

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 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	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Present
Mr. Mick Davenport	Present	Ms. Lynette Thompson	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

24-023. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on February 14, 2024. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	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:

February: State Support Team and ODE Office Oversight presented by Julie Bays, Interim SST Director

Ms. Bays provided the Governing Board Members with information about the SST16 Grant Agreement including region overview and a synopsis of work completed. Also provided was the SST16 monthly update which included total

hours of support and professional development. Ms. Bays introduced team member Kate Silver, Lead Special Education Consultant, who provided an overview of her duties.

Public Participation

None.

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

24-024. 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. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	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

None.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

24-025. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

- A. Approve the disposal of the following item:

<u>Inventory #</u>	<u>Description</u>
03078	Lenovo ThinkPad E480

Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	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

24-026. Mr. Koehler moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

Nelsonville-York

- A. Approve the Community Reinvestment Agreement between the Ohio Association of Health Plans and the Athens-Meigs ESC. Agreement funding, in the amount of \$500,000.00, will be used to hire one Community Health Worker to support the Nelsonville-York City School District and is effective the date of the final signature.

Southern – Perry

- B. Accept the resignation of Tommy Bruce, Virtual Education Coordinator, effective the end of his current contract.

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- C. Amend the salary increase to Lynann Bolyard, Coord. of College & Career Readiness, Year 2 of 2 (2022-2024), to a rate of \$60,000.00, with all other terms and conditions of contract remaining the same (salary originally approved 5/10/23, #23-050 as \$51,168.00).

ESC

- D. Approve The Basement Doctor contract, in the amount of \$23,799.00, for sump pump installation at the Meigs Early Learning Center.

State Support Team 16

- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2023 through 2024) to Elnora (Katie) Chaney as the Regional Early Learning Specialist, twelve months, 260 days (prorated), effective July 1, 2024, at rate of \$84,809.28 (prorated and based on forthcoming verification), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding from ODE and need. Terms and conditions of contract and job function may be altered to comply with Performance Agreement and service delivery plans for the SST.

- F. Approve a Lead Consultant Supplemental Contract to Elnora (Katie) Chaney, Regional Early Learning Specialist, in the amount of five percent of her annual salary for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Ms. Dugan seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

24-027. Mr. Depoy moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

Nelsonville-York / Tri-County Career Center

G. Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REGARDING REDUCTION IN FORCE
FOR ATHENS-MEIGS STAFF AT THE TRI-COUNTY CAREER CENTER

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.172 the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center Governing Board has determined that it needs to reduce its Tri-County Career Center non-teaching staff due to withdrawal of a student. The reduction in staff will include the following:

1. Abolishment of one (1) 1:1 Paraprofessional position

Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

24-028. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

Nelsonville-York / Tri-County Career Center

- H. Recommend that as a result of the implementation of the Reduction in Force, the following contract is suspended in whole at the end of the business day listed:
 - 1. Diane (Annette) Talbert, 1:1 Paraprofessional Effective Date: February 23, 2024

Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	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

Mr. Wheeler reported that the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has proposed rules regarding confidential personnel matters. SB168 is in the House and allows schools to develop their own framework for Teacher certification. HB339 is also in the House and provides for savings accounts for families of students attending non-chartered schools. HB408 has been introduced which will require schools to provide meals to students. HB411 has also been introduced which would raise the base teacher salary to \$50,000.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Mr. Dicken reported that Tri-County Career Center has a 94.7% retention rate. 78% of the sophomores at Nelsonville-York have applied to Tri-County. 50

sophomores in total have applied to the cosmetology program and 53 sophomores in total have applied to the welding program.

Old Business

None.

New Business.

The Governing Board thanks Heather Wolfe, Superintendent, for the shirts they received as a token of appreciation. Ms. Wolfe informed the Board that the Business Advisory Council (BAC) received a 3-star rating (out of 4 stars). Ms. Wolfe also informed the Board that Project RISE received another Martha Holden Jennings Fund grant for paid internships.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

24-029. Time 7:04 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer