

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 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

26-093. Mr. Dugan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on August 26, 2026. Mr. Dicken 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.

Training

All board members in attendance watched the video on Sunshine Law.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

Nothing for the board at this time.

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

26-094 Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the following items listed under the Treasurer's Report and Recommendation. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

- A. Approval Bills paid in August 2026.
- B. Approval of August 2026 Financial Statements.
- C. Approve the destruction of CACFP 22-23 records.
- D. Approve the quote from WillyGoat in the amount \$ 29,882.15 for playground equipment for the preschool at the Eastern Local School District

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

2026-095 Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following items under the Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion.

- A. Approve the Updates to the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens and Meigs County.
- B. Accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Amy Zeigler, Executive Fiscal Assistant, with her last day of employment being December 31, 2026.

- C. Approve Olivia Sheets as a COTA for the tentative time period of September 21, 2026 through December 18, 2026, to assist with coverage while an employee is on leave, up to 21 hours per week, the rate of \$25.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.
- D. Approve a salary increase to the individuals listed below due to a move to the Degree Column on the appropriate Salary Schedule, being effective at the beginning of their 26-27 contract, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same:
1. Susan Douglas Preschool Parapro \$19.05 per hour
 2. Tracie Harvey Classroom Parapro at Beacon \$22.36 per hour
 3. Alysa Howard Classroom Parapro at Beacon \$20.43 per hour
 4. Nathaniel Hurst 1:1 Parapro for Athens City at Beacon \$20.85 per hour
 5. Amanda King 1:1 Parapro at Southern \$17.22 per hour
 6. Arianna Lang Classroom Parapro at Beacon \$21.66 per hour
 7. Anna Matwijec 1:1 Parapro for Nelsonville-York at Beacon \$21.83 per hour
 8. Deborah Richter Early Childhood Secretary \$23.85 per hour
 9. Keri Smith 1:1 Parapro at Southern \$18.49 per hour
 10. Diana Swanson Preschool Parapro \$19.05 per hour
 11. Stephanie Woods 1:1 Parapro for Athens City at Beacon \$20.85 per hour Carleton.
- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Barbara Pulver, Classroom Paraprofessional at Carleton School 9 Months (prorated), effective August 27, 2026, at the rate of \$17.04 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.
- F. Amend the One Year Contract (26-27) to Abigail Carter, Intervention Specialist, to reflect a salary of \$63,104.73, effective at the beginning of the 26-27 school year (previously approved with a salary of \$61,321.90 - 6/10/26, #26-060).

Eastern

- G. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Jonna Grueser, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student, 9 Months (prorated), tentatively effective September 15, 2026, at the rate of \$15.60 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need. If and when the Parapro Assessment requirement is met, Jonna will move to the Paraprofessional Salary Schedule effective the date the evidence is provided.

Head Start

- H. Approve a position transfer to Alyssa Leib from part time Head Start Teacher Assistant at LSELA to Head Start Cook at LSELA, at \$14.39 per hour, with Board approved benefits, effective September 10, 2026. All other terms and conditions of contract remain the same.
- I. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Makala Willison, EHS Teacher Assistant at LSELA, 257 days (prorated), at the rate of \$14.42 per hour, no benefits, effective upon successful completion of required background check, and being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.
- J. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Josie Ward, HS Teacher Assistant at LSELA, 257 days(prorated), at the rate of \$14.42 per hour, no benefits, effective upon successful completion of required background check, and being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.
- K. Rescind the employment offer to Cheyenne Clinton, Teacher Assistant at LSELA.

Meigs

- L. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Melissa Hall, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School serving a Meigs Local student, 9 Months, effective August 24, 2026, at the rate of \$17.72 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.

Southern

- M. Accept the resignation of Dillyn Ohlinger, 1:1 Paraprofessional, effective at the end of her 2025-2026 contract.
- N. Amend the Two Year Contract (26-28) to Kathy Dyer, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Carleton School, to reflect a rate of pay of \$20.19 per hour, effective at the beginning of the 26-27 school year (previously approved with a rate of \$17.29 per hour - 6/10/26, #26-060).

State Support Team 16

- O. Accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Julie Bays, Director, with her last day of employment being December 31, 2026.

Trimble

P. Accept the resignation of Andrea Bobo, Director of Exceptional Children, effective August 31, 2026.

Q. Accept the resignation of Elizabeth Crum, School Psychologist, effective August 31, 2026.

Addendum

R. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Athens-Meigs ESC and Vitruvian for the Project RISE STEM Lab.

Head Start

S. Approve a Supplemental Contract, effective August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027, to Dawn Hall, Director, for additional duties of providing educational coordinator services for Head Start. Contract amount: \$24,000.00.

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

Policy update will be in October

Tri-County Career Center Report

Nothing

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

26-096 Mr. Koehler made the motion not to give Federal Hocking a credit on their excess cost (\$3.25 per student) for the school year 2026-2027. 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	Yes		

Motion carried

26-097. Time 6:30 p.m. Mr. Koehler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer