

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Mick Davenport 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 | 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 Absent

**24-010.** Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Governing Board Meetings held on January 10, 2024. Mr. Wood 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.

**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:**

**January: Head Start presented by Dawn Hall, Director**

Ms. Hall provided the Board Members with a handout detailing the Leadership and Governance of the program and grant. Ms. Hall thanked the Board for the support given and informed the Members that Head Start will be beginning the new 5-year grant cycle with 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**Public Participation**

None

**Head Start Reports and Recommendations**

**24-011.** Mr. Depoy moved to approve the following Head Start Director’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Dawn Hall, Director:

- A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

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.

**State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations**

**24-012.** Mr. Koehler moved to approve the following SST Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Julie Bays, Interim Director:

- A. Approve a Service Contract with Dr. Tim Lewis and Team to provide a “Making PBIS Work For You” workshop on March 8, 2024, along with three virtual pre-meetings to create an agenda. Contract amount to be \$2,000.00 plus \$1,500.00 for airfare and hotel expenses.

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.

Julie Bays, Interim Director, updated the Board Members on the progress of SST Region 16.

**Executive Session**

**24-013.** Mr. Davenport 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. Koehler 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: 6:35 p.m.  
 Time out of Executive Session: 6:42 p.m.

**Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations**

**24-014.** Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

A. Approve changes to Permanent Appropriations.

| <b>FUND NO.</b> | <b>FUND DESCRIPTION</b>    | <b>FY24 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS (9/13/23)</b> | <b>APPROP CHANGES (1/24/24)</b> | <b>REVISED AP-PROP (1/24/24)</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 001             | General                    | \$4,000,000.00                                 |                                 | \$4,000,000.00                   |
| 006             | Food Service               | \$165,000.00                                   |                                 | \$165,000.00                     |
| 007             | Expendable Trusts          | \$9,000.00                                     |                                 | \$9,000.00                       |
| 011             | Rotary - Special Services  | \$137,998.11                                   |                                 | \$137,998.11                     |
| 014             | Rotary - Internal Services | \$65,802.46                                    |                                 | \$65,802.46                      |
| 018             | Public School Support      | \$1,000.00                                     |                                 | \$1,000.00                       |
| 019             | Other Local Grants         | \$345,520.51                                   | \$18,000.00                     | \$363,520.51                     |
| 026             | Employee Benefits          | \$750.00                                       | \$1,250.00                      | \$2,000.00                       |
| 414             | ABLE Ohio Works First      | \$0.00   |                                 | \$0.00                           |
| 416             | Local Professional Devel   | \$0.00   |                                 | \$0.00                           |
| 439             | Public School Preschool    | \$593,642.18                                   |                                 | \$593,642.18                     |
| 440             | Entry Year Teacher         | \$0.00   |                                 | \$0.00                           |
| 451             | K12 Network Subsidy        | \$1,846.10                                     |                                 | \$1,846.10                       |

|       |                                 |                 |             |                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 459   | Ohio Reads                      | \$0.00          |             | \$0.00          |
| 499   | Misc State Grants               | \$318,892.78    | \$9,895.75  | \$328,788.53    |
| 501   | ABLE                            | \$0.00          |             | \$0.00          |
| 507   | Federal Funds                   | \$913,854.78    |             | \$913,854.78    |
| 508   | GEER CARES                      | \$23,816.06     |             | \$23,816.06     |
| 516   | IDEA Part B Grants              | \$1,266,741.02  | \$26,613.06 | \$1,293,354.08  |
| 524   | Vocational Education            | \$110,000.00    |             | \$110,000.00    |
| 525   | Project Head Start              | \$3,337,402.87  |             | \$3,337,402.87  |
| 572   | SST Priority School Support     | \$15,853.08     |             | \$15,853.08     |
| 584   | Safe & Drug Free Schools        | \$0.00          |             | \$0.00          |
| 587   | IDEA Preschool-Handi-<br>capped | \$113,474.55    | \$7,669.97  | \$121,144.52    |
| 590   | Resident Educator               | \$0.00          |             | \$0.00          |
| 599   | Misc Federal Grants             | \$584,773.87    | \$23,475.04 | \$608,248.91    |
| TOTAL |                                 | \$12,005,368.37 | \$86,903.82 | \$12,092,272.19 |

|           |          |             |                                    |  |
|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1/24/2024 |          |             |                                    |  |
| 019       | Increase | \$18,000.00 | - Sources of Strength              |  |
| 026       | Increase | \$1,250.00  | - General Increase                 |  |
| 499       | Increase | \$9,895.75  | - Parent Café (State Funding)      |  |
| 516       | Increase | \$26,613.06 | - Additional SST SSIP IDEA funding |  |
| 587       | Increase | \$7,669.97  | - Additional SST SSIP ELSR funding |  |
| 599       | Increase | \$2,640.00  | - Parent Café (Federal Funding)    |  |
| 599       | Increase | \$20,835.04 | - SPDG Training                    |  |
|           | TOTAL    | \$86,903.82 |                                    |  |

Mr. Depoy 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

**24-015.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

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- A. Approve a Service Contract with Astrid Arca to provide professional services to districts focusing on student attendance data, \$100.00 per hour up to \$3,400.00, during the time period of January 23, 2024 to June 30, 2024. Funding provided by the Department of Education and Workforce through the South Central Ohio ESC.

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.

Heather Wolfe, Superintendent, reported on the Birth – 5 program for each school district. Ms. Wolfe will be meeting with Administration to discuss the Alternative School and reported that there is a lot of support for the Educator Externship.

### **Legislative Report**

Ms. Dugan reported that SB91 has been signed by the Governor which pertains to fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds. The Senate also voted to override the Governor’s veto on HB68 regarding transgender issues. SB208 has been introduced which will require school districts to exclude military families from open enrollment policies.

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

Mr. Dicken reported that Tri-County has a 98% retention rate amongst the Junior class. Additionally, 54 students have perfect attendance. Dave Hayden (Athens) is the President and Ed Penrod (Logan-Hocking) is the Vice-President for 2024.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business.**

Mr. Dicken moved to nominate Lynette Thompson for the At-Large Governing Board position vacancy. Mr. Koehler seconded the nomination.

**24-016. 24-002.** Mr. Depoy moved to close nominations and appoint Lynette Thompson to the At-Large Governing Board position. Ms. Thompson will run for reelection in the fall of 2025 for the unexpired term ending on December 31, 2025. 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.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**24-017. Time 7:03 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