

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2025**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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

25-038. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meetings held on April 23, 2025. Ms. 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	Abstain
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

A. Approve out of state travel to the following individuals to attend the Intensive Instructional Coach Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, July 21-25, 2025:

Elnora (Katie Chaney, Regional Early Literacy Specialist
Jennifer Spero, Universal Consultant

25-039. Mr. Depoy moved to approve the out of state travel, seconded by Mr. Wood.

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.

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

25-040. Mr. Koehler moved to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Kevin Simons, Treasurer:

A. Approve the increase in medical insurance premiums for all plans effective July1, 2025. PPO 1: 20%, PPO 2: 13.5%, HDHP: 0%.

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

25-041. Mr. Wheeler 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 Counties.

B. Request to amend summer hours effective June 2, 2025 through July 31, 2025 to be 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

C. Approve the AMESC Employee Calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year.

D. Accept the resignation of Ashley Thaxton, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, with her last day of employment being April 18, 2025.

E. Approve the Subgrant Agreement Extension between the Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services and the Athens-Meigs ESC for Career Coaching Services for the time period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

F. Approve the Early Childhood Education program to fund \$5,700.00 toward the hourly rate of pay increase and benefits of the Meigs Early Learning Center's Cook position, effective for Fiscal Year 26.

G. First Reading of the Board Policies that were reviewed by the Policy Committee on April 23, 2025:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
0131.1	Technical Corrections (Revised)
0171	Review of Policy (Rescind)
1422.01	Drug-Free Workplace (New)
2260.02	Single Gender Classes and Activities (Revised)
2340	Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips (Revised)
2460	Special Education (Revised)
5223	Released Time for Religious Instruction (New/Revised)
5330	Use of Medications (Revised)
5350	Student Health, Wellbeing, and Suicide Prevention (Revised)
5460	Graduation Requirements (Revised)
5610	Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students (Revised)
5751	Parental Status of Students (Revised)
5780.01	Parents' Bill of Rights (New)

Head Start

H. Accept the resignation of Lindsey Jenkins, Teacher Assistant at Meigs Early Learning Center, effective June 3, 2025.

Meigs

I. Approve a Service Contract for August 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, to Jaunita Webb, to provide round trip transportation of her child, a Meigs Local student, to the New Story School in Albany, Ohio at the annual rate of \$18,000.00, plus mileage, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Eastern

J. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Briana Hine, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student, nine months (prorated), effective May 2, 2025, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Head Start

K. Approve a One Year Contract (2025 through 2026) to Lori Dennison, Parent Involvement Coordinator, ten months (210 days), at the rate of \$30,870.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Ms. 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

House Bill 96 is still being talked about and watched closely.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Tri-County did get scammed for \$450,000. Be on the lookout for anything out of normal.

Old Business

Trimble status: Money is still due.

New Business

1. Authorize and direct the Treasurer to place a notice in The Athens Messenger, The Perry County Tribune, and River Cities Tribune & Register, no later than May 16, 2025, which reads substantially as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Lindy Douglas, who is currently employed by the Board of Education as Superintendent, will be retired and seeking reemployment with the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center in the same position following her service retirement.

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employing the above-named person at a meeting to be held on June 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

2025-042 Mr. Wood made the motion to approve all items listed under new business, Ms. 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	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

25-043. Time 6:40 p.m. Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davenport seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer