

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2023**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Jeff Koehler 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	Present		

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

23-075. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on June 28, 2023. 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	Abstain		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

Executive Session

23-076. Mr. Koehler moved to enter into executive session for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, or student. Heather Wolfe, Superintendent, and Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer were invited to attend the Executive Session.

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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Time into Executive Session: 6:03 p.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 6:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

23-077. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

- A. Approve Bills paid in June 2023.
- B. Approve Monthly Financial Report for June 2023.
- C. Amend Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY24 to be Approve the Temporary Appropriations for FY24 (originally approved 6/2/23, #23-071B).

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	Yes		

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

23-078. Mr. Davenport moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

ESC

- A. Approve the AMESC Employee Handbook for FY24.
- B. Accept the resignation of Erica Shover, Preschool Itinerant Teacher, effective at the end of her current contract.
- C. Accept the resignation of Ashley Ditty, Whole Child Consultant, effective July 31, 2023.

Head Start

- D. Amend the position title of Olivia Hagerty to Teacher Assistant (originally approved as Early Head Start Teacher Assistant 6/14/23 #23-063).

Southern-Meigs

- E. Accept the resignation of Stephanie Allen, ED/MD Classroom Paraprofessional, effective at the end of her current contract.

SST

- F. Approve the Career Technical Planning District Consultant Job Description.

Trimble

- G. Accept the resignation of Dante Brammer, Roaming Substitute Teacher, effective June 29, 2023.

- H. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to James Holbert, Tutor, nine months (182 days), at a rate of \$43,166.20, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Trimble Local.

ESC

- I. Approve the Service Agreement between the Athens-Meigs ESC and Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide Occupational Therapy Services for students at Beacon School in the amount of \$64,500.00 for up to forty-three (43) students. Agreement is effective for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- J. Approve the Agreement between the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD) and the Athens-Meigs ESC to provide a \$2.75 stipend per hour to paraprofessionals that assist in instruction in the classrooms at Beacon School. Paraprofessionals who do not meet the assessment requirement are not eligible, and it is not retroactive. Agreement is effective for the time period of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.
- K. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to the following individuals as Paraprofessionals at Beacon School, for nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus a \$2.75 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:
 - 1. Haley Howell
 - 2. Krystal Palmer
- L. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to the following individuals as Paraprofessionals at Beacon School, for nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus a \$2.75 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:
 - 1. Sherri Armstrong
 - 2. Haida Coen
 - 3. Renee Grueser
 - 4. Christina McLain
 - 5. Charlene Stout
- M. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Makena Riddle, Preschool Special Education Teacher, for nine months (182 days), at the rate of \$32,398.06 (pending forthcoming verification), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

- N. Approve a position transfer and One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Brandi Haning, from 1:1 Paraprofessional to Preschool Roaming Substitute, nine months (182 days), at the rate of \$100.00 per day, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Alexander

- O. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to Anna Matwijec, One-on-One Paraprofessional at Beacon School, for nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus a \$2.75 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval.

Athens City

- P. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to the following individuals as One-on-One Paraprofessionals at Beacon School, for nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus a \$2.75 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:
1. Timby Ashcraft
 2. Haley Carpenter
 3. Jennifer Warner

Nelsonville-York

- Q. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to Rebecca Robinette, One-on-One Paraprofessional at Beacon School, for nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus a \$2.75 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval.

State Support Team Region 16

- R. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Sandra Perry, Early Learning and School Readiness Special Education Consultant, ten months (202 days), at the rate of \$70,674.39, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding from ODE and need. Terms and conditions of contract and job function may be altered to comply with Performance Agreement and service delivery plans for the SST.

Trimble

- S. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to Connie Elliott, One-on-One Paraprofessional at Beacon School, for nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus a \$2.75 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with ACBDD, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval.

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.

Legislative Report

Ms. Dugan reported that HB33 passed and has been signed by the Governor. Some highlights include that EdChoice Vouchers were approved with no stipulations on private institutions, the partially elected State Board of Education has been stripped of all powers, the personal income tax brackets have been reduced to include only 2 brackets, the 3rd grade reading retention law has been amended, cash is required to be accepted at all athletic events, Science of Reading has been adopted as the method to teach reading in Ohio, and the base Teacher salary was increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Tri-County Career Center Report

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business.

Mr. Dicken suggested the ESC Governing Board Member that represents a given School District sign the appreciation letter to that specific District. Mr. Dicken also expressed concern for the employees whose pay will decrease as a result of the insurance increase. This matter will be discussed at the next Board Meeting when data has been prepared.

23-079. Mr. Koehler moved to increase the Superintendent’s salary by 3% for the 2023-2024 contract. 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.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

23-080. Time 6:41 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dugan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer