

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August, 14 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	Absent
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

24-103. Mr. Depoy moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on July 24, 2024. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

24-104. Mr. Koehler moved to Approve the following:

- A. Approve the Service Contract with Bricker and Graydon, LLP (Laura G. Anthony) to provide professional development training on Student Discipline on September 18, 2024. Contract amount: \$1,625.00.

Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Absent
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.

Executive Session

None

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

24-105. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Kevin Simons, Treasurer:

- A. Approval of Bills paid in July
- B. Approval of Financial Report for July 2024
- C. Mentor/Intern the new Trimble Treasurer for 300 hours.

Ms. Dugan seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Absent
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

24-106. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Approve the Subgrant Agreement between the Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services and the Athens-Meigs ESC for Career Coaching Services for the time period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- B. Approve the Health Sciences and Professions Affiliation Agreement between Ohio University and the Athens-Meigs ESC for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology students, being effective July 25, 2024.
- C. Accept the resignation of Renee Grueser, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective at the end of her 2023-2024 contract.
- D. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to the following individuals at Beacon School, nine months (187 days), at the rate specified below, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:
 - 1. Theresa Thompson, Classroom Paraprofessional Rate of pay \$19.25 per hour
 - 2. Charity Workman, Classroom Paraprofessional Rate of pay \$19.25 per hour
- E. Amend the Two Year Contract (2024-2026) to Tiffany Scott, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, to full time with Board approved benefits, effective at the beginning of the 2024-2025 School Year, with other terms remaining the same (*contract originally approved 6/26/24, #24-091-B-4*).

Federal Hocking

- F. Accept the resignation of Luna Doster, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving a Federal Hocking student, being effective at the end of her 2023-2024 contract.

Meigs Local

- G. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Robert Hudak,

School Psychologist, up to four days per week, at a rate of \$375.00 per day, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Southern

H. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to the following individuals, nine months (188 days), at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:

1. Laken Bartlett, 1:1 Paraprofessional
2. Alice Stover, 1:1 Paraprofessional

I. Approve the AMESC Employee Handbook for FY25.

J. Approve the initial Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens and Meigs Counties.

K. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Baylee VanCooney, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (187 days), at the rate of \$19.25 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

L. Approve a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to Elizabeth Artiga, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School nine months (187 days), at the rate of \$19.25 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

M. Amend the One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Tracie Barnes, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, to reflect the rate of pay as \$20.71 per hour (originally approved July 24, 2024, #24-101-9-F-1, with a salary of \$19.25 per hour).

Athens City

N. Amend the 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), to reflect the rate of pay as \$21.36 per hour (originally approved June 26, 2024, #24-091-G, with a salary of \$20.87 per hour).

Head Start

O. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Elizabeth Gillman

(Grace), Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, twelve months (257 days prorated), effective August 13, 2024, at the rate of \$14.33 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

P. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to to the following individuals as Teacher Assistants at Green Elementary, 9 months (190 days), effective August 13, 2024, at the rate specified below, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:

1. Noelle (Watson) Hunt Rate of pay: \$14.33 per hour
2. Kathryn Roberts Rate of pay: \$14.84 per hour

Nelsonville-York

Q. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between The GRIT Project coalition and the Athens-Meigs ESC for funding for the career assessment, coaching and other workforce training services, being effective August 15, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

R. Approve a Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to Jennifer 'Heureux as a Coordinator of College and Career Readiness for the Nelsonville-York and Tri-County Career Center students (per The GRIT Project MOU, 9 Months plus ten days in the summer, effective August 20, 2024, at the rate of \$48,000.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Position funded through Nelsonville-York and GRIT.

Trimble

S. Accept the resignation of Stephanie Evener, Roaming Substitute Teacher, effective the end of her 2023-2024 contract.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Absent
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 16

24-106. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following:

- T. Approve a Lead Consultant Supplemental Contract to Elnora (Katie) Chaney, Regional Early Literacy Specialist, in the amount of five percent of her annual salary for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Absent
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.

- U. U. Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING REDUCTION IN FORCE
FOR ATHENS-MEIGS ESC STAFF**

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 non-teaching staff due to reduction in funding. The reduction in staff will include the following:

1. Abolishment of one (1) Career Coach

24-107 Mr. Dicken moved to approve the Resolution Regarding Reduction In Force for Athens-Meigs ESC; seconded by Mr. Wood.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Absent
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.

24-108 Mr. Dicken moved to approve the recommendation that as a result of the implementation of the Reduction in Force, the following contracts are suspended in whole at the end of the business day listed:

1. Brian (Evin) Stotts, Career Coach, Federal Hocking
Effective Date: August 15, 2024

Ms. Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Absent
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

None.

Tri-County Career Center Report

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

24-109. Time 6:23 p.m. Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer