

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 PM  
207 Bracken Street  
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach  
Mr. Shawn Hennessey  
Mrs. Dionne Laycock  
Mrs. Julie Moore  
Mrs. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rational:  
Happy Thanksgiving!

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 #21-795 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Communications

2.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed board members of a successful RED Ribbon Week with a Wheelchair Basketball Program as the culmination, and of upcoming school-wide community service events planned for World Kindness Day.

Principal Kelsch reported Augusta Independent School recently hosted Bracken County First Responders to a safety building walk through. The purpose of the event was to familiarize first responders with the school layout and design, share school safety policies and emergency plans, and to improve overall school safety and security. The first responders represented at the safety event were the Augusta Police Department, Augusta Fire Department, Bracken County Sheriff Department, Bracken County EMS and the Bracken County Dispatch, according to Principal Kelsch.

Principal Kelsch explained the staff Professional Learning Communities were more instructionally focused as part of the school's improvement plan to help students' reach grade level and college and career performance goals.

2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane informed board members HB 563 related to public school choice was clarified in Franklin Circuit Court and will take effect in 2022.

A Test to Stay Program has been established and is now operational in partnership with Ethos Laboratories, according to Superintendent McCane. She stated the program is voluntary and supported by the state so there is no cost to students, staff, or the school district. She further explained the Test to Stay Program will help the district maintain a safe in-person learning environment, minimize student and staff quarantines for extended periods, and maximize in-person instructional days.

Board members were informed the Bracken County Health Department will offer a Pediatric Vaccine Clinic on November 19 for 5-11 and 12-17 year-old students, Primary Plus will be on site to install telehealth equipment to soon begin offering telehealth services, and the district-wide mask requirement plan remains in effect while surges are anticipated during the holidays and will be revisited month to month, according to Superintendent McCane.

According to Superintendent McCane, the staff lounge will get a much-needed update soon as several AIS high school art students are participating in the Educator Wellness Space Student Design Challenge sponsored by KEDC and KDE. She stated, regardless if they win the \$1,000 grant, the district will use their design to update the staff lounge.

Superintendent McCane updated the board on the Rotary Club's progress on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Grant to provide books for all 0-5 year-olds in the community and the upcoming Augusta Independent Educational Foundation. Inc. White Christmas Ball Fundraiser Event at the VFW following the White Christmas Parade on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **2.3. Personnel**

Rationale:

New Substitute Teachers:

Annette Reule

Melvia Winchester

### **2.4. Attendance/Enrollment**

Rationale:

Enrollment: P-12: 326 and K-12:308

Panther Virtual Learning Academy: 15

October Attendance: 94.12%

YTD Attendance: 94.49%

School's Overall Self-Reporting COVID-19 Data as of 11/8/2021

Quarantined students due to direct exposure: 18

Quarantined students tested positive: 9

Quarantined staff due to direct exposure: 0

Quarantined staff tested positive: 1

Test to Stay Program students tested: 22

Test to Stay Program staff tested: 1

### **2.5. Citizens**

### **2.6. Board Members**

## **3. Business Action/Discussion Items**

### **3.1. Approve District Audit Report FY-2021**

Rationale:

Paul Maddox, CPA with Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc. presented the district's FY-2021 annual financial audit report. The Independent Auditor's Report expressed an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Augusta Independent School District. No significant deficiencies related to the audit of the financial statements were reported on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with government auditing standards. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Augusta Independent School district were disclosed during the audit and no significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs were reported.

**Order #21-796 - Motion Passed:** Approve District Audit Report FY-2021 passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes

Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

### 3.2. Approve Monthly Budget Report

#### Rationale:

#### October 2021 Budget Report

E-Rate Funds Awarded: \$34,300 for Chromebooks

#### General Fund

Revenue receipts through October totaled \$542,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$42,000 was received in utility taxes. Over \$11,000 was collected in tuition. \$7,000 was received for motor vehicle taxes, and \$4,500 for delinquent property taxes. Transportation reimbursement accounted for \$2,600, and \$1,700 was received in PSC taxes.

**State Revenue:** \$462,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$7,600 was received for security equipment reimbursement. \$2,100 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

**Federal Revenue:** \$1,000 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through October totaled \$523,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$19,571. Through October, \$8,000 was expended. Expenses included \$2,300 on copier fees, \$1,600 on dues and fees, \$1,500 for technology resources, \$1,500 on general supplies, and \$1,000 on professional services.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled \$109,000 through October. Expenses included \$41,000 on property insurance, \$27,000 on salaries and benefits, \$25,000 on utility services, \$7,000 on general supplies, \$6,400 on repairs and maintenance, and \$1,200 on professional services. 35% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through October, costs totaled \$39,000. The annual Suburban payment was \$11,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$8,300. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$9,600. \$5,900 has been expended on repair parts and tires. \$3,000 has been spent on diesel fuel. 39% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

*For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$19,000.*

#### Special Revenue Fund

\$2,300 was collected in the selling of surplus Chromebooks.

#### Food Service Fund

**Revenue:** \$45,000 was received in federal reimbursement, while \$600 was received for state reimbursement. \$2,300 was collected in local revenue. Receipts for the year totaled \$48,000.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled \$48,000 through October including \$21,000 on salaries and benefits, \$8,500 for equipment repair (AC repair), \$13,500 in food costs, \$2,700 on machinery, \$2,000 in milk/vending expenses, \$800 on dues and fees, and \$500 on general supplies.

The food service balance as of October 31 was approximately \$48,000.

**Order #21-797 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

### 3.3. Approve FY-2022 KETS Offer of Assistance

#### Rationale:

The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) made an official FY-2022 KETS Offer of Assistance to the Board of Education. The offer is \$2,378 and must be matched equally by the Board of Education. KETS funds are restricted for technology needs.

**Order #21-798 - Motion Passed:** Approve FY-2022 KETS Offer of Assistance passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

### 3.4. Approve New Gymnasium Board Resolution

#### Rationale:

\*Attached is the revised BG-1 previously approved to reflect the Augusta Independent Board of Education's annual General Fund commitment.

#### Board Resolution

Whereas, the Board has found it necessary to provide for much needed renovations to existing facilities, and they have an existing local bonding potential from restricted funds available to them that is not sufficient to provide the funds needed and;

Whereas, in accordance with KRS 160.476 the Augusta Board of Education desires to devote General Fund payments of \$56,900 annually to the Building Fund in support of debt service payments for these much needed renovations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that from the date the bonds are sold for this gymnasium addition and until it is no longer needed to support the Building Fund for debt payments, the Augusta Board of Education shall dedicate \$56,900 annually of the Board's General Fund to the Building Fund for retiring the debt on the bond issue that finances this project.

This resolution has been passed and duly certified on the 11th day of November, 2021 in the City of Augusta, State of Kentucky.

**Order #21-799 - Motion Passed:** Approve New Gymnasium Board Resolution passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

### 3.5. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

#### Rationale:

#### Monthly Maintenance:

- Received 50 gently used student desks from Paris Independent (Replaced 3rd & 4th grade desks)
- Received a pallet of copy paper from the Christian Appalachian Program
- Replaced water fountain upstairs
- Repaired toilet in girls' restroom
- Replaced light in girls locker room
- Replaced light in boiler room
- Serviced fire extinguishers
- Repaired roof repaired over high school science classroom
- Replaced downspout by special education room on east side of building
- Serviced boilers
- Repaired door in boys locker room

\*Library renovations are nearing completion and anticipated to be completed before Thanksgiving break.

\*King Asphalt reported the district/city pavement project is on the schedule to complete soon.

\*Board Architect, Craig Aossey and AISD Superintendent, Lisa McCane will present to the Augusta City Council on November 17 regarding the board's right of way property needs for the new gymnasium.

**Order #21-800 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4. Business Content Items

Order #21-801 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Trip Request

4.3. Approve Fundraisers

4.4. Approve Acceptance of Donations

4.5. Approve District Funding Assurance FY22

Rationale:

\*The funding assurances were previously approved during the July 8, 2021 board meeting. However, the assurances cannot be approved until July 15 or later annually. Therefore, approval is required again to be compliant with the timeline.

The board approved the funding assurances as annually required for the new fiscal year to verify the school and district is in compliance for all funding sources granted to the district.

4.6. Approve Bills

4.7. Approve Treasure's Report

5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

November 12th: World Kindness Day @ AIS & Big Orange Madness 6:00 p.m.

November 18th: Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 19th: Vaccine Clinic: Staff Boosters @ 8:00 a.m. & Student Vaccines from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

November 24th-26th: No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 9th: Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

December 9th: Christmas Band Concert @ 6:00 p.m.

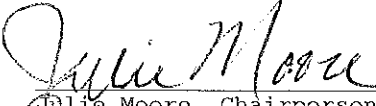
December 11th: White Christmas Parade @ 5:30 p.m. & AIEF White Christmas Fundraiser Ball at 7:30p.m.

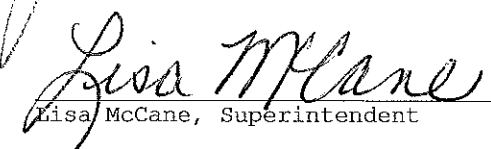
December 20th-31st: No School - Christmas Break

January 3rd: Classes Resume after Christmas Break

Order #21-802 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

  
Julie Moore, Chairperson

  
Lisa McCane, Superintendent