

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2023**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 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

23-095. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on August 9, 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:

August: Contracts and Payroll presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer

Ms. McGinnis provided the Governing Board Members with graphs depicting how much was spent in salaries since FY20, broken down into the following categories: Federal Grants, State Grants, and All Other. Specific focus was placed on salaries spent out of grants received as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

23-096. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Head Start Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

- A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

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.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

23-097. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Krissy Machamer, SST Director:

- A. Approve out of state travel for Malinda Johnston, Regional Special Education Consultant, to attend the National Dropout Prevention Conference, October 16-18, 2023 in Kissimmee, Florida, to be paid for out of the Transition Grant Funds.
- B. Approve the Service Contract with Bricker and Graydon, LLP (Laura G. Anthony) to provide in person professional development services as a speaker/facilitator for the purpose of special education legal updates on September 13, 2023. Contract amount: \$1,417.50.

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.

Krissy Machamer, SST Director, provided the Board Members with an update on the SST work being done in the districts and new employees.

Executive Session

None.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

23-098. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

A. Approve the disposal of the following items:

<u>Inventory #</u>	<u>Description</u>
00163	2 Epson Powerlite 475W
00256	HP Pavilion 500-424 desktop
00287	Lenovo ThinkPad E560
00410	HP Touch Smart 9300 Elite All
00501	Epson 485WI Projector
01047	MacBook Pro 15.4
01054	MacBook Pro 13.3
01063	Lenovo E560
01066	MacBook Pro 13.3
01997	Core I7 Notebook Computer
02025	Lenovo ThinkPad P50 Business

Ms. Dugan 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, gave the Board Members an update on the Civil Penalty from the IRS. The request for abatement was denied, but the decision will be appealed. The last option available will be to contact a tax advocate.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

23-099. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

AMESC

- A. Approve the initial Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens, Meigs and Perry Counties.
- B. Approve the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) Grant for the period of August 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, for 'Supporting our Students through Sources of Strength', in the amount of \$18,000.00.
- C. Amend the Two Year Contract (2023-2025) to Kamela Perritt, Career Pathways Specialist, from nine months (182 days) to ten months (202 days) effective with the 2023-2024 school year (originally approved 5/10/23, #23-050).
- D. Approve Supplemental Contracts to the individuals below for oversight of the Career Coaches during the 2023-2024 School Year:
 - 1. Kamela Perritt, Career Pathways Specialist Supplemental Amount: \$5,000.00.
 - 2. Amy Robinson, Career Pathways Specialist Supplemental Amount: \$5,000.00.

Southern – Perry

- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Jessica Edgington, Paraprofessional, nine months (188 days), at the rate of \$13.42 per hour, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued

funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Southern Local.

- F. Approve rescinding the One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Christina Rittenberry, Paraprofessional.
- G. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Melissa Palmer, Paraprofessional, nine months, effective August 21, 2023, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Southern Local.

Trimble

- H. Approve Baylee Faires as a Roaming Substitute Teacher during the 2023-2024 School Year at the daily rate of \$135.00, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Trimble Local.
- I. Accept the resignation of Joel (Tracy) Blevins, Roaming Substitute Teacher, effective the end of his 2022-2023 contract.

AMESC

- J. Approve the Virtual Education Coordinator Job Description.
- K. Approve a salary increase to the following individuals effective FY24 due to the passage of HB33:

Name	From	To
1. Destanee Folden, Preschool Teacher	\$33,740.17	\$37,835.00
2. Laura Piccard, ECE Teacher	\$40,450.75	\$45,360.00
3. Brooke See, ECE Teacher	\$45,819.22	\$51,380.00
4. Kayla Sow, Itinerant Teacher	\$49,158.90	\$55,125.00
5. Diane Wiktorowski, ECE Teacher	\$49,158.90	\$55,125.00

HVCRC

6. Amy Stevens, Intervention Specialist	\$56,464.20	\$63,315.85
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Southern – Perry

7. Amanda Bice, Elementary MH Teacher	\$53,653.43	\$60,165.00
8. Teryl Collins, Intervention Specialist	\$53,029.19	\$59,465.00

Trimble

9. James Holbert, Tutor	\$43,166.20	\$48,405.00
10. Lydia McLean, Student Services Coordinator	\$61,977.93	\$68,940.03

Athens City

- L. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Levi Brown, as a 1:1 Paraprofessional serving an Athens City student at Beacon School, 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.

Eastern / Southern-Perry

- M. Approve a position transfer to Tommy Bruce, from Career Coach at Eastern Local to Virtual Education Coordinator at Southern Local (Perry), nine months (183 days), at the rate of \$53,000.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Southern Local.

Eastern

- N. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Brock Stewart, Career Coach, for nine months (182 days), at the rate of \$41,000.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Eastern Local.

Southern-Meigs

- O. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Olivia Poling, Paraprofessional, nine months (185 days), at the rate of \$12.48 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by Southern Local.
- P. Accept the resignation of Winter Sellers, Attendant at Carleton School serving a Southern Local student, with her last day of employment being September 1, 2023.

Trimble

- Q. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Nevaeh Gonzalez, as a 1:1 Paraprofessional serving a Trimble Local student at Beacon School, nine months (187 days) at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, no benefits, being contingent

upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Upon receiving a passing score on the Parapro Assessment Test, a \$2.75 per hour stipend will be added to the hourly rate as per the Agreement with ACBDD, being effective the date the passing score is achieved.

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.

Heather Wolfe, Superintendent, reported that Kamela Perritt and Amy Robinson will submit a report annual of work completed for their supplemental contracts.

Legislative Report

Ms. Dugan reported that the Columbus Dispatch printed an article conveying that 46 schools in Ohio will have armed personnel in buildings. The armed personnel will be required to complete 24 hours of training prior to being armed.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Connie Altier, Superintendent, is discussing retirement and possibly rehiring.

Old Business

None.

New Business.

Mr. Koehler reported that several Board Members have visited the Board Meetings of the districts they represent to thank the Board and promote the ESC. The presentations have gone very well.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

23-100. Time 6:37 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer