

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 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

24-137. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting with corrections held on November 13, 2024. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Public Participation

Debbie West, Southeast Regional Manager – Ohio School Board Association
Ms. West was in attendance to recognize Mr. Greg Bailey for his years of service.

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

December: OSBA Capital Conference

Presented by Kevin Simons,
Treasurer

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

24-138 Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following under the head start report, Ms. Dugan seconded the motion.

- A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Approve out of state travel for Tonda Fulks, Center Manager in Gallia County, to attend the Leadership Institute in Chicago, IL, December 10-12, 2024.

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

24-139 Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following:

- A. Approve out of state travel to Jennifer Spero and Elnora (Katie) Chaney to attend the Plain Talk Conference, February 12 - February 14, 2025 in New Orleans, LA.

Seconded by Mr. Depoy.

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.

Executive Session

24-140 Mr. Dicken made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:15 for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official or student. 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	Absent
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Executive session was exited at 6:32 p.m.

Amendment of the Agenda

24-141. Mr. Dickens made the motion to amend the agenda to change paragraph 5 of the Superintendent contract and paragraph 7 of the Treasurer contract.

Paragraph 5 of Superintendent contract:

The Board shall pay the Superintendent an additional annual amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per year for implementation and administrative duties related to "Tutor Kids Ohio" as long as the funds are available, beginning December 25th, 2024, for additional services provided to the ESC.

Paragraph 7 of Treasurers contract:

The Board shall pay the Employee an additional annual amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per year for implementation and administrative duties related to "Tutor Kids Ohio" as long as the funds are available, beginning December 25th, 2024, for additional services provided to the ESC.

Seconded by Mr. Bailey

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.

24-141. Mr. Depoy made the motion to give the three employees who have filled in at the front desk a monthly stipend of \$300 per month. Two of the employees will be paid \$ 300 per month from July through November 2025 and one will be paid \$300.00 until the end of fiscal year 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Koehler

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.

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

24-142. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Kevin Simons, Treasurer:

- A. Approval of Bills paid in November 2024
- B. Approval of Financial Report for November 2024

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	Absent
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations

24-143. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Approve updates to the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide List for Athens and Meigs Counties.

- B. Accept resignation of Kamela Perritt, Career Pathways Specialist, effective November 29, 2024.
- C. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Justin McBride, as a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (187 prorated), effective December 9, 2024, at a rate of \$19.25 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continuing funding and need.
- D. Amend the One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Rochelle Barker, 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 remaining the same.
- E. Accept the resignation of Lauren Battin, Cheshire REACH Tutor, effective December 1, 2024.
- F. Approve Lauren Battin as the Substitute Cheshire REACH Tutor for the 2024-2025 School Year, on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- G. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Julie Beaudry, as the Cheshire REACH Tutor, effective December 3, 2024, up to 25 hours per week, at the rate of \$23.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- H. Approve the agreement between Centra Healthcare Services, Inc. and the Athens-Meigs ESC for Supplemental Staffing and Direct Hire services effective November 18, 2024.

Athens City

- I. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Stefanie Wisner as a 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student, nine months (187 prorated), effective December 3, 2024, at the rate of \$21.16 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

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- J. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Hailey Staats as a 1:1 Paraprofessional, nine months (182 days prorated), effective November 25, 2024, at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- K. Accept the resignation of Brittany Hill, Paraprofessional, with her last day of employment being December 13, 2024.
- L. Accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Clark, 1:1 Paraprofessional, with her last day of employment being Dec. 6, 2024.
- M. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Ashley Thaxton, as a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (187 days prorated), effective December 16, 2024, at the rate of \$19.25 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Head Start

- N. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Shyann Fortner, as an Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, twelve months (257 days prorated), effective December 5, 2024, at the rate of \$14.33 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- O. Approve Kelly McCoy, Early HS Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, to work an additional ten hours per week (for a total of 37.5 hours) for staff coverage in Gallia County, with Board approved benefits, being effective December 12, 2024 and remaining until vacant positions are filled, with all other terms of contract remaining the same.
- P. Approve the sale and/or disposal of the following items which are no longer in use:
 - Two commercial refrigerators
 - One oven
 - One stove
 - One regular refrigerator

Head Start/AMESC

- Q. Amend the current contract to April Burnem, Data Secretary, to reflect the changes as shown below, effective November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with all other details of said contract remaining the same:

- Head Start Data Secretary: Four days per week as currently funded by Head Start
 - Secretary: One day per week at Chauncey being funded by the AMESC
- R. Amend the current contract to Kimberly Swart, Assistant Early Childhood Education Coordinator / Preschool Transition Coordinator, to reflect the changes as shown below, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with all other details of said contract remaining the same:
- AMESC Assistant ECE Coordinator / PS Trans. Coordinator: One day per week as currently funded
 - Head Start Education Coordinator: Four days per week being funded by Head Start

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.

Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

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

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.17 and/or 3319.172 the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center Governing Board has determined that it needs to reduce its Trimble Local staff due to financial reasons. The reduction in staff will include the following:

1. Abolishment of one (1) Coordinator of College and Career Readiness position.
2. Abolishment of one (1) Social Emotional Coordinator position.
3. Abolishment of one (1) Tutor position.
4. Abolishment of three (3) Roaming Substitute Teacher positions.

24-144. Motion made by Mr. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Dicken.

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.

Recommend that as a result of the implementation of the Reduction in Force, the following contracts are suspended, with the last day of employment being December 31, 2024:

1. Lynn Bolyard, Coordinator of College and Career Readiness
2. William Campbell, Roaming Substitute Teacher
3. Stephanie Curtis, Social Emotional Coordinator
4. Brody Dutiel, Roaming Substitute Teacher
5. James Holbert, Tutor
6. Madyson Murphy, Roaming Substitute Teacher

24-145. Motion made by Mr. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Dicken.

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

Mr. Wheeler discussed with the board SB154, SB142 and HB78

Tri-County Career Center Report

Nothing

Old Business

New Business

24-146. Mr. Depoy made a motion to give the State Support Team 16 a 15% stipend due to additional duties for two current open positions. These stipends will be grant funded and based on their current base salaries.

Seconded by Mr. Dicken

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.

1. Discuss the health insurance options for new employees beginning in January 2025.
2. Board President to appoint President Pro-Tem for the January 2025 Organizational Meeting. The board appointed Mr. Wheeler as the Pro-Tem President.
3. Set the Board Member and Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center Staff mileage rate at the maximum allowable by law for the 2025 calendar year.
4. Discuss/Appoint Gary Dicken to serve on the Tri-County Career Center Governing Board effective January 2025.

24-147. Mr. Wheeler made the motion to accept items under new business.

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.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

Mr. Bailey would like to thank the ladies for providing dinner and hosting our board meeting this month at Bradbury Learning Center.

24-148. Time 7:24 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer