

Augusta Independent Board of Education
April 10th, 2025 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mrs. Jodie Tackett
Mr. Mike Taylor

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy Birthday Board Member! Jodie Tackett, April 4th.

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Mission Statement

Rationale:

The mission of Augusta Independent School is to ensure all students achieve high levels of learning in a nurturing climate, empowering them to be responsible and productive citizens of a global community.

1.4. Approval Agenda

Order #25-1179 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Drama Club Scene Performance of Upcoming Peter Pan.

Drama Club Members: Aleah Appleman, Karl Blackburn, Abbey Bradford, Ayden Courts, Alex, Gill, Nora Gill, Bryanna Hatcher, Dylan Hatcher, Mallory Jett, Jason Kearns, Tristen Price, Aubrie Renfrow, JoBeth Schmidt, and Charlie Smith.

Jasper Miller: Acceptance to Craft Academy for Fall 2025.

2.1 *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed the board members the school was awarded the R.C. Durr Foundation Grant for new microscopes. Mr. Kelsch also reported that 20 students will be going on the Senior Trip April 21-24 to Orlando, upcoming changes to the United We Learn Assessment & Accountability System, and state-wide ACT test taken by juniors show scores average is 16.3 with 13 out of 20 students meeting benchmark.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported to board members the district will receive \$2.69 million in gap funds for the new gymnasium project and the district is working with the architect, construction manager, fiscal agent and SFCC in an effort to begin the project after July 1. Superintendent McCane updated board members on the US Department of Education status and potential impact on state funding and that the district did not receive a Comprehensive Literacy grant and that the Numeracy Counts and GEAR US KY grants will be announced soon.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Substitute Teacher Hires:

Kathy Blevins

Kimberly Habermehl

Tanner Kelsch

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

March 2025

Enrollment

P-12: 331

K-12: 316

9-12: 109

New Horizons Academy: 7

Attendance

Month: 93.92%

YTD: 93.01%

Calendar update:

-10 NTI days have been used for health/safety

- 2 missed days (snow/flood) (students will not have make up days/staff will have to make up one day to meet contract)

-Currently 12 hours are banked

-Currently no make-up days need to be scheduled

-Currently no change to the current 24-25 calendar at this time

-Graduation still scheduled for May 23

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

March 2025 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through March totaled nearly \$1,895,000.

Local Revenue: Nearly \$357,000 was received in property taxes. \$110,000 has been collected in utilities tax, while \$72,000 has been collected in PSC taxes. \$26,000 in interest has been earned. Motor vehicle taxes accounted for \$24,000. \$15,000 in donations was received. \$5,500 was received in reimbursements. \$5,000 was received for transportation reimbursement, while \$2,400 was received for delinquent property taxes.

State Revenue: Nearly \$1,267,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$4,900 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$5,100 was received in Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through March totaled approximately \$1,855,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,000. \$17,000 has been expended, with another \$500 obligated. Expenses included \$7,500 on general supplies, \$4,100 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$3,700 on copier-printer costs, \$900 on registration fees, and \$600 on travel.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$272,000 through March. Expenses included \$82,000 on salaries and benefits, \$82,000 on utility services, \$57,000 on property insurance, \$28,000 on building and equipment repairs/maintenance, \$17,000 on general supplies, \$6,000 on professional services/snow removal, and \$1,100 on equipment rental. 66% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through March, costs totaled \$152,000. Vehicles accounted for \$65,800. (This is for the two new buses, but we have submitted the tax forms to be reimbursed for this amount). Salaries and benefits accounted for \$51,000. \$12,000 has been expended on machinery. \$7,400 was expended for diesel fuel/gasoline. Repair parts and tires

have totaled \$5,100. Annual fleet insurance was \$4,600. Vehicle repair accounted for \$4,000. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$900. 53% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$40,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$36,000. \$150,000 in federal revenue has been received, while over \$13,000 has been collected locally. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$199,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$205,000 through March. Food supplies totaled \$114,000. Salary expenses totaled \$85,000. \$3,300 has been expended on equipment repair, \$1,500 has been disbursed for travel, \$800 for hauling of commodities, and \$700 has been spent on general supplies.

The food service balance as of March 31 was approximately -\$6,000, the same as the prior month.

Order #25-1180 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mrs. Jodie Tackett.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

4.2. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Facilities Report:

- Repaired band room toilets
- Repaired elevator electric issue
- Repaired cafeteria freezer
- Repaired library women's toilet
- Repaired vent in concession stand
- Buffed hallway, gym, and hardwood floors
- Deep cleaned school over spring break
- Replaced fitness room lighting
- Replaced swings on playground
- Replaced two air conditioners in 2nd grade/HS math classrooms (donors choose)
- Cintas contract (toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, cleaning supplies, air fresheners, mop heads, entry rugs, and all dispensers)
- New Gym HVAC Update: The custom curb is complete and ready for pickup. Jefferson Heating & Cooling is awaiting the crane company to schedule removal of the existing units and once completed, the custom curb will be installed. Then electric and gas will be disconnected to complete the installation of the new unit, which is still being manufactured. The project is on schedule for completion before graduation.

Order #25-1181 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

4.3. Monthly 2025 Summer Feeding Program

Rationale:

The Maysville Housing Authority will operate a Summer Feeding Program site at Augusta Independent School tentatively set for June 2-August 8, 2025.

The program will operate Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for children 18-years-old and younger.

Order #25-1182 - Motion Passed: Approve 2025 Summer Feeding Program passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |

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| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

4.4. Approve 2025-2026 Technology Plan

Rationale:

The technology plan is required to be approved annually by the Board and highlights technology improvements and needs for the district.

Under the previous plan, large networking projects were completed successfully. The district refreshed its wireless access points, replaced approximately 70% of network switches, along with the Core, and replaced the fiber connection between buildings. We implemented a Chromebook replacement plan, purchasing 100 new Chromebooks. All classrooms have now been transitioned from the BrightLink projection devices to flat screen panels.

There are several new statewide initiatives, including CUES and the adoption of a new internet content management system that will need to be implemented to ensure infrastructure and access continues to improve. The district will also continue a Chromebook replacement plan, as Chromebook devices purchased during the pandemic reach end-of-life. This will be a substantial annual financial investment from the district. The technology plan will continue to advocate to utilize staff to be able to provide technology classes and technology instruction to ensure students are proficient in the technology standards

Order #25-1183 - Motion Passed: Approve 2025-2026 Technology Plan passed with a motion by Mrs. Jodie Tackett and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

5. Business Consent Items

Order #25-1184 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Trip Request

5.3. Approve Bills

5.4. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Approve to Enter Executive Session KRS 160.350

Rationale:

The board entered executive session to discuss personnel (Superintendent's Contract) at 6:28 P.M.

Order #25-1185 - Motion Passed: Approve to Enter Executive Session KRS 160.350 passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

6.1. Approve to Exit Executive Session KRS 160.350

Rationale:

The board exited executive session at 7:13 P.M.

Order #25-1186 - Motion Passed: Approve to Enter Executive Session KRS 160.350 passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

6.2. Approve Acceptance of Superintendent's Retirement Notice Effective December 31, 2025

Rationale:

The board will give the Superintendent a one year contract with the option to remain in the district for the full school year.

Order #25-1187 - Motion Passed: Approval of Superintendent's Retirement Notice Effective December 31, 2025 passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Jodie Tackett.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |

7. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

April 21st - 24th: Senior Trip to Orlando
May 5th-16th: State Testing Window
May 8th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M. & Band Concert 7:00 P.M.
May 15th: Senior Awards 6:00 P.M.
May 20th: Awards Programs (K-3rd 8:30, 4th-6th 9:30, 7th-12th 10:30)
May 21st: Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 P.M.
May 22nd: LPC Meeting 5:00 P.M.
May 23rd: Last Day of School & Graduation 7:00 P.M.
May 27th: Closing Day for Staff
June 12th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Order #25-1188 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |
| Mr. Bob Snapp | Yes |
| Mrs. Jodie Tackett | Yes |
| Mr. Mike Taylor | Yes |



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent