

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2025**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held its 2025 Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Pro-Tem, Steve Wheeler, called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

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

Mr. Davenport nominated Mr. Wheeler to serve as President in 2025. Mr. Wood seconded the nomination.

**25-001.** Mr. Depoy moved to close nominations and appoint Mr. Wheeler to serve as the President during 2025. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Depoy nominated Ms. Dugan to serve as Vice-President in 2024. Mr. Bailey seconded the nomination.

**25-002.** Mr. Davenport moved to close nominations and appoint Ms. Dugan as Vice-President for 2025. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Wheeler reported that Committee assignments will be distributed at the January 22, 2025 meeting.

**25-004.** Mr. Koehler moved to approve the following:

1. Establish Date, Time and Place of Regular Governing Board Meetings: will be held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except in November and December (in which there will only be one meeting each) at 6:00 p.m. at the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, OH 45719.
2. Authorize the Treasurer or designee to attend all meetings necessary to the operation of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center with all reasonable expenses to be reimbursed to the Treasurer or designee and to authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriate resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
3. Authorize the Treasurer or designee to attend Head Start conferences that constitute informative and professional growth for the benefit of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center without further Board action, and that reasonable expenses in connection therewith be allowed.
4. Authorize the Treasurer, on behalf of this Board, to attend Public Records Training as required and that reasonable expenses in connection therewith be allowed.
5. Authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds from outstanding checks dated in the prior fiscal year or before to the 022 fund established for Unclaimed Funds.
6. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds.
7. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent for the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center to purchase materials or services within

the limits of the appropriation and law, and to attend all meetings necessary to the operation of the Educational Service Center, with reasonable expenses.

8. Authorize the Superintendent to make decisions on the attendance of all employees at local or state meetings for the interest and welfare of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center, with expenses and reimbursements as provided by Board policy.
9. Authorize the Superintendent to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board. In the event of an emergency, hiring authority is granted to the Superintendent after approval by the Board President.
10. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided, however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
11. Authorize the Superintendent, Treasurer and/or designee to attend local and state seminars, meetings, and conferences that constitute informative and professional growth for the benefit of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center without further Board action, and that reasonable expenses in connection therewith be allowed.
12. Approve Attorney Garry Hunter as Local Legal Counsel for the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center and the Law Firm of Bricker Graydon LLP as Co-Counsel on an as needed basis.
13. Authorize The Athens Messenger, The Perry County Tribune, and River Cities Tribune & Register as newspapers for required notifications.
14. Authorize the Superintendent to determine a fee charged to individuals requesting copies of the schedule of meetings, agenda, or notice of individual meetings. (R.C. 121.22(F))

Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Regular Governing Board meeting immediately following Organizational Meeting.

**25-005. Time 6:08 p.m.** Mr. Koehler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer