August 2, 2021 at the rate of \$53,530, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

State Support Team Region 16

- O. Approve the FY22 and FY23 State Support Team Region 16 Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Education.
- P. Approve Keith McCarroll, Regional Early Literacy Specialist, to carry over 2.36 vacation days to the 21/22 SY.
- Q. Accept the resignation of Ronald Sines, Ohio Improvement Process Consultant, effective the end of his 2020-2021 contract.

Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

**Legislative Report**

Mr. Vogt reported HB82 was signed which eliminates AF ratings for districts and replaced with star ratings. The bill also adjusted the six components that comprised the scoring system. Additionally, HB244 was signed which prohibits

schools from mandating vaccines that are not approved by the FDA. Furthermore, it prohibits schools from discriminating against individuals who have not received a vaccine.

**Tri-County Career Center Report**

Per Mr. Depoy, a couple minor contracts were approved, but more is expected at the next meeting when school resumes.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business.**

None.

The next Regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**21-087. Time 6:49 p.m.** Mr. Koehler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

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President

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Treasurer