

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
February 12, 2026 6:00 PM  
207 Bracken Street  
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach  
Mr. Matthew McCane  
Ms. Chasity Saunders  
Mr. Bob Snapp  
Mr. Mike Taylor

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

2026 KSBA Conference Student Banner Created by Nora Gill, John Hamm, Addison Jones & Hayden Taylor

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Mission Statement

Rationale:

The mission of Augusta Independent School is to build a culture of high academic achievement where students develop confidence, character and perseverance for lifelong success.

1.4. Approve Agenda

**Order #26-1296 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers!

Proficient/Distinguished 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th Grade Students:

7th Grade

Averi Brewer: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient  
Liliana Clark: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient  
Chloe Evans: Reading: Distinguished  
Mark Inloes: Reading: Proficient  
Malaya Kabler: Reading: Proficient  
Kenyon Peed: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient  
Callen Rich: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient  
Hannah Saunders: Reading: Proficient  
Brooklyn Sizemore: Reading: Proficient  
Jase Taylor: Reading: Proficient  
Josie Williams: Reading: Proficient  
Izabella Woodruff: Reading: Proficient

8th Grade

Hailey Clark: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient  
Ben Gill: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient  
Gaven Herald: Math: Proficient and Science: Proficient  
Delaney Kelsch: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient  
Nathan Combs: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient  
Marques Phares: Reading: Proficient, Math: Distinguished, and Science: Proficient  
Robert Smith: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient  
Abby Lathem: Reading: Proficient  
Cyrus Pick: Science: Proficient

Bethany Smith: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient  
Drew Sparks: Reading: Proficient  
Noah Zurface: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient

2.1 \*BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported to the Board the Impact Kentucky Working Conditions Survey results reflect a positive and collaborative culture within the school. Principal Kelsch stated survey data highlighted strengths in school climate and leadership support, while identifying areas for continued growth, including student behavior supports and access to resources. Overall, the results demonstrated a dedicated faculty and staff who feel valued, supported, and invested in the district's mission of providing high-quality educational opportunities for students. Principal Kelsch also reported the upcoming senior trip to Washington D.C. is March 22-25 with 20 seniors and 4 chaperones going on the trip, the 2026 Graduation Speaker is Mrs. Millie Bush, and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be competing in the first round of the Amazing Shake competition on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane updated the Board on several funding initiatives currently underway. The district has submitted multiple grant applications, including a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant totaling \$450,000 over three years to support K-6 afterschool programming Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m., providing academic support and enrichment activities, as well as a four-week summer program offering six hours of daily instruction. Additional applications include a TENCO Youth Employment Grant for \$100,000, a Summer Boost Reading and Math Grant, and a Math Achievement Fund Mini-Grant, which is currently in progress and due February 19. The district was also awarded the Read to Achieve Grant to strengthen K-3 reading intervention efforts. Superintendent McCane further informed the Board that the Governor's budget released in late January included \$2,679,000 in gap funding through the School Facilities Assistance Fund for the new Multipurpose Educational Gym Facility. Advocacy efforts are ongoing with House and Senate legislators to secure the remaining half of the funding needed to complete Phase II of the project. She also shared the district's four-year Strategic Plan for Board review and requested consideration for adoption at the March meeting.

3.3. Enrollment

Rationale:

Enrolment:

P-12: 300

K-12: 285

9-12: 88

New Horizon Academy: 10

Attendance:

Month: 93.50%

YTD: 95.45%

Amended Calendar Update as of 02-09-26

- Total days missed counting NTI days: 14 Days
- All 10 NTI days have been utilized
- Snow Days: 4 Days
- Delays: 4 One Hour Delays/ 1 Two Hour Delay
- Instructional time will be made up on President's Day, February 16 and March 20 to replace two snow days. The district has 25 banked hours available, equivalent to four instructional days before any days would need to be added to the end of the school year.

3.4. Citizens

3.5. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

#### 4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

##### January 2026 Budget Report

##### General Fund

Revenue receipts through January totaled approximately \$1,637,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$382,000 was collected from property taxes. \$64,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$20,000 was disbursed in motor vehicle taxes, while \$17,000 in donations was received. \$39,000 was collected in PSC taxes. \$4,000 was received in reimbursements. \$3,600 was received for delinquent taxes. \$1,300 was collected in transportation reimbursement. \$1,000 has been earned in interest.

**State Revenue:** \$1,096,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$3,800 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

**Federal Revenue:** \$2,300 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through January totaled approximately \$1,348,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$28,000. \$12,000 was expended through January, with another \$500 obligated. Expenses included \$3,800 on technology supplies and subscriptions, \$3,000 on copier rental, \$2,000 on general supplies, \$1,100 on instructional materials, \$800 on travel reimbursement, and \$700 on registration fees.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled nearly \$224,000 through January. Expenses included \$67,000 on property insurance, \$60,000 on salaries and benefits, \$55,000 on utility services, \$25,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$8,700 on professional services, and \$7,500 on general supplies. 54% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through January, costs totaled nearly \$57,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$39,000. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$5,700 (including the suburban door repair, which was reimbursed through insurance). Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$5,400, while annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$1,100. 40% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

*For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$288,000.*

**Investments:** Currently, \$700,000 is invested from the General Fund in CDs. These CDs will mature in May.

##### Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

##### Food Service Fund

**Revenue:** Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$124,000 was received in federal revenue, \$1,000 was received in state revenue, while \$8,100 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$137,000.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled nearly \$122,000 through January. \$80,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$39,000. \$1,200 has been expended on professional services and equipment repair. \$800 has been disbursed for travel, as well as for hauling of commodities.

The food service balance as of January 31 was approximately \$14,800.

##### Other Investments

Scholarship Fund - \$33,000 invested in a CD, which will mature in April.

Building Fund - \$132,00 invested in a CD, which will mature in April.

Construction Fund - \$6,289,990 is invested in CDs. CDs are capped at \$250,000 each, so there are 26 CDs, which will mature April-June.

**Order #26-1297 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

#### 4.2. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

##### Monthly Facilities Report:

\*Installed a new PA microphone in the school's main office

\*Repaired PA and bell systems

\*Repaired chair lift

\*Repaired office HVAC system

\*Removed asbestos from the boiler room

\*Removed playground equipment

\*Replaced HVAC filters in all units

\*Replaced science lab sink

**Order #26-1298 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

#### 4.3. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane provided a Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility progress update.

#### 4.4. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:

Momentum Construction's Pay App #1 verified by G. Scott & Associates, Architects in the amount of \$75,708.00.

**Order #26-1299 - Motion Passed:** Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

#### 4.5. Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar

**Order #26-1300 - Motion Passed:** Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

#### 4.6. Approve First Reading Board Policy 07.1 Meal Charges

Rationale:

The revised policy aligns with the district's practices and updates the board policy to accurately reflect current operations.

**Current Policy:**

Students shall not be permitted to charge a la carte items, nor shall adults be permitted to charge meals or a la carte items.

**Revised Policy:**

Students shall not be permitted to charge more than \$10 for a la carte items. Adults shall not be permitted to charge more than \$125 for meals or a la carte items. Any adult balance that exists on June 01 of each year shall be payroll deducted in June.

**Order #26-1301 - Motion Passed:** Approve First Reading Board Policy 07.1 Meal Charges passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

#### 5. Business Consent Items

**Order #26-1302 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

Mr. Bob Snapp                      Yes  
Mr. Mike Taylor                    Yes

5.1.    **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

5.2.    **Approve FMLA Request**

Rationale:

Family Medical Leave Act Request: Sommer Siler (April 30, 2026 - August 2026)

5.3.    **Approve FRYSC Assurance Certification for 2026-2028**

5.4.    **Approve Use of District Property**

5.5.    **Approve Fundraisers**

5.6.    **Approve Surplus Items**

Rationale:

Chromebooks: 11434, 11446, 11453, 11441, 11462, 11437, 11461, 11457, 11458, 11449, 11444, 11439, 11448, 11440, 11460, 11447, 11443, 11454, 11435, and 11451

5.7.    **Approve Bills**

5.8.    **Approve Treasurer's Report**

6.      **Approve Adjournment**

Rationale:

February 16th: Presidents Day - School will be in session as a make-up day for January 29

February 20th -22nd: KSBA Annual Conference at the Galt House in Louisville

March 12th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

March 20th: School will be in session as a make-up day for January 30

March 30th - April 3rd: No School - Spring Break

April 9th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Order #26-1303 - Motion Passed:** Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach                    Yes  
Mr. Matthew McCane                Yea  
Ms. Chasity Saunders              Yes  
Mr. Bob Snapp                      Yes  
Mr. Mike Taylor                    Yes

  
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Mike Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Lisa McCane, Superintendent