

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 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.

In lieu of silent reflection, Mr. Depoy announced that former member of the Governing Board, Phyllis Knowlton, passed away. The Pledge of Allegiance was then 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	Present		

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

21-019. Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on February 10, 2021. Mr. Davenport 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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

OSBA Southeast Regional Manager, Paul Mock, presented Mr. John Depoy with a plaque honoring him for 25 years of School Board service.

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:

1. January - Head Start: presented by Dawn Hall, Head Start Director.

Dawn Hall informed the Governing Board of their roles and responsibilities as being the grantee. The roles and responsibilities include but are not limited to, full financial and legal responsibility especially with safeguarding federal funds, to adopt practices to ensure the Board members are active and informed, to review all funding applications, and to monitor corrective actions necessary as a result of a finding. Upon inquiries made by various Board members, Ms. Hall also reported that outside sources (such as Wick, the County Health Department, and Pediatric offices) are used to recruit students, the direct Head Start contact is Stacy Williams out of Chicago, IL, Head Start classrooms are currently housed in 11 centers, and she reminded the Governing Board that in the past, the board would typically hold one meeting a year at the Bradbury location.

2. February - State Support Team: presented by Angie Gibbs, SST Director.

Angie Gibbs presented the Governing Board with a handout detailing the history, purpose, mission, and explanation of SST. Summarily, SST began out of the No Child Left Behind Act. All practices are tied back to the vision that “in Ohio, each child is challenged, prepared and empowered”. The idea behind SST is to provide support to the whole child meaning to assist the child in growing academically, socially, and physically. The responsibilities of the Governing Board as the fiscal agent are to allow the Director access to the finances, to communicate the Grant Agreement’s deliverables, and to coach/council SST as deemed necessary. As a result of inquiries made by various Board members, Ms. Gibbs reported that SST does not have the responsibility to develop curriculum of special needs but instead to look at the system of the curriculum already in place, success is measured by many data points including more than just test scores, assessments by teachers are voluntary depending on the requirements, and the success of PBIS is measured by the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI).

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

21-020. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Head Start Reports and Recommendations as presented by Dawn Hall, Director:

- A. Approve the Mental Health Contract with Hopewell Health.

- B. Approve Taylor Construction to install a bathroom in the back administrative office area of the Meigs Early Learning Center.
- C. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

Mr. Bailey 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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Dawn Hall, Director, reported that Head Start will be getting more COVID money of over \$100,000.00. Ms. Hall informed the Board that she was approached by the University of Rio Grande (URG) to possibly operate an Early Childhood classroom at the URG – Meigs campus if the University receives a grant that was applied for. Ms. Hall also informed the Board that she received an email from ODE asking if she would be interested in participating in a Farm to School Coalition which has the goal to get local fresh grown food in schools. Her decision has not yet been made about participating in the Coalition.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bailey, Ms. Hall reported that Hopewell comes to Head Start once a week to do a mental health evaluation on the students. With parent permission, the Hopewell employees can provide one-on-one support to students and families of the students.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

Executive Session

21-013. Mr. Depoy moved to enter into executive session as proposed by Mr. Dicken, Board President, for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, or student. The Superintendent and Treasurer were each invited into the Executive Session.

Mr. Koehler 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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Time into Executive Session: 7:32 p.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 7:44 p.m.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

21-020. Ms. Dugan moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

A. Approve changes to Permanent Appropriations.

FUND NO.	FUND DESCRIPTION	REVISED AP-PROP 2/10/21	APPROP CHANGES 2/24/21	REVISED AP-PROP 2/24/21
001	General	\$3,900,000.00		\$3,900,000.00
006	Food Service	\$104,100.00		\$104,100.00
007	Expendable Trusts	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
011	Rotary-Special Services	\$190,000.00		\$190,000.00
014	Rotary - Internal Services	\$52,200.00		\$52,200.00
018	Public School Support	\$0.00		\$0.00
019	Other Local Grants	\$511,871.26		\$511,871.26
026	Employee Benefits	\$71,000.00		\$71,000.00
414	ABLE Ohio Works First	\$0.00		\$0.00
416	Local Professional Development	\$0.00		\$0.00
439	Public School Preschool	\$448,000.00		\$448,000.00
440	Entry Year Teacher	\$0.00		\$0.00
451	OneNet Connectivity	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00
459	Ohio Reads	\$0.00		\$0.00
499	Misc State Grants	\$484,602.25	\$ 7,911.00	\$492,513.25
501	ABLE	\$0.00		\$0.00
507	Family Engagement Liaison	\$58,800.00		\$58,800.00
508	GEER CARES	\$109,350.00		\$109,350.00
516	IDEA Part B Grants	\$1,067,557.41		\$1,067,557.41
524	Equity in STW Mini Grant	\$0.00		\$0.00
525	Project Head Start	\$2,811,649.00		\$2,811,649.00
572	SST Priority School Support	\$13,560.60		\$13,560.60

FUND NO.	FUND DESCRIPTION	REVISED AP-PROP 2/10/21	APPROP CHANGES 2/24/21	REVISED AP-PROP 2/24/21
584	Safe & Drug Free Schools	\$0.00		\$0.00
587	IDEA Preschool-Handicapped	\$95,690.73		\$95,690.73
590	Resident Educator	\$0.00		\$0.00
599	Misc Federal Grants	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$9,921,681.25	\$ 7,911.00	\$9,929,592.25

2/24/2021	499	Increase	\$7,911.00	- OTES 2.0
		TOTAL	\$7,911.00	

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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer, reported the Treasurer's Office will be migrating to the State's Redesign system in the Fall of 2021.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

21-022. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

- A. Approve Marin Rathell as a Career Pathways Fellow for Project RISE. This unpaid position will be effective February 17, 2021 through May 31, 2021.
- B. Approve Randy Smith as the Family and Community Partnership Liaison, with a salary of \$48,000.00 (prorated), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need, with effective dates of February 22, 2021 through December 10, 2021.

Eastern Local

- C. Approve the Agreement for Transportation Services with effective dates of August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Meigs Local

- D. Approve the Agreement for Transportation Services with effective dates of August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Eastern Local

- E. Approve Erika Fox as a Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student, at the appropriate step on the Teacher Aide Salary Schedule (Step 0 being \$8.96 through Step 2 being \$9.63 based on forthcoming verification of experience), plus a stipend to supplement hourly rate to \$11.00 as per Agreement with MCBDD, no benefits, contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need, with an effective date of February 24, 2021. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Eastern Local and Carleton.

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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Mr. Vogt provided an update on multiple House Bills (HB) and Senate Bills (SB) that affect education. HB1 contains a budget proposal which includes a small increase for 2021 and a decrease for 2022 with the expectation that funds received from the lottery will make up the difference. HB2 expands Broadband Programs, HB4 relates to child abuse and neglect, HB34 provides a timeline for public and private schools to transfer records, and both HB40 and HB67 relate to waiving state testing for 2021. SB1 provides for the teaching of financial literacy to high school students. Finally, SB15 changes the circumstances in which fiscal officers can be held responsible for the handling of funds.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Mr. Depoy reported there was a policy meeting prior to the most recent board meeting in which policies regarding inventory, bidding, and grant funds were edited. Tri-County passed an agreement with the Teachers' Union regarding the use of COVID leave under FFCRA. Mr. Depoy also reported that a student received an educational scholarship from John Deere.

Old Business

None.

New Business.

None.

The next Regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

21-023. Time 8:07 p.m. Mr. Koehler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood 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	Yes		

Motion carried.

President

Treasurer