

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2023**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 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

23-081. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on July 12, 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	Yes		

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: Staffing (Human Capital) presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent

Ms. Wolfe provided the Governing Board Members with a handout detailing the process from posting a position to onboarding a new hire. Also distributed were checklists used when an employee is onboarding with and/or separating from the ESC.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

23-082. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Head Start Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

A. 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.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

Executive Session

23-083. 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: 6:11 p.m.
Time out of Executive Session: 6:15 p.m.

23-084. Mr. Koehler moved to renew the Treasurer’s contract for three years with a 3% increase in salary beginning August 1, 2023. The 90 day notice of resignation specified in the previous contract will be changed to a 30 day notice. All other provisions of the contract will remain the same. 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.

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer, informed the Governing Board members that the ESC can either save money on life insurance premiums or increase the benefit amount by switching to Grady Enterprises for life insurance.

Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations

23-085. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

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- A. Approve a Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025) to Lindsay Moore, 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.
- B. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Arianna Lang, Classroom 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 (pending forthcoming verification of eligibility), no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

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- C. Accept the resignation of Teresa Hixson, Roaming Substitute Teacher, effective immediately.

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- D. Accept the resignation of Makena Riddle, Preschool Special Education Teacher, effective July 20, 2023.

Head Start

- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Savannah St. Clair, Part Time Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, prorated contract of 237 days, at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective July 31, 2023, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

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- F. Approve Lareesa Price as a Roaming Substitute Teacher during the 2023-2024 School Year at the Southern Local Substitute Teacher daily rate of pay (\$110.00), no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Southern Local.

State Support Team Region 16

- G. Approve Kate Silver, Lead Spec. Ed. Cons. / Regional Data Lead, to carry over three vacation days to the 23/24 SY.
- H. Approve a one-time supplemental to Kristina Machamer, SST16 Director, in the amount of \$250.00 for participation in the High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Ambassador program held on February 28, 2023, March 28, 2023 and April 25, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm each day.

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.

Legislative Report

Ms. Dugan reported on multiple bills currently moving through the legislative process. Among those are HB240 which allows public schools to employ chaplains, HB235 which reduces the size of the State Board of Education to elected members only, HB47 which increases the requirements for automated external defibrillators in schools, HB139 which increases the penalties for assaulting a school sports official, and HB146 which implements a benefit cap on retirement through SERS. Additionally, legislature is being introduced that will allow for excused absences by students for participation in 4-H.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Mr. Dicken reported that Tri-County's student, Brandon Baker from Federal Hocking, placed 16th in the nation for HVAC.

Old Business

None.

New Business.

23-086. Mr. Wheeler moved to switch the Life Insurance coverage from Dearborn to Grady Enterprises and to increase the benefit amount to \$43,000 per eligible employee. 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.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

23-087. Time 6:40 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dugan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer