

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 28, 2025**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 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	Remote
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

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

25-044. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meetings held on May14, 2025. 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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

25-045. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following Reports and Recommendations:

- A. Approval of Transportation Waiver Request for the 2025-2026 Program Year.

B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. Davenport 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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

Julie Bayes and Jenny Lang presented to the board.

Executive Session

25-047. Mr. Koehler moved to enter into executive session for the Consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, or student at 6:35 P.M.

Mr. Depoy 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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Executive session was exited at 7:07 P.M.

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

25-048. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Kevin Simons, Treasurer:

- A. Approval of bills paid in April 2025.
- B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports for April 2025.

- C. Approval of the disposal of a Lenovo 2021 Thinkpad (Inventory #00701).
- D. Approval of State Support Team 16 Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026, pending grant funding is more than or equal to the 2024-2025 grant cycle.
- E. Approve the Appropriations for FY25.
- F. Approve the District Service Agreement and Cost Statement for FY26.

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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations

25-049. Mr. Dicken moved to approve items the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Accept the resignation of Sophia Butler, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective at the end of her current contract.

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- B. Approve the following individuals for a Two Year Contract (2025 through 2027), for the specified time and rate as stated below, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Work Location</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. Kristina Clark	Teacher Assistant	MELC	190	\$15.35
per hour				
2. Sarah Cook	Teacher Assistant	Rio Grande Elem.	190	\$14.33
per hour				

- C. Approve the position transfer, salary, and benefit status of April Burnem, from Data Secretary to Teacher Assistant at Little Storm ELA, for Year 2 of her Two Year Contract (2024-2026), 257 days, at \$14.33 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

State Support Team Region 16

- D. Approve a Contract (2024 through 2025) to Lisa Arthur as a Consultant, twelve months (260 days prorated) effective July 7, 2025, at the rate of \$80,146.72 (prorated to 19 days at \$308.26 per day), with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- E. Approve a One Year At-Will Contract (2025 through 2026) to the following individuals for the contract length and rate of pay as specified below, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of contract and job functions may be altered to comply with Performance Agreement and service delivery plans for the SST:

- 1. Nancy Ruth, Consultant Up to 50 days Rate of pay: \$420.00 per day
- 2. Jill Sheridan, Consultant Up to 100 days Rate of pay: \$420.00 per day

- F. Approve the following individuals for the contract length and rate of pay as specified below, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Terms and conditions of contract and job functions may be altered to comply with Performance Agreement and service delivery plans for the SST. In subsequent years of contract, any and all salary increases will be presented to the Board for approval:

Two Year Contract beginning 2025 through 2027:

- 1. Elnora (Katie) Chaney, Consultant 12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$104,048.49
- 2. Sandra Perry, Consultant 12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$99,503.34
- 3. Jennifer Spero, Consultant 12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$92,365.00

Three Year Contract beginning 2025 through 2028:

1. Lisa Arthur, Consultant ,12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$92,365.00
2. Julie Bays, Director,12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$105,560.00
3. Malinda Johnston, Consultant,12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$92,365.00
4. Jenny Lang, Consultant ,10 Months (202 days) Rate of pay: \$72,836.91
5. Kate Silver, Consultant,12 Months (260 days) Rate of pay: \$92,365.00

H. Approve a Service Agreement with Buckeye Hills Career Center in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the AMESC to provide Early Childcare Administrative services effective August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026.

I. Approve up to thirty (30) additional work days to the 2024-2025 Contract to Beth Lanning, Career Coach, to monitor and assist with Internships, at her current daily rate of pay. Funding to be provided by ASCENT.

Southern

J. Approve a One Year Contract (2025 through 2026) to Courtney Gierhart, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving a Southern Local student, nine months (185 days), at the rate of \$14.56 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

K. Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent that it is the intent and action of the Board to non-renew the contracts of the following employees by issuing to them a written notice of non-reemployment on or before June 1,2025, and to direct the Treasurer/Superintendent to prepare and deliver, or cause to be delivered, to said employeeswritten notice of non-renewal on or before such date:

1. Samantha Yost, Paraprofessional

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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

2025-050. Mr. Dicken made the motion to approve the second 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)

Ms. Depoy 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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Legislative Report

House Bills 114, 117, 155, 145,98
Senate Bill 158

Tri-County Career Center Report

Tri-County did receive about 90% of the funds from the scam that they was involved in.

Old Business

Evaluation for the Superintendent and Treasurer.

New Business

2025-051. Mr. Bailey made the motion to approve the two stipend for the front office staff for July 2025.

Ms. Depoy 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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

2025-052. Mr. Bailey made the motion to approve the stipends for the three stipends for August 2025-July 2026 for the front office staff as recommended by the Treasurer and Superintendent.

Ms. Davenport 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	N/A
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

25-053. Time 7:37 p.m. Mr. Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer