

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 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	Yes		

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

26-083. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on July 22, 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	Yes	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

Nothing for board at this time

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

Nothing for the board at this time.

Executive Session

Not Executive Session needed.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

26-084 Mr. Bailey made the motion to approve the following items listed under the Treasurer's Report and Recommendation. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion.

- A. Approval Bills paid in July 2026.
- B. Approval of July 2026 Financial Statements.
- C. Approve the Athens County DJFS invoice in the amount of \$15,000, for Trimble Local Career Navigator for the 2025-2026 School Year.

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

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

2026-085 Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following items under the Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

- A. Approve the Initial Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide List for Athens and Meigs County
- B. Approve the AMESC Employee Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year
- C. Approve the Service Agreement between the AMESC and the ACBDD for Occupational Therapy Services for students at Beacon School during the 2026-2027 School Year, with a total amount of \$87,400.00.

D. Amend the Two-Year Contract (26-28) to Brittany Taylor, Preschool Paraprofessional, to reflect a rate of pay of \$17.04 per hour (previously approved at a rate of \$17.72 per hour - 6/10/26 #26-060) .

E. Accept the resignation of Ashley Johnson, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective at the end of her current contract.
Nelsonville-York

F. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Smathers, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective at the end of her current contract.

G. Approve a one-year contract (2026 through 2027) to Joseph Rosler, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, 9 Months (188 days), at the rate of \$20.43 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

H. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Nickolas Cruise, REACH Tutor for Athens County, 9 Months effective August 17, 2026, up to 29 hours per week, at the rate of \$26.52 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

I. Approve additional work days on an as needed basis during the summer of 2026, to Julie Beaudry, Cheshire REACH Tutor, at her current rate of pay for the 25-26 contract year, to provide credit recovery for students.

Athens-City

J. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Timothy Clark, 1:1 Paraprofessional for an Athens City student attending the The Ohio School for the Blind, 9 Months (188 days), at the rate of \$17.04 per hour, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Athens-City/Trimble

K. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Hannah McBride, Paraprofessional at Tri-County Career Center serving students from Athens City and Trimble Local, 9 Months (188 days), at the rate of \$17.04 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Carleton

L. Approve the Contract for Preschool and School Age services between Meigs County Board of Developmental Disabilities / Carleton School and Athens Meigs ESC. Contract effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

M. Approve the purchase of a copier (Sharp Model BP-70C55) located at Carleton School from the MCBDD in the amount of \$6,000.00

N. Rescind the following One Year (26-27) Contracts (originally approved 7/8/26, #26-075).

1. Thomas Haskell, Intervention Specialist

2. Melissa Thomas, position was TBD

O. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to the following individuals, 9 Months (182 days), at the rates listed, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:

1. Jessica Anderson, Intervention Specialist Rate of pay:
\$56,121.99

2. Abigail Householder, Intervention Specialist Rate of pay:
\$38,553.69

P. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Donna Fink, Nurse, 9 Months (182 days), at \$30.00 per hour, 29 hours per week, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Eastern

Q. Approve a district placement change to Cathy Coates, from 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student, to a Floating Paraprofessional at Carleton School, effective the beginning of her 26-27 contract year.

R. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to the following individuals serving Eastern Local students at Carleton School, 9 Months (188 days), at the rates listed, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:

1. Cheyenne Coppick, 1:1 Paraprofessional Rate of pay: \$21.01 per hour 29 hours/week

2. Tammi Lavender, 1:1 Paraprofessional Rate of pay: \$23.74 per hour 29 hours/week

Federal Hocking

S. Amend the Two Year Contract (26-28) to Tabitha Robinson, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving a Federal Hocking student, to reflect a rate of pay of \$21.55 per hour (previously approved at a rate of \$21.71 per hour - 6/10/26 #26-060).

Meigs

T. Amend the Two Year Contract (26-28) to Madison Wood, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving a Meigs Local student, to reflect a rate of pay of \$17.72 per hour (previously approved at a rate of \$15.79 per hour - 6/10/26 #26-060).

Southern

U. Accept the resignation of Brandon Marcinko, Paraprofessional, at the end of his current contract.

Addendum

V. Approve a One-Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Izabella King, Psychologist Intern, 4 days per week for 36 weeks (144 days total), 7.5 hours per day (includes an unpaid lunch), at a daily rate of \$173.61 (\$25,000.00 total) no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Carleton

W. Approve a Supplemental Contract to Jessica Anderson, Intervention Specialist, in the amount of \$5,900.00, for Community Outreach Coordinator and Social Media Specialist, effective for the 2026-2027 contract year.

Head Start

X. Approve a position transfer to Krista Thomas, from Cook at LSELA (12 months), to Teacher Assistant at Meigs ELC (9 months), at the rate of \$14.42 per hour, effective August 23, 2026, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

Y. Approve a One-Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to McKenzie Blouir, Head Start Teacher at Washington Elementary,

9 months, effective August 17, 2026, at the rate of \$30,889.41, with board-approved benefits, contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.

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

Second meeting of the month.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Nothing

26-086. Time 6:48 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer