

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 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

26-038. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on April 8, 2026. Mr. Wood 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	Abstain	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Late		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

26-039. Ms. Dugan moved to approve the following items under the Head Start Report and Recommendations. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

A. March 2026 Financial Reports

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

Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations

No action required at this time.

Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations

26-040. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Dugan:

Carleton Schools: A resolution is in your board packet. This resolution is for the Athens-Meigs ESC to take over Carleton Schools for school year 26-27.

Federal Hocking has decided to purchase services through Ohio Valley ESC for next school year. We will still bill them for the classroom aides at Beacon School.

Trimble Local has decided to hire a superintendent. The new superintendent will begin working on July 1, 2026.

A. Accept the resignation of Ashley Kolb, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective April 14, 2026.

- B. Approve a One-Year Contract (2025-2026) to Alysa Howard as a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, 9 months (26 days prorated), effective April 20, 2026, at the rate of \$ 19.64 per hour, no benefits, contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.

Athens City

- C. Accept the resignation of Celeste Magoolaghan, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon Schools, with her last day of employment being April 15, 2026.

Nelsonville-York

- D. Approve a One-Year Contract (2026-2027) to Ann Hinkle as a Speech Language Pathologist, 9 months, effective August 1, 2026 (to follow Nelsonville-York's calendar), at a rate of \$ 79,870.00 with Board-approved benefits, contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.

Southern Local – Meigs

- E. Approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Dillyn Ohlinger, 1:1 Paraprofessional, effective April 13, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Addendum

Head Start Director's Recommendations

- B. Approve out-of-state travel for two Head Start employees to attend the Wipfli Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 13 – 17, 2026.
- F. Approve the AMESC Employee Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.
- G. Accept the resignation of Mariah Elliott, Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective at the end of her current contract.
- H. Approve up to 14 additional hours to Jennifer Brown, Occupational Therapist, effective May 8, 2026 through May 27, 2026, at her current hourly rate of pay, to help cover an employee's leave and oversight of an OTA.
- I. Accept the resignation of Melissa Lawless, Physical Therapist, effective at the end of her current contract.

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

HB 25, HB 437, HB 125, HB 203, HB 318

Tri-County Career Center Report

There is a plastic factory going in on Poston Road, Tyson Park. It is scheduled to open in 2028.

High School students can start taking adult classes at Tri-County.

Tri-County has two students going to Texas for a NASA competition. They finished in the top 10% in the nation to be able to go.

Old Business

Currently, there is 1 district in financial trouble, but with the new tax reform, it is estimated that there will be 135 districts in financial trouble.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

26-037. Time 6:11 p.m. Mr. Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer