

Augusta Independent Board of Education
December 9th, 2021 5:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 5:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Mr. Shawn Hennessey
Mrs. Dionne Laycock
Mrs. Julie Moore
Ms. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rational:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Augusta Independent School Family!
Happy Birthday Board Member Shawn Hennessey Dec. 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 of Agenda

Order #21-803 ~ Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Cross Country Team and Coaching Staff!

Team Awards: Cross Country Team Regional Champions, Fourth Place Cross Country Team State Championship.

Individual Awards: Matt Jones and Grayson Miller All-State Cross Country Team. Matt finished 20th and Grayson 25th.

Cross Country Team Members: Elijah Cline, John Paul Cordle, Bryant Curtis, Braylie Curtis, Matthew Jones, Michael Jones, Grayson Miller, & Conner Snapp.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach, Tim Litteral; Assistant, Camryn Snapp; and Assistant, Jason Snapp.

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported the library renovations were nearing completion and with the addition of the library media specialist, emphasis will be placed on establishing a school-wide literacy plan.

Board members learned the district's school based therapist has a case load serving over forty students and the addition of a full-time therapist is making a positive impact on students' social and emotional health, according to Principal Kelsch. He stated two school based therapists from Comprehend provide services two half days per week.

Principal Kelsch informed the board; the Test to Stay Program is fully operational and has helped the district reduce student and staff quarantines. He explained increases in COVID infection rates at school have been most significant after the holidays and this program has helped mitigate school-wide spread of the infection.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane announced Augusta Independent School District received a \$25,000 donation from Homan Foundation from the acquisition of the F.A. Neider building by the Augusta Distillery.

Superintendent McCane stated the district is partnering with the Bracken County Health Department and Primary Plus to operate a student health clinic to provide telehealth and dental services at Augusta Independent School. She explained the telehealth equipment has been partially installed, training for the school nurse is being scheduled, dental health services are anticipated to begin in the spring and program promotion will begin in January.

The full board agreed to Superintendent McCane's recommendation to contribute \$1,000 to the Cross Country Team's championship rings after winning the Region and placing 4th at the State.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Termination: Buffy Knott (Effective November 30th, 2021)

New Student Teacher: Kacy Gilkerson - Elementary (Starting January 3rd, 2022)

Substitute Classified Custodian Hire: Jimmy Kiskaden

New Emergency Substitute Teacher: Madison Kelsch

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

November 2021

Enrollment: P-12: 330 and K-12: 312

Panther Virtual Learning Academy: 16

November Attendance: 93.08%

YTD Attendance: 94.01%

School's Overall Self-Reporting COVID-19 Data as of 12/06/2021

Quarantined students due to direct exposure: 6

Quarantined students tested positive: 1

Quarantined staff due to direct exposure: 0

Quarantined staff tested positive: 0

Test to Stay Program students tested: 2

Test to Stay Program staff tested: 0

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

November 2021 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through November totaled \$844,000.

Local Revenue: \$181,000 was collected in property taxes. \$42,000 was received in utility taxes. Over \$12,000 was collected in tuition. Nearly \$10,000 was received for motor vehicle taxes and \$4,500 for delinquent property taxes. Transportation reimbursement accounted for \$2,600, and \$1,700 was received in PSC taxes.

State Revenue: \$577,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$7,600 was received for security equipment reimbursement. \$2,700 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$1,500 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through November totaled \$696,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$19,571. Through November, \$9,200 was expended. Expenses included \$2,800 on copier fees, \$1,700 on general supplies, \$1,600 on dues and fees, \$1,500 for technology resources, and \$1,000 on professional services.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$129,000 through November. Expenses included \$41,000 on property insurance, \$34,000 on salaries and benefits, \$33,000 on utility services, \$10,000 on repairs and maintenance, \$8,400 on general supplies, and \$2,100 on professional services. 42% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through November, costs totaled \$44,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$13,000. The annual Suburban payment was \$11,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$8,300. \$6,000 has been expended on repair parts and tires. \$5,000 has been spent on diesel fuel/gasoline. 45% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$147,000.

Special Revenue Fund

A \$25,000 donation was received from the Homan Foundation. The funds will help offset the library renovation costs.

Library renovation costs currently sit at \$59,000. The total project cost was expected to be near \$70,000 but is anticipated to come in under budget once completed. In addition to the \$25,000 just received, we had previously received \$10,000 from the Beehive/Augusta Distillery fundraiser and \$15,000 from the Durr Foundation to total \$50,000 towards helping fund the renovation project.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: \$64,000 was received in federal reimbursement, while \$600 was received for state reimbursement. \$3,300 was collected in local revenue. Receipts for the year totaled \$68,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled nearly \$70,000 through November including \$28,000 on salaries and benefits, \$24,000 in food costs, \$8,500 for equipment repair (AC repair), \$3,500 in milk/vending expenses, \$2,700 on machinery, \$800 on dues and fees, and \$500 on general supplies. The food service balance as of November 30 remained approximately \$48,000.

Order #21-804 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.2. Approve Authorization for GEAR UP Kentucky Program

Rationale:

GEAR UP: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs Authorized by Congress in 1998, GEAR UP is a competitive federal grant program designed to increase the high school graduation and college-going rates of students from low-income households. In 2018, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education was awarded a seven-year, \$24.5 million grant to serve at least 10,000 middle and high school students in 12 school districts on post-secondary success.

Augusta Independent School District will be filling a district spot that recently opened up for the remainder of the grant cycle until 2025. The district will then have the option to remain in the program for the next seven-year grant cycle from 2025-2032.

This is a reimbursable federal grant that will be no cost to the district.

Learn more at <http://gearupky.org/>

Order #21-805 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization for GEAR UP Kentucky Program passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.3. Approve Contingency Plan Board Resolution

Rationale:

Previously, RSA financial advisor, Bob Tarvin presented that KDE would require additional resolutions from the board to proceed with the new gymnasium project.

KDE desires the following additional board resolution:

To acknowledge a contingency plan should the \$56,900 annual board commitment not be sufficient through staffing reductions.

*See attachment for full resolution.

Order #21-806 - Motion Passed: Approve Contingency Plan Board Resolution passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.4. Approve Equalization Board Resolution

Rationale:

Previously, RSA financial advisor, Bob Tarvin presented that KDE would require additional resolutions from the board to proceed with the new gymnasium project.

KDE desires the following additional board resolution:

To acknowledge the new gymnasium project requires full equalization of the District's recallable nickel by the Kentucky General Assembly during the spring 2022 legislative session and, should the additional funding not be approved by the General Assembly, the District acknowledges that they will be required to submit an alternative financing plan to KDE in order to continue the project.

*See attachment for full resolution.

Order #21-807 - Motion Passed: Approve Equalization Board Resolution passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.5. Approve Comprehensive School/District Improvement Plans 2021-2022

Rationale:

The 2021-2022 CSIP/CDIP outlined the school and districts improvement initiatives.

Order #21-808 - Motion Passed: Approve Comprehensive School/District Improvement Plans 2021-2022 passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.6. Approve Authorization to Submit a Read to Achieve Grant Proposal

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reported the district is in the process of completing a Read to Achieve grant proposal for submission to KDE by January 5, 2022.

Order #21-809 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization to Submit a Read to Achieve Grant Proposal passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.7. Approve 2022 Board Meeting Calendar

Order #21-810 - Motion Passed: Approve 2022 Board Meeting Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.8. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Assembled new library furniture and shelves
- Repaired cafeteria drain
- Replaced amplifier for bell system
- Waxed gym floor
- Replaced 10 old fire extinguishers

*The next Augusta City Council Meeting is December 15. The acquisition of property for the new gymnasium will be on the agenda for approval.

Order #21-811 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

5. Business Content Items

Order #21-812 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Acceptance of Donations

5.3. Approve Use of District Property

5.4. Approve FMLA Request

Rationale:

Family Medical Leave Act Request: Kim Carpenter (February 16th, 2022 - May 11th, 2022 for birth of child)

5.5. Approve Surplus Computers

Rationale:

Surplus Computers:

10693, 10912, 11191, 10736, 10727, 10728

5.6. Approve Bills

5.7. Approve Treasure's Report

6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

December 9th: Christmas Band Concert @ 6:00 p.m.

December 11th: White Christmas Parade @ 5:30 p.m. & AIEF White Christmas Fundraiser Ball at 7:30p.m.


December 20th-31st: No School - Christmas Break


January 3rd: Classes Resume after Christmas Break

January 13th: Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Order #21-813 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes


Julie Moore, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent