

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Mick Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

A moment of silent reflection was held and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Present	Ms. Connie Dugan	Present
Mr. Mick Davenport	Present	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Present
Mr. John Depoy	Present	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Present
Mr. Gary Dicken	Present	Mr. Mony Wood	Present

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

**24-005.** Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on December 13, 2023. Ms. Dugan seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes

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

None

### Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

**24-006.** Mr. Depoy moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

- A. Approve Bills paid in December 2023.
- B. Approve Monthly Financial Report for December 2023.

Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes

Motion carried.

### Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

**24-007.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

#### ESC

- A. Approve the complete Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens, Meigs and Perry Counties.
- B. Accept the resignation of Lindsay Moore, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective January 2, 2024.
- C. Accept the resignation of Connie Elliott, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, with her last work day being January 12, 2024.

- D. Approve the agreement with Muskingum Valley ESC to provide physical therapy services to students at Southern Local (Perry) for the time period of November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, up to \$3,000.00 plus mileage up to \$1,000.00.
- E. Approve Supplemental Contracts in the amounts stated below to the following individuals who will serve as Parent Cafe Hosts for the AMESC Parent Cafe Series to be held on 1/17/24, 1/24/24 and 1/31/24. Funds will be provided by the OCTF Parent Cafe Grant:
  - 1. Amy Eing, McKinney-Vento / Family & Community Partnerships Liaison - \$270.00
  - 2. Sydney Waugh, Tutor Ohio Kids Lead / McKinney-Vento Liaison Assistant - \$270.00
- F. Approve a Service Contract in the amount of \$270.00 to Catrina Tolley who will serve as a Parent Cafe Host for the AMESC Parent Cafe Series to be held on 1/17/24, 1/24/24 and 1/31/24. Funds will be provided by the OCTF Parent Cafe Grant.

Athens City / AMESC

- G. Approve a position transfer to Amie Nogrady from 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student to a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School effective December 18, 2023 with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

Eastern

- H. Accept the resignation of Ciera Barton, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student, with her last day of employment being December 21, 2023.

Eastern / Southern – Meigs

- I. Approve rescinding the position transfer of Ciera Barton, 1:1 Paraprofessional to Southern Local (originally approved 12/13/23, #23-134).

HVCRC

- J. Approve a One Year Part Time Contract (2023 through 2024) to Julie Beaudry, Tutor, for five days per week, four hours per day, at \$25.00 per hour, being effective January 15, 2024 through May 31, 2024, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of employment determined by HVCRC.

## ESC

- K. Approve an Agreement with Relevant Speakers Network (David McCreary) for a presentation regarding owning your own business and making your passion work for you, at Federal Hocking Middle School on January 31, 2024. Total cost: \$1,900.00 to be paid from the Ohio Means Jobs Outreach grant.
- L. Accept the resignation of Sydney Waugh, Tutor Ohio Kids Lead / McKinney-Vento Liaison Assistant, with her last day of employment being February 1, 2024.
- M. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Sophia Butler as a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (187 days prorated), effective January 16, 2024, at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Effective the date that confirmation of the Parapro Assessment requirement has been met, a \$2.75 per hour stipend will be added to the hourly rate as per the Agreement with ACBDD.
- N. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Brey Gheen, Preschool Teacher, for nine months (182 days prorated) effective November 29, 2023, at the rate of \$35,000.00 (prorated), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- O. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Letha Jones, Preschool Teacher, for nine months (182 days prorated) effective December 5, 2023, at the rate of \$35,000.00 (prorated), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

## Head Start

- P. Approve the termination of Charissa Finney, part time Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, effective January 9, 2024.
- Q. Amend the position of Bryanna Miller, Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, from part time to full time (7.5 hours per day) with Board approved benefits, effective January 16, 2024 until vacancy is filled. All other terms and conditions remain the same (contract originally approved 9/27/23, #23-110).

- R. Approve a position transfer to Stacy Crabtree, from part time Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy to full time Head Start Teacher Assistant at Rio Grande Elementary, nine months (190 days prorated), effective January 11, 2024, with Board approved benefits. All other terms and conditions remain the same (two year contract originally approved 6/14/23, #23-063 and temporary position transfer approved 11/15/23, #23-121).
- S. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Lisa Slentz, as a part time Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, twelve months (257 days prorated), at the rate of \$14.50 per hour, no benefits, effective January 18, 2024, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes

Motion carried.

### **Legislative Report**

Ms. Dugan reported that the House overrode the Governor’s veto on HB68 regarding transgender issues. SB162 is in House Committee which gives schools parameters to get students back on track. SB168 is in House Committee which allow individuals with a Master’s degree to teach if they pass a test by the State Board of Education.

### **Tri-County Career Center Report**

Mr. Depoy reported that the new Board Member from New Lexington was in attendance.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Davenport thanked Mr. Koehler for the great job he did in 2023 as President. Mr. Koehler reported that he reviewed the Superintendent’s evaluation and the Treasurer’s evaluation with the respective employees.

**New Business.**

**24-008.** Mr. Koehler moved to keep the goals of the Governing Board the same. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. The goals are as follows:

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.

Goal 2 - The AMESC Governing Board will examine opportunities to increase services to its districts, with an emphasis on curriculum support.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes

Motion carried.

Heather Wolfe, Superintendent, informed the Board that she is working on possibly opening an Alternative School, with the support and input from member district Superintendents. Then maybe in the future, investigate the possibility of opening a school for students with disabilities to help ease the burden on the Athens and Meigs Counties Schools of MRDD.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**24-009. Time 6:47 p.m.** Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer