

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

Ms. Dugan 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	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes
Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes

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

The Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Fred Davis, newly appointed Board Member. Do you affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center, Athens County, Ohio, to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is elected and qualified?

Mr. Fred Davis: I Do

26-013. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Governing Board Meetings held on January 14, 2026. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred Davis	Abstain
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

Josh Kolbe of Matrix J Technologies reports to the board regarding Cyber Security and HB96 regulations.

Head Start Director’s Report and Recommendations

26-014. Mr. Wood moved to approve the January 2026 Head Start Directors Report and Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Wheeler.

A. Approval of December 2025 Financial Reports

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fed Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

Julie Bays from SST Region 16 updated the board on SST Region 16.

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

No Items for board approval.

Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations

26-015. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve items the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Athens-Meigs ESC and the Vitruvian 3D Printing Construction Company for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program.
- B. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Athens-Meigs ESC and the Vitruvian

3D Printing Construction Company for the Digital Masonry Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Federal Hocking

- C. Amend the One Year Contract (2025-2026) to Tabitha Robinson, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving a Federal Hocking student, to reflect a rate of \$21.13 per hour, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same (*originally approved 1/14/26, #26-010 at the rate of \$19.64 per hour*).

Southern

- D. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern High School, the Athens- Meigs ESC and the Vitruvian 3D Printing Construction Company to integrate Vitruvian's digital masonry curriculum into Southern High School's academic programming. This agreement will remain in effect through Southern High School's 2026 – 2029 school year and thereafter, unless terminated by either party.
- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2025 through 2026) to Dillyn Ohlinger as a 1:1 Paraprofessional, 9 Months (182 days prorated), effective February 2, 2026, at the rate of \$14.30 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- F. Accept the resignation of Zachary Russell, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School serving a Southern Local student, effective January 12, 2026.

Addendum

Head Start

- G. Approve Amanda McDowell, Early Head Start Teacher at LSELA, to work an additional twenty hours per week as an Interim Center Manager for Gallia County, at the rate of \$26.25 per hour, with all other terms and conditions of her contract remaining the same.
- H. Approve ten additional hours per week to each of the following individuals to help with staff coverage in Gallia County, at their current hourly rate of pay, with Board-approved benefits, with all other terms and conditions of their contracts remaining the same, and being effective February 2, 2026:
 - 1. Alexis McCarty, Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at LSELA
 - 2. Hayden Pemberton, Early Head Start Teacher Assistant at LSELA

HVCRC

- I. Approve the Digital Academy Services Agreement between FutureEd Solutions, LTD and the Athens-Meigs ESC for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Head Start

- K. Accept the resignation of Tonda Fulks, Center Manager in Gallia County, effective January 23, 2026.

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fed Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Nothing to report

Tri-County Career Center Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

Nothing to Report

New Business

Nothing to Report

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

26-016. Time 7:14 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer