

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 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 was recited.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred 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	Late		

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

26-021. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on February 11, 2026. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred 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	Late		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

26-022. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following items listed under the Treasurer's Report and Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Koehler.

- A. Approve the renewal of the ChildPlus Core Software for \$10,395.00.
- B. Approve the invoice from North American Environmental Services for \$5,550.00 for lead paint screening.
- C. Approve Monthly Financial Report for January 2026.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred 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	Late		

Motion carried.

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

Nothing for the board at this time.

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

26-023. Mr. Dugan moved to approve the following items listed under the Treasurer's Report and Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Davis.

- A. Approve FY26 Permanent Appropriations.
- B. Approve the invoice from Millhugg-Stang CPA, Inc. for \$ 7,500.00 for Consulting – FY25 GAAP Conversion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred 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	Late		

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

26-024. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Wheeler:

Children's Hunger Alliance Update

- A. Approve the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) membership renewal for the 25/26 SY.
- B. Approve the Joint Statement for the 25/26 Business Advisory Plan.
- C. Accept the resignation of Stefanie Wisner, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective March 13, 2026.

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- D. Accept the resignation of Dixie Peters, Teacher Assistant at MELC, effective February 27, 2026.

Addendum

- E. Approve the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) membership renewal for 2026.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred 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

HB671, HB 561, HB 455.

The State of Ohio is discussing limiting the vouchers to annual income of \$ 500,000 or more.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

The Athens-Meigs ESC will be holding a collaboration event on May 4, 2026, for all Board Members, Superintendents and Treasurers.

Mr. Koehler has been trying to get ahold of Aaron Tate, a board member at Federal Hocking, regarding the Superintendent invoice and the reduction of a payment from Federal Hocking in January.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

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

26-020. Time 6:48 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer