

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 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

**24-087.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on June 12, 2024. Mr. Dicken 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:**

**June: Funding Sources presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer**

Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer, distributed two sets of graphs to the Board Members depicting the decline in student enrollment at each of the districts over the past four years and the increase in services provided to the each of the districts over the past four years.

**Public Participation**

None.

**Head Start Reports and Recommendations**

**24-088.** Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Head Start Director's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Dawn Hall, Head Start Director:

- A. Approve the Transportation Waiver Request for the 24/25 program year.
- B. Approve a contract with Grace Excavating LLC in the amount of \$11,400.00 for water line repair at Meigs Early Learning Center.
- C. Approve a contract with Fahey Roofing and Contracting in the amount of \$7,598.00 for roof repairs at Meigs Early Learning Center.
- D. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

Mr. Bailey 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**

**24-089.** Mr. Koehler moved to enter into executive session for the consideration of the compensation of a public employee.

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.

Time into Executive Session: 6:17 p.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 7:03 p.m.

### Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

**24-090.** Mr. Depoy moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer:

A. Approve the Final Appropriations for FY24.

FUND NO.	FUND DESCRIPTION	REVISED APPROP (5/22/24)	APPROP CHANGES (6/26/24)	FINAL APPROP (6/26/24)
001	General	\$5,000,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$5,042,000.00
006	Food Service	\$165,000.00		\$165,000.00
007	Expendable Trusts	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00
011	Rotary - Special Services	\$152,410.02	\$ 1,000.00	\$153,410.02
014	Rotary - Internal Services	\$65,802.46	\$ 5,000.00	\$70,802.46
018	Public School Support	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
019	Other Local Grants	\$480,472.51		\$480,472.51
026	Employee Benefits	\$2,000.00		\$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	\$1,997.52		\$1,997.52
459	Ohio Reads	\$0.00		\$0.00
499	Misc State Grants	\$328,788.53		\$328,788.53
501	ABLE	\$0.00		\$0.00
507	Federal Funds	\$923,608.92		\$923,608.92
508	GEER CARES	\$23,816.06		\$23,816.06

516	IDEA Part B Grants	\$1,293,354.08		\$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-capped	\$121,144.52		\$121,144.52
590	Resident Educator	\$0.00		\$0.00
599	Misc Federal Grants	\$732,974.25		\$732,974.25
TOTAL		\$13,358,267.00	\$48,000.00	\$13,406,267.00

B. Approve the Temporary Appropriations for FY25.

<b>FUND NO.</b>	<b>FUND DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FY25 TEMPORARY AP- PROPRIATIONS (6/26/24)</b>
001	General	\$1,260,269.95
006	Food Service	\$32,625.09
007	Expendable Trusts	\$0.00
011	Rotary - Special Services	\$38,300.09
014	Rotary - Internal Services	\$17,405.22
018	Public School Support	\$105.27
019	Other Local Grants	\$102,813.34
026	Employee Benefits	\$230.00
414	ABLE Ohio Works First	\$0.00
416	Local Professional Devel	\$0.00
439	Public School Preschool	\$131,845.91
440	Entry Year Teacher	\$0.00
451	K12 Network Subsidy	\$499.38
459	Ohio Reads	\$0.00
499	Misc State Grants	\$61,184.38
501	ABLE	\$0.00
507	Federal Funds	\$171,317.95
508	GEER CARES	\$0.00
516	IDEA Part B Grants	\$257,637.69
524	Vocational Education	\$21,159.48
525	Project Head Start	\$726,082.76
572	SST Priority School Support	\$2,338.22
584	Safe & Drug Free Schools	\$0.00
587	IDEA Preschool-Handi-capped	\$20,262.37
590	Resident Educator	\$0.00
599	Misc Federal Grants	\$143,482.49
TOTAL		\$2,987,559.59

C. Approve the disposal of the following items:

<u>Inventory #</u>	<u>Description</u>
01118	Macbook Laptop
03092	Lenovo Desktop

D. Approve a then-and-now for \$4,160.97 to Bricker & Graydon for legal services related to the Turf Project at Little Storm Early Learning Academy.

Ms. Thompson 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**

**24-091.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

#### ESC

A. Approve the AMESC, Hopewell Health, and School District Student Wellness and Success Plan for FY25.

B. Approve a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to the following individuals as Classroom Paraprofessionals at Beacon School 9 months (187 days), at the rate of pay indicated below, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:

1. Sophia Butler Rate of pay: \$19.25 per hour
2. Arianna Lang Rate of pay: \$19.64 per hour
3. Amie Nogrady Rate of pay: \$20.04 per hour
4. Tiffany Scott Rate of pay: \$19.64 per hour

- C. Approve a salary increase to the following Classroom Paraprofessionals at Beacon School for the year of current contract as stated below, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:
1. Sheri Armstrong Year 2 of 2 (2023-2025) Rate of pay: \$19.64 per hour
  2. Renee Gruesser Year 2 of 2 (2023-2025) Rate of pay: \$19.97 per hour
  3. Anna Matwijec Year 2 of 2 (2023-2025) Rate of pay: \$19.97 per hour
  4. Christina McLain Year 2 of 2 (2023-2025) Rate of pay: \$21.68 per hour
  5. Jennifer Warner Year 2 of 2 (2023-2025) Rate of pay: \$20.71 per hour

#### Athens City

- D. Accept the resignation of Haida Coen, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective at the end of her current contract.
- E. Approve a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to the following individuals serving Athens City students at Beacon School, 9 months (187 days), at the rate of pay as specified below, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval.
1. Crystal Bew, 2:1 Paraprofessional Rate of pay: \$19.64 per hour
  2. Bethany Burden, 1:1 Paraprofessional Rate of pay: \$19.64 per hour
  3. Elizabeth Hudson, 1:1 Paraprofessional Rate of pay: \$19.64 per hour
  4. Samantha Reisig, 2:1 Paraprofessional Rate of pay: \$21.32 per hour
- F. Approve a salary increase to Haley Howell, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student, Year 2 of her Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025), at the rate of \$20.04 per hour, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- G. Approve a salary increase to Charlene Stout, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student, Year 2 of her Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025), at the rate of \$20.87 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

#### Federal Hocking

- H. Approve a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to the Luna Doster, 1:1 Paraprofessional serving a Federal Hocking student at Beacon School, 9 months (187 days), at the rate of \$20.04 per hour, no benefits, being

contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval.

### Head Start

- I. Approve a Supplemental Contract to Dawn Hall, HVHS Director, for Early Childcare Administrative services at Buckeye Hills Career Center effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. Contract amount: \$10,147.50.
- J. Approve the following individuals to carry over five vacation days to the 24/25 program year:
  - 1. Kimberly Betzing, Nurse / Disability Coordinator
  - 2. Dawn Hall, Director

### Nelsonville-York

- K. Approve a salary increase to Rebecca Robinette, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving a Nelsonville-York student, Year 2 of her Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025), at the rate of \$22.65 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

### State Support Team Region 16

- L. Approve a position transfer to Julie Bays from Interim SST Director to SST Director, effective August 1, 2024, at the annual rate of \$91,000.00, being Year 2 of her Two Year Contract (2023-2025), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding from ODE and need. Terms and conditions of contract and job functions may be altered to comply with the Performance Agreement.
- M. See below.

### ESC

- N. Amend the salary increase motion for Courtenay Tenoglia, P.T.A.& Therapy Services Coordinator, to show Year 5 of 5 (2020 through 2025) (originally approved 5/22/24, #24-067 9-F-6, as Year 4 of 5 and without the word 'Services').
- O. Amend the salary increase motion for Teresa Somerville, Preschool Paraprofessional, to be a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026), 9 months (188 days), with salary and benefits remaining as previously

approved (originally approved 5/22/24, #24-067 9-F-11, as Year 2 of 2 / 2023-2025).

P. Approve a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to Amy Robinson, Career Pathways Specialist, 12 months (260 days), at the rate of \$50,000.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Q. Approve Supplemental Contracts to the individuals below for oversight of the Career Coaches during the 2024-2025 School Year:

- 1. Kamela Perritt, Career Pathways Specialist Supplemental Amount: \$3,650.00
- 2. Amy Robinson, Career Pathways Specialist Supplemental Amount: \$3,650.00

R. Accept the resignation of Daniel Watson, REACH Tutor, effective at the end of his current contract.

Head Start

S. Accept the resignation of Katlin Hersman, Teacher Assistant, with her last day of employment being July 19, 2024.

T. Accept the resignation of Stacy Crabtree, Teacher Assistant, with her last day of employment being July 1, 2024.

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U. Accept the resignation of Lydia McLean, Student Services Coordinator, effective July 31, 2024.

Ms. Thompson 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.

**24-092.** Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

M. Approve the Second Reading of the Board Policy that was reviewed by the Policy Committee on May 22, 2024:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
2623	STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES - Revised
2623.02	THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE - Revised
3120.04	EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES - Revised
3140	TERMINATION AND RESIGNATION - Revised
4124	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - Revised
4140	TERMINATION AND RESIGNATION - Revised
5310	HEALTH SERVICES - Revised
8600	TRANSPORTATION - Revised
8600.04	BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION - Revised
8640	TRANSPORTATION FOR NON-ROUTINE TRIPS - Revised
8650	TRANSPORTATION BY VEHICLES OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUSES - Revised
8660	INCIDENTAL TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS BY PRIVATE VEHICLE - Revised

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.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Wheeler reported that SB 292 and HB629 will possibly combine into one bill in the future as both bills relate to education finances. Additionally, Nelsonville-York is moving towards complying with SB293 to allow for release time for students during the school day for religious education.

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

Mr. Dicken reported that Tri-County Career Center obtained two new drivers education cars. Furthermore, 361 students qualified for free lunches, the cell

phone policy was discussed, and Tri-County is exploring avenues (including through the ESC) to obtain grant-writing services.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

**24-093.** Mr. Dicken moved to approve twelve work days during the month of July, 2024 to Lindy Douglas at the daily rate of \$353.85, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. 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.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**24-094. Time 7:38 p.m.** Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer