

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2025**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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	Absent
Mr. John Depoy	Present	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Present
Mr. Gary Dicken	Present	Mr. Mony Wood	Present
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

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

25-028. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meetings held on March 16, 2025. Ms. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

No items for Board action.

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

Items on the addendum, was voted on during the superintendent's report and recommendations.

Executive Session

25-029 Mr. Dicken moved to enter into executive session at 6:09 pm for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, official or student, seconded by Mr. Koehler.

Roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

Executive session was exited at 6:32 pm with 7 members present. No action was taken.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

No items for board action, Finance committee would like to meet before the May 25th meeting.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

25-030. Mr. Wood moved to approve items the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Approve the complete Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens and Meigs County.
- B. Approve the Internet Access Service Agreement with META Solutions, for WiFi/E-Rate services, effective March 25, 2025.

Athens City

- C. Approve the termination of Elizabeth Hudson, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student, effective at the end of the business day of March 28, 2025

Addendum

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Report and Recommendations:

- D. Approve out of state travel to Kate Silver, Lead Special Education Consultant, to attend research ED Toronto 2025 or the "Science of Learning" in Toronto, Ontario, June 6-7, 2025.
- E. Approve out of state travel to the following individuals to attend the Innovative School Summit in Nashville, TN, July 14-18, 2025:
- Julie Bays, Director
 - Elnora (Katie) Chaney, Regional Early Literacy Specialist
 - Jill Sheridan, Consultant
 - Jennifer Spero, Universal Consultant
- F. Approve out of state travel to the following individuals to attend the Big Sky Literacy Summit - Language is Everything! in Big Sky, Montana August 6-9, 2025:
- Elnora (Katie) Chaney, Regional Early Literacy Specialist
 - Jennifer Spero, Universal Consultant

Head Start

- G. Accept the resignation of Kallie Birchfield, teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, with her last day of employment being April 4, 2025.
- H. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Kylie Myers, Teacher Assistant at Little Storm Early Learning Academy, 257 days (prorated), effective April 14, 2025, at the rate of \$14.33 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Southern Local

- I. Accept the resignation of Brittany Hill, Paraprofessional, with her last day of employment being April 4, 2025.

Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Absent
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes

Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Head Start

25-031. Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REGARDING REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR ATHENS-MEIGS ESC STAFF AT HEART OF THE VALLEY HEAD START

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 Heart of the Valley Head Start staff due to financial reasons, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 Program Year. The reduction in staff will include the following:

1. Abolishment of one (1) Head Start Teacher position at Eastern Local.
2. Abolishment of one (1) Head Start Teacher Assistant position at Eastern Local.
3. Abolishment of one (1) Data Secretary position.

Motion to adopt the reduction in force resolution made by Mr. Depoy, seconded by Mr. Koehler.

Roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

Legislative Report

HB96 has been reviewed.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business

No items were discussed.

New Business

No items were discussed

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

25-032. Time 7:02 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer