

Augusta Independent Board of Education
February 13th, 2025 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mrs. Jodie Tackett
Mr. Mike Taylor

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Chasity Saunders was updated as absent at 6:50 PM

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

KSBA Augusta Independent School Banner created by Senior Students: Joel Hildebrand, Nichole Nickoson, and Charlie Smith.

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 Agenda

Order #25-1167 - 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
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

2. Student/Staff Recognition

Rationale:

FRYSC Appreciation Week February 10-14, 2025: Todd Kelsch

Congratulations Academic Achievers!

Academic Team Governor's Cup Winners

High School: Nora Gill: 5th Place Social Studies

Middle School: Hailey Clark: 1st Place Composition, Will Hildebrand: 4th Place Composition, and Jo Beth Schmidt: 5th Place Arts and Humanities and Science

Elementary Academic Team: District 2nd Place Quick Recall Winners: Jensen Brewer: 4th Place

Language Arts, Cataleya Campbell, Jolene Feagan, Zeke McVay, Sophie Miller, Ed Schmidt,

Ryleigh Tanner: 3rd Place Arts and Humanities, Bristol Tucker: 3rd Place Language Arts /

3rd Place Science, and Liam White: 5th Place Science

2.1 *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Assistant Principal, Alison Bach reported on behalf of Principal Kelsch and presented an overview to board members on Non-Traditional Instructional Days, the K-3 Numeracy Counts Grant Progress, the Google Walk-Through instrument used for conducting informal classroom observations, and the Amazing Shake Program. She stated the first round of the Amazing Shake will begin on February 28th for 4th-8th students.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane informed board members the TENCO Youth Employment Grant and an AED Machine Grant have been submitted on behalf of the district. Superintendent McCane informed the board of the legislative advocacy schedule during the current legislative session and efforts to advocate for School Facilities Assistance Gap Funding for Augusta Independent to complete the new gymnasium project. Superintendent McCane informed the board that the Local Planning Committee will be meeting soon to update the District Facilities Plan and board member, Bob Snapp agreed to serve as the LPC board member representative.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

New Hires:

Sommer Siler: Special Education Instructional Assistant
Madisonn Wenz: Future Forward Program Tutor

Transfers:

Kayla Brandenburg: Kindergarten Special Education Instructional Assistant
Torynce Nesbitt: Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

January 2025

Enrollment

P-12: 336

K-12: 321

9-12: 113

New Horizons Academy: 9

Attendance

Month: 90.84%

YTD: 93.05%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

Rationale:

Board Member Mr. Mike Taylor informed the board that he and Miller Lumber Company employee Victor Plummer will be picking up the softball fence as soon as weather allows. Superintendent McCane thanked Mr. Taylor and Miller Lumber Company for driving to get the fence which will save the district in shipping cost.

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

- New District App Preview

January 2025 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through January totaled nearly \$1,539,000.

Local Revenue: \$334,000 was received in property taxes. Over \$91,000 has been collected in utilities tax, while \$51,000 has been collected in PSC taxes. \$26,000 in interest has been earned. Motor vehicle taxes accounted for \$16,000. \$15,000 in donations was received. \$5,500 was received in reimbursements. \$2,400 was received for delinquent property taxes, while \$1,500 was received for transportation reimbursement.

State Revenue: Nearly \$986,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$3,800 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$5,100 was received in Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through January totaled approximately \$1,469,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,000. \$13,300 has been expended, with another \$1,100 obligated. Expenses included \$4,900 on general supplies, \$3,800 on technology

supplies/subscriptions, \$2,800 on copier-printer costs, \$900 on registration fees, and \$600 on travel.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$223,000 through January. Expenses included \$64,000 on salaries and benefits, \$57,000 on property insurance, \$54,000 on utility services, \$26,000 on building and equipment repairs/maintenance, \$15,000 on general supplies, \$5,000 on professional services, and \$1,100 on equipment rental. 54% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through January, costs totaled \$137,000. Vehicles accounted for \$65,800. (This is for the two new buses, but we are completing the tax forms to be reimbursed for this amount). Salaries and benefits accounted for \$40,000. \$12,000 has been expended on machinery. \$6,000 was expended for diesel fuel/gasoline. Repair parts and tires have totaled \$5,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$4,600. Vehicle repair accounted for \$2,300. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$800.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$70,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$36,000. \$102,000 in federal revenue has been received, while nearly \$9,000 has been collected locally. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$148,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$165,000 through January. Food supplies totaled \$94,000. Salary expenses totaled \$66,000. \$2,000 has been expended on equipment repair, \$1,500 has been disbursed for travel, and \$700 has been spent on general supplies. The food service balance as of January 31 was approximately -\$17,000. The short month of December due to Christmas Break lowered the amount of federal reimbursement received in January. We were also aggressive in how much salary was being taken from food service for the director's salary this year. We have reduced that amount going forward.

CD's

At the end of January, we had all CDs mature and returned to our bank account except one, our scholarship account. Therefore, based on our available cash on hand in the bank, we entered into multiple short-term CDs. \$500,000 from the General Fund was put into a CD and is expected to earn about \$20,000 in interest. \$170,000 from our construction account was transferred and should earn nearly \$7,000 in interest. Finally, \$100,000 from the building fund was transferred, and should net about \$4,000.

Order #25-1168 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mrs. Jodie Tackett.

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

4.2. Approve 2025-2026 School Calendar

Rationale:

Ms. McCane stated the school calendar is a similar calendar to the 2024-2025 school year. She stated the calendar committee recommended the same calendar for the upcoming school year.

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 #25-1169 - Motion Passed: Approve 2025-2026 School Calendar passed with a motion by Mrs. Jodie Tackett and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

4.3. Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- EV buses inspected and in service
- Installed electric heater in cafeteria stairwell
- Replaced cafeteria heater fan
- Refilled science lab propane tank

- Repaired floor scrubber (Phillips Co.)
- Repaired cafeteria walk-in freezer unit
- Repaired cafeteria refrigerator unit
- Resealed new boiler pipe

Gymnasium HVAC Update: The Lennox units are currently in production with an expected completion date in April and installation expected in April/May. After consulting with Jayson Jefferson and the Architectural Team, a custom curb is being designed to specifications that will enhance the retrofit process. The cost estimate of the custom curb is \$7,000 and will be expended from restricted capital building funds.

This design ensures the system can be installed without the need for additional supports or significant adjustments to the existing platform by a licensed welder. It also allows for improved duct work integration and ensures safer maintenance and servicing of the system.

Order #25-1170 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

5. Business Consent Items

Order #25-1171 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mrs. Jodie Tackett.

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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Use of District Property

5.3. Approve Fundraisers

5.4. Approve Trip Request

5.5. Approve Surplus Items

Rational:

Chromebooks: 11718 & 11307

5.6. Approve Bills

5.7. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

February 17th: No School - President's Day
 February 21st - 23rd: KSBA Conference in Louisville, KY
 March 1st: Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast
 March 4th: Spring Picture Day
 March 13th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
 March 28th: No School - PD Day
 March 31st - April 4th: No School - Spring Break
 April 10th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
 April 21st - 24th: Senior Trip

Order #25-1172 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent