

Augusta Independent Board of Education
February 8th, 2024 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Mr. Shawn Hennessey
Mr. Brian Jett
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Mike Taylor

Present Board Members:

Mr. Shawn Hennessey was updated to present at: 6:08 PM

1. Call to Order
- 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 #24-1053 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Absent
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rational:

Congratulations Academic Achievers!

Kindergarten

Reading and Math: Max Bach, Ziva Clark, and Alex Proffitt

Reading: Margo Bach

Math: Maggie Hodges

1st Grade

Reading: Peyton Holleran and Lakelyn Stanfied

6th Grade

Reading and Math: Alayna Cornett, Will Hilderbrand, and Jo Beth Schmidt

Reading: Hailey Clark, Maci Foz, Hugh Miller, Oliver Miller, and Bethany Smith

- 2.1. *Break

3. Communications

- 3.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Principal Kelsch reported the 2024 graduation speaker is State Senator, Shelley Funke Frommeyer. Mr. Kelsch updated the board on the social emotional learning programs and that the 39th District voted to seed next season in the 2024-2025.

- 3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane informed the board that notification of the electric bus grant is anticipated by April and should the district be awarded the grant, delivery of the buses would be in September 2024. Superintendent McCane also gave updates on the TENCO Youth Employment Grant for \$92,855.48 that was submitted by the District, legislative updates and the AIS Community Storm Shelter announcement. The KSBA 2024 Annual Conference will be held at the Galt House in Louisville March 1-3, 2024.

3.3. NKU School-Based Scholars Program

Rationale:

Autumn Bishop, GEAR-UP District Program Manager updated the Board on NKU's School-Based Scholars Program starting during the 2024-2025 school year. The dual credit program is for 10th-12th grade students and no cost to the district to participate in the program. The cost for students is the same price as MCTC at \$93/credit hour and though students have the option to attend class at NKU, the district will limit classes to online.

As a School-Based Scholar, the students will have access to resources at NKU such as the tutoring center, library, and perhaps the most exciting for them, the campus recreation center.

This will be a great addition for students to explore post-secondary options at the public university level!

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rational:

January 2024

Enrollment

P-12: 319

K-12: 300

9-12: 97

Attendance

August: 90.67%

Attendance YTD: 93.88%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

January 2024 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through January totaled nearly \$1,355,000.

Local Revenue: \$282,000 was received in property taxes. \$82,000 was received in utilities tax, while \$43,000 was received in PSC taxes. Nearly \$17,000 was received in motor vehicle taxes. Refund of prior year expenditures accounted for \$7,500 (includes FEMA payment). \$3,500 was collected from the sale of surplus equipment and \$2,500 for omitted property taxes. \$2,100 was received in reimbursement of expenses. \$1,900 was collected for bus rental.

State Revenue: \$900,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$3,800 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Nearly \$6,500 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through January totaled \$1,284,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,000. Nearly \$16,000 was expended through January. Expenses included \$4,300 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$4,000 on the copy-print lease, \$1,900 on travel expenses, \$1,900 on general supplies, \$1,700 on furniture, and \$1,600 on dues and fees.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$258,000 through January. Expenses included \$64,000 on salaries and benefits, \$52,000 on property insurance, \$52,000 on utility services, \$29,000 on repairs and maintenance, \$25,000 in general supplies, \$7,300 on professional services, and \$2,600 on furniture and fixtures. 62% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through January, costs totaled \$75,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$39,000. \$11,000 has been spent on vehicles. Annual fleet insurance was \$6,400. \$8,000 has been spent on diesel fuel/gasoline. Vehicle repair and maintenance accounted for \$4,800, while \$4,300 has been expended on repair parts and tires. 43% of the transportation budget has been utilized

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$71,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service started with a balance of \$66,000. Nearly \$119,000 was received in NSLP reimbursement. \$15,000 was received in state revenue. \$6,000 has been collected in local revenue. Food service revenue totaled \$206,000 YTD.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$160,000 through January including \$74,000 on salaries and benefits, \$73,000 on food supplies, \$4,400 on furniture and fixtures, \$3,400 on general supplies, \$1,800 for equipment repair, and \$1,300 on dues and fees.

The food service balance as of January 31 was approximately \$46,000.

Order #24-1054 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.2. Approve 2024-2025 School Calendar

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the school calendar is a similar calendar to the 2023-2024 school year. She stated the calendar committee recommended the same calendar for the upcoming school year after receiving positive feedback.

Note: The surrounding districts (Bracken, Mason, & Robertson) also opt for a variable calendar and have coordinated fall and springs breaks for Magnet School students.

Order #24-1055- Motion Passed: Approve 2024-2025 School Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mr. Brian Jett.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Construction of Augusta ball field project ahead of schedule (turf arrived 1/30)
- Built new slider door in basement
- Repaired boiler pump
- Repaired floor scrubber
- Repaired roof leaks (science lab, high school math classroom)
- Replaced boys' restroom hand dryer
- Replaced and installed new air/heat unit in GEAR-UP classroom (donors choose)
- Purchased new toilet for upstairs middle/high school teachers' lounge
- Received remaining new gym mats
- Replaced gym light
- Painted fitness center hallway
- New gym floor mats and storage rack system installed
- Boiler Replacement Project Update: Howard Barger is finalizing shop drawings of the new boiler building for submission to the architect. He is lining up internal schedules for his team and anticipates the project will be completed in the fall.

Order #24-1056 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.4. Approve Bid for the Wi-Fi and Network Project

Rationale:

The district received six bids to replace all 30 Wi-Fi access points in the building, as well as to replace a number of our end-of-life network switches. This project will only move if the proposal is approved by E-rate, with federal E-rate funds covering 85% of the project.

Order #24-1057 - Motion Passed: Approve Bid for the Wi-Fi and Network Project passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.5. Approve FAFSA Goal Graduation Cap Reward

Rationale:

GEAR UP Kentucky organizes FAFSA Frenzy, a statewide competition aimed at boosting annual FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion rates in GEAR UP high schools in order to increase awareness of available financial aid options to pay for postsecondary education among students and families.

Incentivizing seniors to achieve an 80% filing goal, senior student ambassadors have proposed allowing them to decorate their graduation caps upon reaching the target. This would be a 10 percentage point increase over the previous year and the highest FAFSA completion rate since 2016.

Order #24-1058 - Motion Passed: Approve FAFSA Goal Graduation Cap Reward passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Jett and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

5. Business Consent Items

Order #24-1059 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Fundraisers

5.3. Approve Use of District Property

5.4. Approve Trip Request

5.5. Approve Bills

5.6. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Adjournment

Rationale:

February 15th: Senior Night for Boys Basketball, Cheer, Golf, Cross Country & Band at the conclusion of the JV game

February 16th: Senior Night for Girls Basketball & Archery at the conclusion of JV game

February 19th: Presidents' Day - No School

February 27th: Augusta vs. Mason Co. 39th District Tournament @Bracken Co. Girls @6:00 P.M. and Boys @7:30 P.M.

March 1st-3rd: KSBA 2024 Annual Conference @ Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY

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March 2nd: Augusta Rotary Pancake Breakfast School Cafeteria 6:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

March 14th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

March 22nd: PD - No School

April 1st - 5th: No School-Spring Break

April 9th-12th: Senior Trip to Universal Orlando Resort, Orlando, FL

April 11th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Order #24-1060 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Jett and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Brian Jett	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes


Laura Bach, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent