

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2025**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Mr. Wheeler 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 Present

The quorum was met in regards to being able to discuss and vote on the federal program for Head Start for FY 2025-26

**25-023.** Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meetings with changes held on February 26, 2025 and March 12, 2025. 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	Abstain
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

Craig Burford, OESCA Executive Director

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

March: Business Advisory Council  
Presented by: Amy Robinson, Career Pathways Specialist  
**Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations**

**25-024.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the following:

- A. Head Start Monthly Financial Statements
- B. Mowing contract with Codners Mowing Service, LLC
- C. Approve a budget revision for current 2024-2025 grant (originally approved 724/2024, #24-100)
- D. Approve Annual Report for 2023-2024
- E. Approve the self-Assessment Report and Improvement Plan for 2024-2025
- F. Approve the Selection Criteria for the 2025-2026 Program Year
- G. Approve the Wage Chart for the 2025-2026 Program Year
- H. Approve the HS/EHS Continuation Grant for the 2025-2026 Program in the amount of \$ 3,077,147.
- I. Approve the Training and Technical Assistance Plan for the 2025-2026 Program Year in the amount of \$ 33,077.00.

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	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**

No executive session during the meeting

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

**25-025.** Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Kevin Simons, Treasurer:

- A. Approval of Bills paid in February 2025
- B. Approval of Financial Report for February 2025

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.

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

**25-026.** Mr. Bailey moved to approve items the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Approve updates to Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens and Meigs County
- B. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Susan Douglas, Preschool Paraprofessional, effective March 5, 2025.

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- C. Approve Linda LaVelle as a Speech Language Pathologist for the remainder of the 2024-2025 School Year, on an as needed basis, effective March 10, 2025, at the rate of \$67.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- D. Approve a Service Contract to Kara Bolin, as a Curriculum Director for the remainder of the 2024-2025 School Year, effective March 20, 2025, at the rate of \$400.00 per day, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

### Head Start

- E. Accept the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Vicki Stairs, Early Head Start Teacher at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, with her last day of employment being June 16, 2025.
- F. Amend the Contract to Lee Ann White, Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, to reflect a rate of pay of \$15.35 per hour, effective February 18, 2025, with all other terms remaining the same.

Addendum

- G. Approve the Business Advisory Council Plan for Academic Year 2024-2025 and the Joint Statement for 2025.

Head Start

- H. Accept the resignation of Karry Cooper, Parent Involvement Coordinator, effective April 10, 2025.
- I. Accept the verbal resignation of Kiley Kinsley, Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, with her last day of employment being March 10, 2025.
- J. Approve Makala Willison as a Substitute Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, effective March 27, 2025 through June 30, 2025, no more than 5.5 hours per day, at the rate of \$14.33 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Southern Local

- K. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Shortridge, 1:1 Paraprofessional, with her last day of employment being March 28, 2025.
- L. Accept the resignation of Jessica Heitkamp, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving a Southern Local student, with her last day of employment being April 25, 2025.

State Support Team Region 16

- M. Approve three additional days (for a total of 118) to the One Year At-Will Contract (2024 through 2025) for Nancy Ruth, Universal Consultant, at the rate of \$350.00 per day, with all other terms of contract remaining the same (contract originally approved 6/12/24, #24-080 for up to 115 days).
- N. Approve the agreement with Sheridan & Affiliates, LLC in the amount of \$10,570.00, for Jill Sheridan to cover SST16 Consultant duties for the time period of March 2025 through July 2025.

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.

### **Legislative Report**

HB 54, HB 28, SB 127, SB 150, SB 8

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Davenport as well as the rest of the board would like to thank Lindy for putting on the get together at Tri-County last month. The board would like to continue the event every year.

### **New Business**

No items were discussed

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**25-027. Time 7:41 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