

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 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 No

26-098. Mr. Dugan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on September 9, 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.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

26-099. Mr. Wood moved to approve the Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion.

- A. Approve out-of-state travel for two Head Start employees to attend the “Enhanced Mental Health Services and Supports” training in Tampa, Florida on November 5-6, 2026.

- B. Approve Monthly Financial Statements

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.

State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations

26-100. Mr. Bailey moved to approve State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations Mr. Dugan seconded the motion.

- A. Approve out-of-state travel for Sandra Perry, Early Learning Readiness Specialist, Preschool Special Education Consultant, to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington, D.C., December 4-8, 2026. Approximate total cost: \$3,180.00 (grant-funded).
- B. Approve out-of-state travel to Jenny Lang, Instructional Improvement Consultant, to attend the ‘Research ED’ conference in Toronto, ON, Canada, October 23-25, 2026. Approximate total cost: \$962.70 plus mileage (grant funded).
- C. Approve out-of-state travel to Elnora (Katie) Chaney, Regional Literacy Specialist, and Jenny Lang, Instructional Improvement Consultant, to attend ‘Plain Talk about Literacy and Learning’ in New Orleans, LA, February 23-26, 2027. Total approximate cost: \$6,470.00 (grant funded).

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.

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

26-101 Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the following items listed under the Treasurer's Report and Recommendations. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

- A. Approve the destruction of two old Head Start Chromebooks.
- B. Approve a one-year contract (2026 through 2027) to Olivia Scarmack, part-time Executive Fiscal Assistant (Payroll), effective September 16, 2026, up to 28 hours per week, at the rate of \$18.01 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.

Addendum

- C. Approve payment to Federal Hocking for Preschool SY26 cost of \$ 56,250. The payment will be offset by \$ 46,880.29, which is the amount owed to the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center for contracted services for SY26. The total payment to be paid to the Federal Hocking School District is \$ 9,369.71.

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

2026-102 Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following items under the Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

- A. Approve the Business Advisory Council Plan for Academic Year 2026-2027.
- B. Approve the AMESC & School District Wellness Plan for 2026-2027.
- C. Approve the Educational Audiology Services Agreement between Holzer Health System and the Athens-Meigs ESC, for the time period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

- D. Approve the 2026-2027 Meigs County Interagency Agreement for the Program Coordination for Transition and Services Part C to Part B.
- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Ahnika Frogal, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, 9 Months (prorated), effective September 21, 2026, at the appropriate step on the salary schedule, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.
- F. Approve a One-Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Dustin Herbert, Occupational Therapy Assistant, 9 Months (prorated), effective October 5, 2026, at the rate of \$39,638.64 (prorated), with Board-approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need.

Athens-City

- G. Amend the One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Timothy Clark, 1:1 Paraprofessional, to reflect a rate of pay of \$20.03 per hour, effective at the beginning of his contract (*previously approved at the rate of \$17.04 per hour 8/1 3/26 - #2026-085*).

Carleton

- H. Approve the following meal pricing at Carleton School for FY27:
 - 1. Adult Breakfast \$ 3.50
 - 2. Adult Lunch \$ 5.70
 - 3. Student Breakfast \$ 3.05
 - 4. Student Lunch \$ 4.78
- I. Accept the resignation of Allison Draper, Preschool Teacher at Carleton School, with her last day of employment being September 8, 2026.

Eastern

- J. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Seth Nulph, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School serving an Eastern Local student, 9 Months (prorated), effective September 17, 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, Seth will move to the Paraprofessional Salary Schedule effective the date the evidence is provided.

Eastern/Meigs

- K. Amend a district change to Jonna Grueser, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School, from serving an Eastern Local student to serving a Meigs Local student, effective her official start date of September 15, 2026.

Southern

- L. Approve a Two Year Contract (2026 through 2028) to Rachel Cowdery, Paraprofessional, 9 Months (prorated), effective September 15, 2026, at the rate of \$15.17 per hour, no benefits, being contingent proper certification, continued funding and need.

Addendum

Carleton

- M. Approve Jennifer Griffin as a substitute teacher in the Preschool Classroom effective September 22, 2026, at the rate of \$125.00 per day, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. At such time that an Ohio teaching license is obtained, or after sixty days as a substitute, Jennifer will be placed at the appropriate step on the Teacher Salary Schedule, with Board-approved benefits.

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 455 - Ohio House Bill 455 modernizes public school operations and streamlines the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) regulations, taking effect on October 9, 2026.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Tri-County will hold its Ribbon Cutting ceremony on October 15th.

Old Business

November's meeting will be held at Bradbury and dinner will be served for

Thanksgiving.

New Business

No items to discuss.

26-103. Time 6:18 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer