

Augusta Independent Board of Education
January 10th, 2024 5:00 PM
Special Called Meeting
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 5:00 PM

Present Board Members:

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

Present Board Members:

Ms. Chasity Saunders was updated to present at: 5:03 PM

1. Call to Order

Rational:

Thank You Board Members for your Service and Dedication to the Augusta Independent School District!

Laura Bach, Shawn Hennessey, Brian Jett, Chasity Saunders, and Mike Taylor

Happy Birthday Board Members!

Shawn Hennessey - December 4th

Chasity Saunders - January 21st

Mike Taylor - January 24th

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. Election of 2024 Board Officers

Rationale:

Brian Jett nominated Laura Bach to serve as Board Chairperson and Mike Taylor nominated Shawn Hennessey as Vice-Chairperson and Brian Jett nominated Tim Litteral as Treasurer and Lisa McCane as Secretary.

Order #24-1043 - Motion Passed: Approve 2024 Board Officers passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Brian Jett.

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

1.5. Approval of Amended Agenda

Rationale:

Add Approval of SFCC Offer of Assistance

Order #24-1044 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Amended Agenda as presented. 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	Absent
Mr. Mike Talor	Yes

2. Communications

2.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Principal Kelsch reported the school is prepared to utilize Non-Traditional Instructional days should the district miss for inclement weather. NTI work is completed in the form of packets for elementary students and digitally on Chromebooks for middle and high school students. The NTI Program is monitored for rigor and effectiveness and work samples are submitted to KDE for each NTI day, according to Principal Kelsch.

2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane presented the "Get SEEK Funding Back on Track" Report created by superintendents and the Kentucky Council for Better Education. She stated additional funding is needed just to restore SEEK funding to 2008 buying power, adjusted for annual inflation. The SEEK base was \$3,822 in 2008 and in 2023, the SEEK base was \$4,100, a difference of \$278 per student over a 15 year period. An additional \$1,300 is necessary in the SEEK base. Superintendent McCane also explained the SEEK Base serves as the derivative of the SEEK Add-On's which also provides essential funding for schools. SEEK Transportation funding is required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes as a reimbursement of actual expenditures and remains funded to 69% of the cost and not funded on the remaining 31% the law requires. This funding would allow all education staff to receive an adequate, necessary raise competitive with the marketplace and KY teachers deserve to earn an adequate wage based on the critical roles they play in developing KY's children, stated Superintendent McCane.

2.3. Personnel

Rational:

Substitute Teachers: Chad Baker & Mason McClanahan
Emergency Non-Certified Substitute Teachers: Elissa Blackaby & Tiffany Thomas
Cafe Sub: Denette Arthur
Janitor Sub: Elissa Blackaby

2.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rational:

December 2023

Enrollment

Enrollment P-12: 329

Enrollment K-12: 310

Attendance

August: 93.09%

Attendance YTD: 94.27%

2.5. Citizens

2.6. Board Members

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

December 2023 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through December totaled \$1,157,000.

Local Revenue: \$255,000 was received in property taxes. \$69,000 was received in utilities tax, while \$17,000 was received in PSC taxes. Nearly \$14,000 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: \$773,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$3,200 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Nearly \$6,000 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through December totaled \$1,094,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,000. Nearly \$16,000 was expended through December. Expenses included \$4,300 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$3,400 on the copy-print lease, \$2,600 on furniture, \$1,900 on travel expenses, \$1,600 on general supplies, and \$1,600 on dues and fees.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$233,000 through December. Expenses included \$55,000 on salaries and benefits, \$52,000 on property insurance, \$42,000 on utility services, \$29,000 on repairs and maintenance, \$21,000 in general supplies, \$6,700 on professional services, and \$1,800 on furniture and fixtures. 57% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through December, costs totaled \$65,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$33,000. \$11,000 has been spent on vehicles. Annual fleet insurance was \$6,400. \$6,000 has been spent on diesel fuel/gasoline. \$4,300 has been expended on repair parts and tires, while vehicle repair and maintenance accounted for \$4,100, 38% of the transportation budget has been utilized

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$94,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service started with a balance of \$66,000. Nearly \$99,000 was received in NSLP reimbursement. \$15,000 was received in state revenue. \$5,200 has been collected in local revenue. Food service revenue totaled \$185,000 YTD.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$134,000 through December including \$62,000 on salaries and benefits, \$60,000 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 December was approximately \$52,000.

Order #24-1045 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders 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

3.2. Approve 2024-2025 Draft Budget

Rationale:

2024-2025 Draft Budget

The Draft Budget is a preliminary projection for the upcoming fiscal year. There are still many variables that are yet to be finalized, and the legislative session may impact several parts of the budget, particularly since this is a budget year. The Draft Budget provides a look at the budgetary situation based on data as we know it and gives an opportunity to plan in case the funding situation improves or does not improve. The Draft Budget is assuming an ending General Fund balance of \$935,704 for the current year.

General Fund

Revenues

Local tax revenues were increased overall by 1.2% (\$7,700). This increase encompasses all local tax including property, PSC, motor vehicles, and utilities tax. SEEK revenue is budgeted based on current budget levels, as similar ADA is anticipated. SEEK is budgeted at \$1,564,157. We are also budgeting \$176,650 to be transferred from Capital accounts to the General Fund. Total receipts are estimated to increase \$62,000 over the current budget to \$3,598,243.

Expenditures

Salary and benefit costs are budgeted at an overall 1.5% increase. While most positions were budgeted for a 1.5% increases in addition to the step increase, for the purposes of this budget, targeted additional increases were given to certain classified positions and certain years on the certified salary schedule. The additional targeted increases were offset by the reduction of one position coming to an end. Total salary and benefits are budgeted for a total of \$3,012,296 (including on-behalf), which comprises 84% of the General Fund current expenditures.

Non-personnel costs are budgeted at a 2.2% increase at \$575,522. It includes \$42,000 for building repairs and \$20,000 for vehicles if the opportunity to purchase buses is available, and \$10,000 for a Wi-Fi and network project. Total budgeted expenditures are \$3,593,712, which includes \$1,123,986 in on-behalf expenditures. Our ending fund balance is projected at \$940,235, a contingency of 26%. Revenue exceeds expenditures by \$4,531.

Special Revenue Fund

The Special Revenue Fund is not a part of the Draft Budget preparation. The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards, which are not yet available. This fund will be incorporated into the Tentative Budget presented in May.

Capital Outlay Fund

Receipts of \$289,900 is budgeted in Capital Outlay, based on the projected average daily attendance of 289. This will be transferred to General Fund for current operating expense.

Building Fund

Receipts of \$289,043 (\$217,210 state/\$71,833 local) is budgeted for next year. The Building Fund revenues will be used to make debt payments of \$91,293. \$50,000 is being reserved for larger maintenance or building projects. The remaining \$147,750 will be transferred to the General Fund for current expenses.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments. The district local debt service requirements are \$91,293 next year compared to this year's \$91,049.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service Fund is budgeted with a beginning balance of \$40,000. Revenues are projected to decreased compared to this year's budgeted levels by \$26,000, due to a lower projected beginning balance. Total current revenues are budgeted at \$343,694, while expenditures are projected at \$329,010. The 24-25 contingency is budgeted at \$18,464.29.

Order #24-1046- Motion Passed: Approve 2024-2025 Draft Budget 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

3.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance Report

- Construction of Augusta ballfield ahead of schedule (2/10/24)
- Cleaned board office gutters (12/13)
- Installation of new gym curtains complete (still waiting on correction to AHS font)
- Installations complete of HVAC systems in Band Building and Computer Lab
- Painted cafeteria hallway during Christmas Break
- Repaired dry wall and plaster in high school math classroom during Christmas Break
- Relocated School Resource Officer's office from upstairs to main office
- Repaired water fountain outside main lobby
- Repaired and replaced automatic light ballast in main lobby boy's restroom
- Sprayed and cleaned 3rd floor windows (Augusta Fire Department)
- Electric School Bus Grant Submitted

Order #24-1047 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities 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

3.4. Approve to Revise BG-1 #23-441 for Construction of New Boiler Building Above Floodplain

Rationale:

Fisher & Barger provided a proposal to build a new small boiler building space outside of the footprint of the future gymnasium addition. This does not include demolishing the existing boiler building which will be included with the bid package for the new gymnasium addition in the future.

Order #24-1048 - Motion Passed: Approve Revise BG-1 #23-441 for Construction of New Boiler Building Above Floodplain passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey 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

3.5. Approve Fisher & Barger Proposal to Construct New Boiler Building

Rationale:

Move to approve proposal from Fisher & Barger to construct a new Boiler Building above the floodplain for a total cost of \$416,000 and fund using project contingency funds.

Order #24-1049 - Motion Passed: Approve Fisher & Barger Proposal to Construct New Boiler Building 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

3.6. Approve School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance

Rationale:

Pursuant to KRS 157.622, the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is making an Offer of Assistance to the Augusta Independent Board of Education. Acceptance of the Offer of Assistance commits the school district to adhere to the statutes and regulations governing the program. The Offer of Assistance is the annual debt service amount of \$15, 711.82 to be used towards proposed construction or major renovation of facilities outlined in the district's most current approve facility plan.

Order #24-1050 - Motion Passed: Approve School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Jett 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. Business Consent Items

Order #24-1051 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items 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

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Acceptance of Donations

4.3. Approve Bills

4.4. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Adjournment

Rationale:

January 11th: Boys 10th Region All "A" Championship @Nicholas Co. Augusta
v. Nicholas Co. @7:45 PM

January 15th: MLK Day - No School

January 19th: Homecoming Ceremony at the conclusion of the JV game and
Alumni recognition at the Halftime of the Varsity game

February 2nd: Recognition of the 2021-2013 & 2013-2014 Back-to-Back Boys
District Championship Teams at the conclusion of the JV game

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 8th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

February 19th: Presidents' Day - No School

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

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

March 22nd: PD - No School

Order #24-1052 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment 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



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent