

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2020**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President John Depoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A moment of silent reflection was held and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Absent	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Present
Mr. Mick Davenport	Present	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Present
Mr. John Depoy	Present	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Present
Mr. Gary Dicken	Present	Mr. Mony Wood	Present
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

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

20-125. Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on October 14, 2020. Mr. Davenport seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Absent	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

Hannah Kilbride, Career Pathways Specialist, provided information to the Governing Board on Project Rise. Project Rise has provided connected learning to 292 students since August 1, 2020 through various programs. An average of 3 students and 2 teachers have been reached out to per day since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Career Pathways has started a Steering Committee to guide the department to becoming self-sustaining in the future. Ms. Kilbride asked for volunteers from Athens-Meigs ESC Board members to serve on the Steering Committee. Ms. Kilbride asked that the volunteers be passionate about Connected Learning and have experience in the workforce. The volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee are Mr. Davenport, Mr. Koehler

and Mr. Wheeler. The first Steering Committee meeting will be held on November 17th at 12:30 pm via Zoom.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Depoy, Governing Board President, Ms. Kilbride described that the success of Project Rise is measured through testimonials by the students themselves.

Head Start Reports and Recommendations

20-126. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following Head Start Reports and Recommendations as presented by Dawn Hall, Head Start Director:

- A. Accept the resignation of Shonda Johnson, Part-Time Early Head Start Teacher Assistant, with her last day of employment being October 30, 2020.
- B. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Absent	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Mr. Wood inquired about the status of a Head Start Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Hall responded that Head Start will have one but they are having issues getting parents to come in.

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

20-127. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the following State Support Team Reports and Recommendations as presented by Angie Gibbs, SST Director:

- A. Approve a Service Contract with Matt Bergman to present Closing the Gap Professional Development Series during the 2020-2021 School Year (September 26 & 27, 2020 and January 21 & 22, 2021). Contract amount of \$10,070.00 includes all expenses including any potential travel.

- B. Approve a Service Contract with Fast Lane Learning, LLC for Suzy Pepper Rollins to virtually present a Closing the Gap Professional Development Series on October 14, 2020. Contract amount of \$3,000.00 includes all expenses.
- C. Approve a Service Contract with Kunkle Consulting, LLC to virtually present 'Co-Planning to Co-Serve' for the Closing the Gap Professional Development Series on December 10, 2020. Contract amount of \$2,400.00 includes all expenses.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Absent	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Angie Gibbs, SST Director, provided the Governing Board with graphs detailing how SST employees are completing their work. Before the onset of COVID-19, SST spent 85% to 95% of their time in the school districts served. However, this time is now spent providing services remotely and in combination with providing in-person services when permitted. A responsibility of SST is to provide a bridge so that information may be easily passed from the State to the individual Districts. SST has switched from an entity focusing on compliance to one that focuses on support.

Executive Session

None.

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

No items for Board action at this time.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

20-128. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Heather Wolfe, Superintendent:

- A. Accept the resignation of Kathy Dailey, REACH Tutor, with her last day of employment being October 23, 2020.
- B. Accept the resignation of Sara Lee, Early Childhood Education Paraprofessional, with her last day of employment being October 30, 2020.
- C. Approve Service Contracts to the following individuals for mentoring responsibilities for the Resident Educator Program during the 2020-2021 School Year:
 - 1. Samantha Jordan, mentoring Erica Shover, Contract amount \$1,552.20
 - 2. Pam White, mentoring Madison Weininger, Contract amount \$1,721.00

Alexander/AMESC

- D. Approve a position transfer to Andrea Crow, from Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Alexander student to an Early Childhood Education Paraprofessional in the Alexander Preschool Unit effective October 26, 2020. Rate of pay will be revised from the Beacon Rate (\$11.00 per hour plus \$2.00 per hour stipend) to \$9.32 per hour (Step 1 on the Teacher Aide Salary Schedule).
- E. Accept the First Reading of the Board Policies that were reviewed by the Policy Committee on October 14, 2020:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
1110	Assessment of Center Goals
1520	Employment of Administrators
1530	Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
2266	Title IX Regulations - July 2020 New NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES
2270	Religion in the Curriculum
2431	Interscholastic Athletics - REJECT
3124	Employment Contract
3131	Reduction in Staff
4131	Reduction in Staff
5200	Attendance
5340	Student Accidents
5517.02	Sexual Violence – DELETE

5610	Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
5611	Due Process Rights
8450.01	Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events
8800	Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

- F. Approve a One Year (20-21) prorated Contract to Christa White as a Paraprofessional in the Alexander Preschool Classroom, Step 2 on the Teacher Aide Salary Schedule (\$9.63 based on forthcoming verification of experience), 28 hours per week, no benefits, contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need. Effective date: November 2, 2020.
- G. Accept the resignation of Kristen Roush, Educational Aide at Carleton School, effective November 6, 2020.

Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Absent	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

Upon the inquiry of Mr. Vogt, Heather Wolfe, Superintendent, provided the explanation that a deleted policy is a policy that the ESC used to have but no longer wishes to have. A rejected policy is one the NEOLA sent to the ESC, but the ESC declines to adopt.

Mr. Vogt also questioned why the RIF policy does not specify that it will apply to districts. Ms. Wolfe explained that the ESC serves more than districts so the words "location of service" were used.

Legislative Report

Mr. Wheeler reported that there are no new updates. The reinstatement of last year's COVID funding has stalled. However, free lunch and breakfast has been approved throughout the state for all students.

Tri-County Career Center Report

Mr. Dicken reported that negotiations were completed successfully. There are 2 new COVID cases related to outside activities.

Old Business

None

New Business.

Mr. Dicken, Vice-President, reported that after reviewing the provided Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations from other entities, the Committee decided to continue to use the current evaluation.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

20-129. Time 6:43 p.m. Mr. Koehler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Absent	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeffrey Vogt	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Absent		

Motion carried.

President

Treasurer