

Augusta Independent Board of Education
August 14, 2025 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Mr. Matthew McCane
Mr. Bob Snapp-Remote Attendance
Mr. Mike Taylor

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Welcome Back to School!
Welcome New Board Member, Matt McCane!

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 elevated levels of learning in a nurturing climate, empowering them to be responsible and productive citizens of a global community.

1.4. Approve Amended Agenda

Rationale:

Amended the Agenda to add approval of fundraisers.

Order #25-1240 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Amended Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

2. Communications

2.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported Back to School updates, Read-I-Fest is August 21 from 5-7PM and the new school year theme: Rise Up: One Goal, One Heart, One Climb. Mr. Kelsch also reported updates on SB 73 related to sexual extortion and HB 208 restricting cell phones, smart watches and personal devices by students during instructional time.

2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rational:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported to Board members the district was awarded the GEAR UP KY Grant for 2025-2032 which will include both middle school and high school students. Autumn Bishop, the district's GEAR UP coordinator has been extended employment through GEAR UP to work in the district until the continuation grant begins in the fall. Superintendent McCane also reported the district will be revising the Mission Statement and developing a three-year strategic plan focused on building a culture of continuous student improvement. Superintendent McCane also informed the board of the PreK for All state initiative aimed at

early learning beginning with 4-year-olds in Kentucky and that the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation, Inc. will hold their annual alumni dinner on September 27th at the Augusta Distillery and invited all board members to attend.

2.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Hires:

Tanner Kelsch - Middle School Math Teacher

Mark Kiskaden - Golf Coach

New Substitutes:

Chasity Gray

Ema Hurst

2.4. Enrollment

Rational:

2025-2026 School Year Enrollment:

Estimated Enrollment: K-12: 290

Estimated Enrollment: PK-12: 305

New Horizon Students: 7

2.5. Citizens

2.6. Board Members

Rational:

Board Chairwoman, Mrs. Laura Bach welcomed new board member, Mr. Matthew McCane to the school board.

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. Approve Revised Gymnasium Addition BG-1-22-521

Rational:

- The Board's Architect, Craig Aossey joined via Zoom and reviewed the New Gymnasium Project BG-1, project plans, and proposed timeline.
- The board approved the revised BG-1 for the Gymnasium Addition BG22-521, that reflected the changes in budget and cost associated with changing from Construction Management to a General Contractor.
- Total funds available: \$7,329,000

Order #25-1241 - Motion Passed: Approve Revised Gymnasium Addition BG-1-22-521 passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.2. Approve G.Scott & Associates, Architects Permission to Advertise for New Gymnasium Bids

Rationale:

Agenda Item was tabled until the September Meeting.

3.3. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rational:

July 2025 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts in July totaled \$155,000.

Local Revenue: No significant local revenue was received.

State Revenue: Nearly \$154,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$500 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: No federal revenue received.

Expenditures in July totaled approximately \$219,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$28,000. \$1,000 was expended in July. Expenses included \$500 on registration fees and \$400 on copier rental.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled nearly \$77,000 in July. Expenses included \$67,000 on property insurance, \$7,100 on salaries and benefits, \$1,600 on utility services, and \$500 on professional services. 19% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: In July, costs totaled nearly \$11,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$5,300. Annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$300. 8% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date expenditures exceeded receipts by approximately \$64,500.

Special Revenue Fund

The federal funding that had been paused was released at the end of July, so we should have full access to those grants, totaling approximately \$21,000.

State and federal grant amounts.

Grant	New Year Funding	Prior Year Funding	Difference
CTE	\$27,855	\$19,139	+ 8,716
Community Education	\$20,000	\$20,000	0
ESS	\$15,000	\$15,000	0
FRYSC	\$50,539	\$50,190	+ 349
GT	\$23,155	\$23,160	- 5
State Preschool	\$42,231	\$54,446	- 12,215
School Based Mental Health	\$43,095	\$43,095	0
Safe Schools	\$24,491	\$24,335	+ 156
SRO	\$20,000	\$20,000	0
RTA	\$62,000	\$62,000	0
Title 1	\$97,295	\$104,433	- 7,138
IDEA	\$81,094	\$78,846	+ 2,248
IDEA Preschool	\$9,705	\$9,686	+ 19
Title 2 C (Perkins)	\$3,743	\$1,725	+ 2,018
RLIS/SRSA	\$30,132 <i>Estimated</i>	\$17,500	+ 12,632
Title 2 A	\$10,599	\$10,420	+ 179
Title 4	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
			+ \$6,959

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. No revenue was received in July.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled over \$700 in July. Salary expenses totaled \$400 and \$300 has been disbursed for travel.

The food service balance as of July 31 was \$2,800.

Order #25-1242 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

3.4. Approve 2025-2026 Property Tax Rates

Rational:

The Augusta Independent Board of Education voted to levy a 4% increase for the 2025-2026 tax rates with applicable exonerations.

Real Estate: \$.79.9 cents (24-25 was \$78.1)

Personal Property: \$.79.9 cents (24-25 was \$79.0)

Motor Vehicle/Watercraft: \$.57.6 cents (Same annually)

Utility: \$.3 cents (Same annually)

*State law allows school boards to approve a tax rate that brings in up to 4% more total money than the previous year. Because local property values have remained steady, the actual rate needed to reach that amount is much smaller at only a 1.8% increase on individual tax bills.

- 4% = the total amount of extra money for the school district
- 1.8% = the average increase on property tax bills
- The rate remains under \$.80 cents per \$100 of assessed property value

EXAMPLES:

Property Value	Assessment	Proposed Increase
\$100,000	\$799	\$17
\$150,000	\$1,198	\$27
\$200,000	\$1,600	\$38
\$250,000	\$1,997	\$45
\$300,000	\$2,397	\$54

Order #25-1243 - Motion Passed: Approve 2025-2026 Property Tax Rates passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.5. Approve St. Augustine as a Moral Instruction Provider

Rational:

Background:

The Kentucky General Assembly amended KRS 158.200 to allow school districts to excuse students from school for up to (1) hour for the purpose of receiving moral instruction, provided there is written consent from a parent or guardian. The instruction must occur off school property and shall not be funded, endorsed, or organized by the school district in any way.

The institution providing the instruction must submit, in writing, a request to the local board of education for approval.

Attached is a copy of the request from St. Augustine Church.

Order #25-1244 - Motion Passed: Approve St. Augustine as a Moral Instruction Provider passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.6. Approve Consumer Science Adjunct Instructor Certification for 2025-2026

Rational:

Renee McClanahan: Consumer Science Teacher

*Mrs. McClanahan will also teaches the Teaching & Learning career pathway for students interested in a teaching career.

Order #25-1245 - Motion Passed: Approve Consumer Science Adjunct Instructor Certification for 2025-2026 passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

3.7. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rational:

Monthly Facilities Updates:

- Gym HVAC Project is complete
- Repaired library and basement restrooms

- Replaced wash station in chemistry lab
- Repaired door lock issues (handle, new knob, entry switch)
- Painted hallways, cafeteria, and restrooms
- Installed new AC unit in high school English classroom
- Pressure washed doorways, sidewalks, and entry points
- Repaired leak on Bus 711
- Washed & Cleaned Buses
- Serviced Suburban - Oil Change

Order #25-1246 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

4. Business Consent Items

Order #25-1247 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Acceptance of Fundraiser

4.3. Approval of Donations

4.4. Approval Data Security & Data Breach Awareness Report

Rational:

Prior to August 31st of each year, school administrators must report to the local board *that the district has reviewed this guidance and implemented the best practices that meet the needs of personal information reasonable security in that district.* (702 KAR 1:170)

4.5. Approve Surplus Items

Rational:

Surplus Items

Chromebooks: 11280, 11302, 11322, 11323, 11371, 11387, 11403, 11406, 11385, 11408, 11405, 11389, 11399, 11396, 11384, 11402, 11349, 11356, 11398, 11375, 11374, 11395, 11400, 11363, 11354, 11367, 11364, 11370, 11362, 11341, 11347, 11373, 11366, 11355, 11372, 11368, 11348, 11365, 111343, 11358, 11352, 11351, 11413, 11428, 11420, 11417, 11409, 11429, 11410, 11425, 11433, 11412, 11432, 11427, 11411, 11423, 11415, 11414, 11426, 11416, 11422, 11421, 11430, 11418, 11431, 11344, 11346, 11361, 11369, 11388, 11407, 11419, 11345, 11397

4.6. Approve Bills

4.7. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

August 21st: Read-I-Fest from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
 August 25th: First Day of School for Students
 September 1st: Labor Day Holiday-No School
 September 11th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
 October 9th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
 October 13th-17th: Fall Break-No School

Order #25-1248 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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


Laura Bach, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent