

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 25, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 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        | Absent  |
| Ms. Connie Dugan   | Present |                      |         |

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

**24-116.** Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on September 11, 2024. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

|                    |         |                      |        |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|
| Mr. John G Bailey  | Abstain | 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        | Absent |
| Ms. Connie Dugan   | Yes     |                      |        |

Motion carried.

**Goal 1** – The AMESC Governing Board will maintain well-informed members by holding monthly question and answer session on a variety of AMESC-related topics, including:

September: Insurance - Presented by Kevin Simons, Treasurer

### **Public Participation**

Mindy Ausseresses, EC Coordinator and Kimberly Swart, EC Asst. Coordinator/EC Transition Coordinator will provide updates on the preschool program.

## **Head Start Reports and Recommendations**

**24-111.** Mr. Depoy moved to approve the Head Start Monthly Financial Statements. 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        | Absent |
| 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**

**24-117.** Mr. Davenport moved to enter into executive session at 6:32 PM for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of 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 | Ms. Lynette Thompson | Yes    |
| Mr. John Depoy     | Yes | Mr. Steve Wheeler    | Yes    |
| Mr. Gary Dicken    | Yes | Mr. Mony Wood        | Absent |
| Ms. Connie Dugan   | Yes |                      |        |

Motion carried.

The board reconvened with 8 members present at 6:46 PM.

## **Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations**

No items for Board action at this time.

## **Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations**

**24-118.** Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Discuss a local Board Member collaboration and training event: Possible date will be February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Lodge at Hocking College.
- B. Amend the One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Baylee VanCooney, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, to reflect a salary of \$20.55 per hour effective at the beginning of said Contract, with all other terms and conditions remain the same.

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- C. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Cynthia Rodgers, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student, nine months (187 day prorated), effective September 23, 2024, at the rate of \$19.25 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Head Start

- D. Approve a two year unpaid medical leave of absence for Cynthia Thivener, Floating Teacher Assistant in Gallia County, effective September 1, 2024.

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- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to the individuals listed below, nine months, 188 days (prorated), effective September 25, 2024, at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:

1. Halley Sigman, 1:1 Paraprofessional
2. Samantha Yost, Paraprofessional

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        | Absent |
| Ms. Connie Dugan   | Yes |                      |        |

Motion carried.

**Legislative Report**

None.

**Tri-County Career Center Report**

Tri-County interviewed 4 candidates for the superintendent position and are hopeful to make an offer by September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

- 1. Discuss and/or approve Linda Douglas, Superintendent, to bring in up to 150 sick days, as discussed during contract negotiations.

Mr. Dicken moved to approve said item listed above. Seconded by Ms. Dugan.

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        | Absent |
| Ms. Connie Dugan   | Yes |                      |        |

Motion carried.

**New Business**

None

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**24-119. Time 7:01 p.m.** Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dugan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer