

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
May 9th, 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

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

OUR APPRECIATION TO THE AUGUSTA INDEPENDENT FACULTY & STAFF!  
Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10

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 #24-1074 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Agenda as presented. 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

2. Student/Staff Recognition

Rational:

**Congratulations Academic Achievers!**

Gear Up Student of the Year Gauge Scarborough  
Governor's Scholar Program Grayson Miller  
Kylan Hinson Committed to Berea College  
Devante Jefferson Committed to Florida Coastal Prep

**The Amazing Shake Winners:**

1st Place - Cecilia Bauer  
2nd Place - Ayden Courts  
3rd Place - Alaina Gilliam  
4th Place - Emily Gillespie  
5th Place - Kaine Moore

**Congratulations to the 7th Grade MS Volleyball Team ORVC Champions:**

Kadee Bach, Carlee Courts, Aryanna Davis, Bryanna Hatcher, Kahghan Hinson, Aubrielle Renfrow, Sammie Young, Khyra Thomas, Gemma Litzinger, Hannah Saunders, and Joshlyn Wilson  
Head Coach Joey Crouch, Assistant Coach Phillip Hay, Assistant Coach Kylee Harper, and Scorekeeper Missy Hay

**Congratulations on your Retirement, Mrs. Brenda Poe!**  
2004-2024

In appreciation and gratitude for 20-years of dedicated service to the Augusta Independent School District.  
**Once a Panther, Always a Panther.**

2.1. \*Break

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported to the board on behalf of Principal Robin Kelsch stating State Testing was completed and went well and all seniors were on course to graduate. Board members were invited to the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Hibachi Luncheon on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 -1:00 and informed board members, teachers will have Artificial Intelligence Teacher Professional Development on Election Day, May 21.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported to the board that gap funding is included in the second year of the biennium through a School Facilities Assistance Fund and will distributed by the School Facilities Construction Commission. The State Auditor's office will verify districts' requests and the legislature will approve funds for distribution to be available 7/1/25. that the district submitted for the Math Achievement Fund Grant. Superintendent McCane reported the district will submit a \$62,000 matching Math Achievement Fund Grant, the Augusta Distillery Ballfield blue fence was replaced with an orange fence, a commercial grade girls' fence has been ordered for the field, the Senior Class Yard Signs have been ordered on behalf of the Board of Education, and the Annual AIEF Alumni Dinner will be during the Turning of the Leaves at the Augusta Distillery in October 2024.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

**New Hire:** Denette Arthur: Part-time Cafeteria Staff

**Resignation:** Joey Crouch - Health & Physical Education Teacher effective June 30, 2024 (Will remain Head Volleyball Coach)

**Suspension:** Dollie Barrett -Without pay March 13, 14, 15

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rational:

**April 2024**

**Enrollment**

P-12: 313

K-12: 295

9-12: 97

**Attendance**

Month: 95.69%

YTD: 93.75%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

Rational:

Board member, Brian Jett inquired about the cost of the electric bus charger.

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

**April 2024 Budget Report**

**General Fund**

Revenue receipts through April totaled nearly \$1,876,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$304,000 was received in property taxes. \$115,000 was received in utilities tax, while \$85,000 was received in PSC taxes. Nearly \$29,000 was received in motor vehicle taxes. Refund of prior year expenditures accounted for \$7,500 (includes FEMA

payment). Almost \$7,000 has been earned in interest. \$5,200 was collected for bus rental. \$3,600 was collected for omitted property taxes, with \$3,500 from the sale of surplus equipment. \$2,100 was received in reimbursement of expenses.  
**State Revenue:** \$1,298,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$5,500 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

**Federal Revenue:** Nearly \$7,700 was received for Medicaid reimbursement. Expenditures through April totaled \$1,842,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$27,000. \$19,600 was expended through April, with another \$400 obligated. Expenses included \$5,700 on the copy-print lease, \$4,400 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$3,300 on general supplies, \$2,400 on travel expenses, \$1,700 on furniture, and \$1,700 on dues and fees.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled \$339,000 through April. Expenses included \$88,000 on salaries and benefits, \$86,000 on utility services, \$52,000 on property insurance, \$35,000 on repairs and maintenance, \$30,000 in general supplies, \$9,300 on professional services, and \$2,700 on furniture and fixtures. Gymnasium improvements for the new floor, padding, and stage curtains totaled \$37,000. 79% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through April, costs totaled \$100,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$58,000. \$15,000 has been spent on diesel fuel/gasoline, while \$11,000 has been spent on vehicles. Annual fleet insurance was \$6,400. Vehicle repair and maintenance accounted for \$4,900, while \$4,500 has been expended on repair parts and tires. 58% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

*For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$33,000.*

**Special Revenue Fund**

Nothing to report.

**Food Service Fund**

**Revenue:** Food service started with a balance of \$66,000. \$217,000 was received in NSLP reimbursement. \$17,000 was received in state revenue. \$9,700 has been collected in local revenue. Food service revenue totaled \$310,000 YTD.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled \$264,000 through April including \$138,000 on food supplies, \$114,000 on salaries and benefits, \$4,400 on furniture and fixtures, \$5,000 on general supplies, \$2,000 for equipment repair, \$1,500 on dues and fees, and \$700 for travel reimbursement.

The food service balance as of April 30 was approximately \$46,000.

**Order #24-1075 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget Report 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

**4.2. Approve 2024-2025 Tentative Budget**

**Rationale:**

**2024-2025 Tentative Budget**

The Tentative Budget is the first projection for the upcoming fiscal year with significant and known conditions. The legislature has approved the budget for the upcoming year and SEEK funding has been established. Other planned activities are finalized as the clarity of the budget situation has improved. The Tentative Budget is assuming an ending General Fund balance of \$958,000 for the current year.

**General Fund**

**Revenues**

Local tax revenues were increased overall by 1.2% (\$7,700). This increase encompasses all local tax, property, motor vehicles, and utilities tax. SEEK revenue is projected to increase \$130,000 based on an increased ADA of 288 students and the base funding level being increased to \$4,326 per pupil. SEEK is budgeted at \$1,695,000. We are also budgeting \$125,000 to be transferred from Capital accounts to the General Fund. Total receipts are estimated to increase \$136,000 over current the budget to \$3,672,000.

**Expenditures**

Experience and step levels have been increased for all certified and classified staff. Salaries are budgeted at \$1,866,948, an increase of \$130,000. While most positions were budgeted for a 2% increase, targeted additional increases were given to specific classified positions and higher years on the certified salary schedule. Food Service funds will support 30% of salary costs for the Food Service Director. Employer matching costs for retirement, FICA/Medicare, and Unemployment are budgeted at \$173,810, nearly equal to the current year in part due to a lower CERS rate in 24-25.

The school's instructional budget is an even \$27,000. Other operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. were individually budgeted based on current and

historical amounts. Non-personnel costs are also budgeted at \$553,849. There is \$9,000 set-aside for tuition for dual credit courses and \$12,000 for the purchase of a used bus/vehicle. Total budgeted expenditures are \$3,671,649, compared to this year's \$3,600,675. Our fund balance is projected at \$958,000, a contingency of 20%. Budgeted expenditures and revenues are nearly equal.

Special Revenue Fund

The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards. Most grant allocations are not yet available but should be similar to current year amounts. For most grants, we are using last year's awards. FY 2025 grants are budgeted at \$561,007.

Capital Outlay Fund

Receipts of \$28,800 are budgeted in Capital Outlay, based on the projected average daily attendance of 288. This will be transferred to General Fund for property insurance and facility maintenance costs.

Building Fund

Receipts of \$345,537 (\$273,654 state/\$71,334 local) is budgeted for next year. The Building Fund revenues will be used to make debt payments of \$91,293. \$129,244 is budgeted for facility needs. The remaining \$125,000 will be transferred to General Fund for current allowable 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 to end this year with a balance of \$18,000. Total current revenues are budgeted at \$306,750, while expenditures are projected at \$304,487. This budget includes funding for a part-time staff member and funds 30% of the director's salary. The 24-25 contingency is budgeted at \$2,263.

**Order #24-1076- Motion Passed:** Approve 2024-2025 Tentative Budget 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

**4.3. Approve 2024-2025 Salary Schedules**

**Order #24-1077 - Motion Passed:** Approve 2024-2025 Salary Schedules 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

**4.4. Approve to Create Special Education Paraprofessional Position**

**Rationale:**

Superintendent, Lisa McCane recommended to create an additional full-time special education paraprofessional position starting during the 2024-2025 school year. There is a need for additional personnel to provide one-on-one support for a special needs student.

**Order #24-1078 - Motion Passed:** Approve to Create Special Education Paraprofessional Position 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

**4.5. Approve Monthly Facilities Report**

**Rationale:**

**Monthly Maintenance:**

- Added freon to office HVAC system
- Ordered summer supplies for cleaning & floors

- Preventative maintenance on HVAC systems
- Repaired female restroom hand washing station
- Repaired malfunction switch in elevator
- Replaced urinal flush valves for main restrooms
- Replaced fuel rail sensor on Bus 1012
- Gym handrail update

**Order #24-1079 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities Report 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	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

**5. Business Consent Items**

**Order #24-1080 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey 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

**5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

**5.2. Approve 2023-2024 Amended Calendar**

Rationale:

The district had two NTI days January 18-19, 2024 for inclement weather and January 25-26, 2024 two non-instructional days for All A State Tournament.

**5.3. Approve FY25 FRYSC Funding Contract**

Rationale:

FY25 FRYSC Funding Contract allocation for the upcoming fiscal year is \$50,190.00.

**5.4. Approve FY25 Audit Contract**

Rationale:

The FY24 Audit Contract is \$13,000.00.

**5.5. Approve 2024-2025 Pledge of Collateral**

Rationale:

Move to be approved at June Meeting

**5.6. Approve 2024-2025 Fidelity Bond of Treasurer**

Rationale:

Move to be approved at June Meeting

**5.7. Approve 2024-2025 KEDC Cooperative Membership Agreement**

Rationale:

Board Membership Services Includes:

- Networking and professional development opportunities
- Communication/Marketing Blitzes
- Advice and limited legal services
- Advice and information on facilities
- Advice and information on finance
- Instructional Support
- Grant Opportunities
- KPC collective bidding, purchasing, and technology services - cabling, network, etc.

- Salary surveys and ranking reports with online access
- Minority recruitment advertising;
- Munis Support

Total Cooperative Membership Fees: \$2,129.16

5.8. **Approve 2024-2025 School Activity Fund Principal's Combining Budget**

5.9. **Approve 2024-2025 Substitute Teachers**

Rationale:

**2024-2025 Substitute Teachers**

Certified

Julie Gallenstein, Missy Hay, Joy Layman, and Carol Norris

Non-Certified

Makenna Bach, Chad Baker, Jenny Deiter, Robert (Bob) Kelsch, Mason McClanahan, and Tyler Sparks

Emergency Non-Certified

Phil White, Elissa Blackaby, and Denette Arthur

5.10.2024 **Approve 2024-2025 District Participation in the Emergency Non-Certified School Personnel Program**

5.11. **Approve 2024-2025 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Intent to Participate**

Rationale:

National School Lunch Program for all students to receive free meals.

5.12. **Approve Fundraisers**

5.13. **Approve Bills**

5.14. **Approve Treasurer's Report**

6. **Adjournment**

Rationale:

May 16th: Senior Awards Night 6:30 P.M.

May 17th: Elementary Beach Day

May 19th: Athletic Banquet 2:00 P.M.

May 21st: No School - Election Day (PD Day for Teachers)

May 22nd: Awards Day (K-3 at 8:30 A.M., 4-6 at 9:30 A.M. & 7-12 at 10:30 A.M.)

May 22nd: Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 P.M.

May 24th: Last Day of School Early Dismissal @11:30 A.M.

May 24th: Senior Graduation 7:00 P.M.

May 28th: Staff Closing Day

June 4th: Deadline to File for School Board for the November Election

June 13th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

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

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

August 12th-22nd: Staff PD for 2024-2025 School Year

August 13th: Opening Day

August 22nd: Read-I-Rest 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

August 26th: First Day of School for Students for the 2024-2025 School Year

**Order #24-1081 - Motion Passed:** Approve Adjournment 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	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

*Laura Bach*

Laura Bach, Chairperson

*Lisa McCane*

Lisa McCane, Superintendent