ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2026

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 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

26-104. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on September 9, 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

Julie Bays and Jenny Spero – Introduction of the new SST Director

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board at this time.

Executive Session

The Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center Governing Board ("Governing Board") hereby recesses into executive session for the purpose of conferencing with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(3) and applicable laws. Upon the conclusion of this executive session, the Governing Board President shall gavel the Governing Board back into open session at this location. All matters discussed in this executive session are designated to the public officials and employees as confidential pursuant to R.C. 102.03(B) because of the status of the proceedings and/or the circumstances under which the information will be received, and preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of government business.

26-105 Mr. Dugan made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:06. Mr. Bailey 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.

Executive session was exited at 6:57.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

26-106 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 Bills paid in September 2026.

B. Approve Monthly Financial Statements for September 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

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

The Policy Committee will meet on October 28, 2026, at 4:30.

2026-107 Mr. Davenport moved to approve the following items under the Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

A. Approve the Updates to the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens and Meigs County.

B. Approve the MOU between the Athens-Meigs ESC and Vitruvian to utilize designated space to provide educational and workforce-development programming for students served by the AMESC, being effective for the time period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

C. Approve the Two Year Contract (26-28) to Brittany Taylor, Preschool Paraprofessional, to reflect a rate of pay of $17.72 per hour being retroactive to the beginning of her 26/27 Contract due to verification of prior experience (originally approved at a rate of $17.72 per hour - 6/10/26 #26-060, and then amended to the correct amount of $17.04 per hour on 8/13/26 #2026-085).

Carleton

D. Approve Sandy Philsen as a Substitute Nurse at Carleton School for the 26-27 SY. Rate of pay to be $125.00 per day or $65.00 per half day.

Gallia City/Gallia County Local Schools

E. Rescind the One Year (26-27) Contract to Ashleigh Massile, OTA (originally approved 7/22/26, #2026-079).

Head Start

F. Accept the resignation of Natasha Daniels, EHS Teacher at LSELA, with her last day of employment being October 14, 2026.

G. Accept the resignation of Josie Ward, HS Teacher Assistant at LSELA, effective September 27, 2026.

H. Accept the notification of retirement for Harla Saunders, Teacher at LSELA, effective February 1, 2027.

I. Amend the Two Year Contract (25-27) and approve a position transfer to Jennifer Spero from Consultant to Director, effective January 1, 2027, being on Step 0 of the SST Director salary schedule ($104,000.00 prorated), with all other terms and conditions of contract remaining the same.

Addendum

J. Approve out-of-state travel to Mindy Ausseresses, EC Coordinator, to attend the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, October 25-30, 2026.

K. Approve the following stipends for Resident Educator Mentoring:

1. Lindsay Humphrey - Resident Educator Mentor for the 2025-2026 School Year with a stipend of $900 per teacher mentored, for a total of $3,600.00:

   Teachers Mentored: Ralph Scarmack (Intervention Specialist - Carleton)
   Erica Wray (Intervention Specialist - Carleton)
   Diana Bing (Itinerant Preschool Teacher - MELC)
   Samantha Smith (Preschool Special Education Teacher - MELC)

2. Lindsay Humphrey - Resident Educator Mentor for the 2026-2027 School Year with a stipend of $900 per teacher mentored, for a total of $900.00, to be paid at the end of the mentoring time period:

   Teacher Mentored: Laura Calentine (Preschool Teacher - Trimble)

3. Candi Olinger -Resident Educator Mentor for the 2026-2027 School Year with a stipend of $900 per teacher mentored, for a total of $900.00, to be paid at the end of the mentoring time period:

   Teacher Mentored: Ralph Scarmack (Intervention Specialist - Carleton)

Head Start

L. Approve the internship of Gabriell Harrison, EHS Teacher Assistant at LSELA, 257 days (prorated), at the rate of $14.42 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need. Effective date based upon the successful completion of background check requirements.

M. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to Stacy Crabtree, EHS Teacher at LSELA, 257 days (prorated), at the rate of $29,775.00, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding, and need. Effective date based upon the successful completion of background check requirements.

Meigs

N. Approve a leave of absence for Pamela Jacks, 1:1 Attendant at Carleton School serving a Meigs Local student, effective October 14, 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

Nothing at this time

Tri-County Career Center Report

Tri-County will hold its Ribbon Cutting ceremony on October 15th at 4:00.

Old Business

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

New Business

No items to discuss.

26-108. Time 7:17 p.m. Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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President Treasurer