

Augusta Independent Board of Education
June 11, 2026 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mr. Matthew McCane
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mr. Mike Taylor

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Hello Summer!

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 #26-1335 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

2. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch updated the board on the summer TENCO Youth Employment Program and the district's Summer Boost Program and the upcoming visit of Kentucky's Commissioner of Education Dr. Robbie Fletcher.

2.1. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported New Horizons Academy in partnership with KEDC will include part-time homeschool students starting in the 2026-2027 school year and the district met with City of Augusta Council Member, Chris Robinson and City Attorney, Cynthia Thompson to discuss the city utilities relocation costs.

2.2. Personnel

Rationale:

2026-2027 School Year

Certified Hire:

Brian Kirk - Full-Time Physical Education-Health Teacher

Resignation:

Meghan Miller - 5th Grade Teacher

Certified Vacancy:

5th Grade Teacher Full-Time effective August 10, 2026 (Posted June 1-15)

2.3. Enrollment

Rationale:

End of the Year Enrolment:

P-12: 301

K-12: 284

9-12: 91 (25 graduating seniors)

New Horizon Academy: 12 (2 graduating seniors)

Virtual: 2

Attendance:

May: 94.34%

25-26 year: 94.19%

2.4. Citizens

2.5. Board Members

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

May 2026 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through May totaled nearly \$2,477,000.

Local Revenue: \$413,000 was collected from property taxes. \$151,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$71,000 was collected in PSC taxes. Nearly \$38,000 was disbursed for motor vehicle taxes, while \$17,000 in donations was received. Nearly \$17,000 has been earned in interest. \$7,500 was received in reimbursements. \$5,800 was received for delinquent taxes. \$3,400 was collected in transportation reimbursement.

State Revenue: Nearly \$1,743,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$6,000 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

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

Expenditures through May totaled approximately \$2,180,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$28,000. \$22,000 was expended through May, with another \$1,600 obligated. Expenses included \$4,700 on copier rental, \$4,900 on general supplies, \$4,000 on technology supplies and subscriptions, \$3,200 on registration fees, \$1,400 on dues and fees, \$1,300 on travel reimbursement, and \$1,100 on instructional materials.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled nearly \$328,000 through May. Expenses included \$104,000 on utility services, \$97,000 on salaries and benefits, \$78,000 on property insurance, \$18,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$17,000 on general supplies, \$12,000 on professional services, and \$2,100 on snow removal. 81% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through May, costs totaled \$83,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$60,000. Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$8,000, while annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$4,200. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$1,600. 61% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$296,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$230,000 was received in federal revenue, \$2,900 was received in state revenue, while \$12,600 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled nearly \$249,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled nearly \$207,000 through May. \$139,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$67,000. \$2,700 has been expended on professional services and equipment repair. \$1,200 has been disbursed for hauling of commodities, while \$800 has been paid out for travel reimbursement.

The food service balance as of May 31 was approximately \$37,000.

Order #26-1336 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

3.2. Approve Portrait of a Panther Work-Ready Certificate

Rationale:

As part of the new accountability system, a Portrait of a Learner is required by each district to establish the workplace skills and characteristics that students should possess upon graduation and a work-ready certificate to be awarded to seniors at graduation.

During the 2025-2026 school year, a committee led by Mr. Litteral and Mrs. Bishop developed our district's Portrait of a Panther. Once seniors demonstrate they have the workplace skills and characteristics, they receive a Panther Proven work-ready certificate. The board will approve the work-ready certificate to be implemented starting in the 2026-2027 school year.

Order #26-1337 - Motion Passed: Approve Portrait of a Panther Work-Ready Certificate passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

3.3. Approve 2026-2027 Insurance Package Renewal

Rationale:

The district's insurance policy includes property, fleet, general liability, educators general liability, umbrella, and workers compensation with Assured Partners. Superintendent McCane recommended renewing the district's insurance coverage with Bluegrass Risk Management for FY 2026-2027 at a premium cost of \$65,591. This represents an increase of \$2,523 over last year's premium of \$63,068. The workers compensation insurance premium with Harford for FY 2026-2027 is \$7,678, representing a \$428 increase over last year's premium of \$7,250.

Order #26-1338 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Insurance Package Renewal passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.4. Approve Second Reading Amendments to 03.1231 Certified and 03.2231 Classified Personal Leave Board Policies

Rationale:

The approval will increase personal leave allowable annually from one (1) day to two (2) days for both certified and classified employees effective July 1, 2026.

Order #26-1339- Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading Amendments to 03.1231 Certified and 03.2231 Classified Personal Leave Board Policies passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.5. Approve First Reading pf the 2026 KSBA Board Policy Updates

Rationale:

Attached are the customized 2026 policy update (#49) and procedure update (#30) (if applicable). The proposed changes reflect new legal requirements.

Please note the following:

At the top of each draft is the legal and/or recommended explanation for the proposed change. In the body of each draft, new language is underlined. Language with ~~strike-through~~ is recommended for deletion.

Order #26-1340 - Motion Passed: Approve First Reading of the 2026 KSBA Board Policy Updates passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.6. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:

Attached is Momentum Construction's Pay App #5 verified by G. Scott & Associates, Architects in the amount of \$47,070.00.

DPOs, in addition to the Pay App:

09DPO	Atlas Enterprises	\$12,713.00
10DPO	Ferguson Enterprises	\$166.79
14DPO	Eckart Elec	\$24,593.41

Order #26-1341 - Motion Passed: Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.7. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- All classrooms buffed and waxed
- Installed new vinyl floor trim in new upstairs hallway to match bottom hallway
- Prepared crawl space for asbestos abatement
- Replaced and repaired two boiler valves and control units in basement

Upcoming Maintenance:

- Install gym shot clocks
- Install new heat/air in west wing of building due to gym addition
- Install new light fixtures in old building
- Install new security cameras
- Install new sidewalk from parking lot (band building) to cafeteria
- Paint restrooms
- Purchase new Suburban
- Repair hardwood floors in middle school math room
- Tuckpoint library columns

Order #26-1342 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

3.8. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

- RSA Fiscal Agent Finance Options
- Electric service to the school is currently shut down due to site utilities being relocated
- After site utilities are relocated, courtyard concrete, footers and foundation work will begin
- Set to install transformer on Friday 6/12 and electrical reconnected on Tuesday 6/16
- Air Source is scheduled for 6/15 to complete abatement in the crawl space
- Water line and storm line complete and backfill can begin next week for building pad

4. Business Consent Items

Order #26-1343 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve 2026-2027 Pledge of Collateral

Rationale:

* The Pledge of Collateral was formerly called Bond of Depository.

KRS 160.570 requires each board of education to appoint a bank, trust company, or savings and loan association to serve as its depository. The depository selected shall, before entering upon its duties, provide collateral in accordance with KRS 41.240. The depository shall be approved by the local board of education and by the commissioner of education. For a depository to be approved, a depository must provide a *Pledge of Collateral*. Pursuant to KRS 41.240, the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or always exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit. In accordance with KRS 160.570, approval must be obtained by the local board of education in accordance with Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) administrative regulations and be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

The **Pledge of Collateral Agreement** provides evidence between the board of education and the depository institution, of a pledge or provision of collateral in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution. Collateral includes securities or other obligations having an aggregate current face value or current quoted market value at least equal to the deposits or the provision of a surety bond(s) in favor of the district in an amount at least equal to the deposits, provided however, that amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation need not be collateralized. This agreement shall be signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. A board of education may enter into an agreement with its depository institution whereby the premium on collateral guaranteed by a surety company may be paid either by the board, or by the depository as evidenced in KRS 160.570 (2). If the district board of education pays the premium, the depository shall allow the board not less than two percent (2%) interest on its average daily or average monthly balances. The agreement should be retained in the district's board office.

4.3. Approve Capital Funds Request

4.4. Approve 2026-2027 Fidelity Bond of Treasurer

Rationale:

Per KRS 160.560 and 702 KAR 3:080, it is the duty of each local board of education to bond their board treasurer and any other school employee who is responsible for board of education funds of \$100,000.

4.5. Approve FY27 FRYSC Funding Contract

Rationale:

FY27 FRYSC Funding Contract allocation for the upcoming fiscal year is \$51,134.

4.6. Approve 2026-2027 Substitute Teacher

Rationale:

2026-2027 Substitute Teachers

Certified

Luanne Applegate

Jacob Hay

Missy Hay

Non-Certified

Ema Hurst

Laura Kabler

Robert (Bob) Kelsch

Elizabeth Hinson
Rebecca Saunders
Emergency Non-Certified
Kathy Blevins
Samantha Dyar
Kason Hinson
Debbie Mayfield
Phil White
Cafe/Janitor Sub
Sheryl Taylor

4.7. Approve 2026-2027 District Participation in the Emergency Non-Certified School Personnel Program

4.8. Approve 2025-2026 Amended Extra Duty & Substitute Salary Schedules

Rationale:

A minor correction on the extra-duty schedule. The Numeracy Counts Grant originally listed two \$1,000 stipends for participating teachers to be paid over the next two years. However, it was later determined that both stipends were intended to be paid during the first year of the grant. As a result, the Extra Duty Stipend Schedule has been revised to reflect a total stipend amount of \$2,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

4.9. Approve Fundraisers

4.10. Approve Trip Request

4.11. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

Surplus Items

- Chromebooks: 11499, 11518, 11494, 11445, 11519, 11520, 11507, 11500, 11511, 11505, 11517, 11498, 11515, 11497, 11512, 11493, 11516, 11506, 11521, 11496, 11509, 11513, 11502, 11828, 11834, 11835
- Desktops: 11224, 11223, 11221, 11225, 11168

4.12. Approve Bills

4.13. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

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

August 13th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

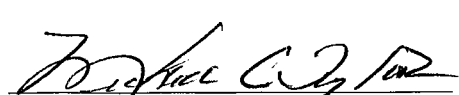
August 10th: Opening Day for Staff

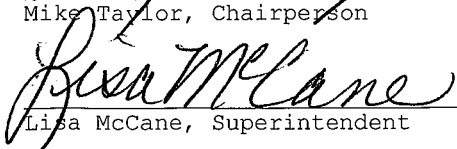
August 10th-21st: Staff PD Days

August 16th: 12:00-4:00 P.M.

Order #26-1344 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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


Mike Taylor, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent