

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 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 Present

23-127. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on November 15, 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.

23-128. Mr. Depoy moved to approve the minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting held on November 29, 2023. 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.

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:

December: OSBA Capital Conference presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer

Ms. McGinnis provided the Governing Board with a brief overview of the sessions attended at Capital Conference. The Board Members were also provided a graph reflecting the change in student enrollment in member districts from FY20 to FY23.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

23-129. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following Head Start Director’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

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.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

Julie Bays, Interim SST Director, provided the Board Members with the monthly SST report which included data that is used for reflection and to look for areas in need of improvement.

Executive Session

23-130. 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.

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.

Time into Executive Session: 6:20 p.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 6:35 p.m.

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

23-131. Mr. Depoy moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

- A. Approve Bills paid in November 2023.
- B. Approve Monthly Financial Report for November 2023.
- C. Approve an increase to the Attendant Salary Schedule - Step 0, from \$10.10 to \$10.45 as per the State of Ohio’s Minimum Wage Law, effective January 1, 2024.

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.

23-132. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

D. Adopt the following Resolution:

Adoption of STRS Pickup for SST Director

Be it resolved, effective January 1, 2024, the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center agrees to pick up 66.7% of the total amount of employee contributions required by Section 3307.26, Revised Code, to be contributed by the SST Director to STRS Ohio. 66.7% of the total amount of employee contributions equals 9.3% of applicable wages. Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center is permitted to pick up employee contributions pursuant to Section 3307.27, Revised Code, and Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. These picked-up contributions, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center in lieu of employee contributions and shall be paid by the board as a fringe benefit in addition to the contract salary otherwise payable to the employee. These contributions shall not be treated as additional compensation for retirement purposes.

The SST Director may not opt out of the picked-up contributions or elect to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them picked up by Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center and paid to STRS Ohio.

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	No
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

23-133. Mr. Koehler moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

E. Accept the donation of 100 toys from Meigs County Biker Association valued at \$1,000 in total to Head Start to be distributed to the students.

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.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

23-134. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

ESC

- A. Approve the updates to the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens, Meigs and Perry Counties.
- B. Approve a Contract with Hopewell Health Centers, Inc. to provide physical therapy services for AMESC students effective November 27, 2023 through May 24, 2024, at the weekly rate of \$350.00, plus mileage exceeding twenty miles per week at the rate of \$0.58 per mile.
- C. Approve a Service Contract to Michelle Miller for mentoring responsibilities for the Resident Educator Program during the 2023-2024 School Year. Educator mentored: Kayla Sow. Contract amount: \$1,187.40.
- D. Amend the 2023-2024 Contract to Amy Eing, McKinney-Vento / Family & Community Partnerships Liaison, to include twenty-one additional work days, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same (contract originally approved 5/10/23, #23-050 J, with 208 days).
- E. Approve Service Contracts in the amounts stated below to the following individuals who served as Parent Café Hosts for the AMESC Parent Cafe Series held on 11/30/23, 12/7/23 and 12/14/23. Funds will be provided by the OCTF Parent Cafe Grant:
 - 1. Eliza Coulter - \$270.00 for 3 sessions
 - 2. Amanda Remnant - \$270.00 for 3 sessions

AMESC / Athens City

- F. Approve a position transfer to Crystal Bew, Paraprofessional at Beacon School, from Classroom Paraprofessional to 2:1 Paraprofessional serving an Athens

City student effective September 20, 2023, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same (contract originally approved 9/13/23, #23-104 P-1).

- G. Approve a position transfer to Haida Coen from Paraprofessional at Beacon School to a 1:1 Paraprofessional serving an Athens City student effective September 25, 2023, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same (contract originally approved 7/12/23, #23-078 L-2).

AMESC / Athens City / Nelsonville-York

- H. Approve position transfers to the following 1:1 Paraprofessionals at Beacon School from serving an Athens City student to serving a Nelsonville-York student effective October 16, 2023, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same (contracts originally approved 9/13/23, #23-104 R, T):
 1. Megan Roach (working three days per week as a 1:1).
 2. Patricia Spires (working two days per week as a 1:1 in addition to 1 day per week as a Classroom Paraprofessional as defined in original motion).

Head Start

- I. Amend the last name of Stacy Smith, temporary Full-Time Head Start Teacher Assistant at Rio Grande Elementary, to Crabtree (temporary position transfer originally approved 11/15/23, #23-121 Q).
- J. Approve rescinding the 2023-2024 Contract to Alexia Long, Part Time Center Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy.

Southern – Meigs

- K. Approve an increase in salary to Pamela Jacks, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School, from \$10.10 per hour plus \$2.00 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with MCBDD, to \$10.45 per hour plus \$2.00 per hour stipend as per the Agreement with MCBDD effective January 1, 2024 due to the State of Ohio's Minimum Wage Law (salary originally approved 10/25/23, 23-115 C).

Southern – Perry

- L. Accept the resignation of Chloe Burns, 1:1 Paraprofessional, with her last day being November 27, 2023.

State Support Team Region 16

- M. Amend the resignation of Andrea Bobo, Regional Early Learning Specialist / Literacy Consultant, with her last day of employment being December 8, 2023

(resignation originally accepted 11/15/23, #23-121 R, with an effective date of January 1, 2024).

Eastern

- N. Approve Ashley Ditty, Whole Child Consultant, to provide CPI training to staff at Eastern Local on January 4, 2024, up to 8 hours at the rate of \$35.00 per hour, to be funded through the ELALR grant.
- O. Amend the district transfer for Ciera Barton (2022-2023), 1:1 Paraprofessional, to reflect an additional \$2,250.00 (prorated) insurance buy-out (originally approved 3/22/23, #23-035 D).
- P. Amend the Two Year Contract (2023-2025) to Ciera Barton, 1:1 Paraprofessional, to reflect 188 days and an additional \$2,250.00 (prorated) insurance buy-out through December 31, 2023, no benefits effective January 1, 2024 (originally approved 8/9/23, #23-092 H).

Eastern / Southern-Meigs

- Q. Approve a position transfer to Ciera Barton from 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student to a 1:1 Paraprofessional at Southern Local effective January 1, 2024, at the rate of \$12.48 per hour, no benefits, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same (originally approved 8/9/23, #23-092 H).

Southern-Meigs

- R. Amend the One Year Contract (2023-2024) to Pamela Jacks, Attendant, to reflect an additional \$2,250.00 (prorated) insurance buy-out through December 31, 2023, no benefits effective January 1, 2024 (originally approved 10/25/23, #23-115 C).

Southern-Perry

- S. Approve a salary step increase to the following Paraprofessionals effective January 1, 2024 with their new hourly rate listed below:
 - 1. Shawna Colvin - \$12.90 (originally approved 5/10/23, #23-050 CC at \$12.48 per hour)
 - 2. Donna Jackson - \$12.90 (originally approved 5/10/23, #23-050 CC at \$12.48 per hour)
- T. Approve a One Year Contract (2023-2024) to Ryan Neal, Classroom Paraprofessional, nine months (188 days prorated), effective December 13,

2023, at the rate of \$14.38 per hour, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

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.

Legislative Report

Ms. Dugan reported that SB68 passed banning transgender girls from participating on girls' sports' teams. Paul Craft has been named the new Superintendent of the State Board of Education. HB361 has been introduced which expands eligibility for a 40-hour teaching permit for specific schools/teachers. HB339 has gone to Committee which provides for the establishment of an Educational Savings Account Program.

Tri-County Career Center Report

None

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Koehler and the Governing Board Members thanked Mr. Vogt for his service.

Mr. Koehler appointed Mr. Davenport President Pro-Tem for the January 2024 Organizational Meeting.

23-135. Mr. Wheeler moved to set the Board Member and Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center Staff mileage rate at the maximum allowable by law for the 2024 calendar year.

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 Organizational and Regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

23-136. Time 7:16 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer