

Augusta Independent Board of Education
September 10, 2026 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Mr. Matthew McCane
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mr. Mike Taylor

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy September Birthdays!

Assistant Superintendent/Finance Director, Mr. Tim Litteral - September 17

Vice-Chairman Board Member, Mr. Bob Snapp - September 22

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Mission Statement

Rationale:

The mission of Augusta Independent School is to build a culture of high academic achievement where students develop confidence, character and perseverance for lifelong success.

1.4. Approve Agenda

Order #26-1368 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

2. Community Members/Staff Recognition

Rationale:

Community Members Recognition: Augusta Independent School District THANKS

Anthony Habermehl, Brad Morris, and Greg Taylor for all their work and help over the Years!

Welcome New Staff: Kim Carpenter - Special Educational Instructional Assistant, Teri Cox -

5th Grade Teacher, Owens Crawford - Career Technical Education Teacher, Samantha Dyar -

Kindergarten Instructional Assistant, and Brian Kirk - Health & Physical Education Teacher

2.1. *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch provided the Board with an update on the district's instructional programs, including Boost Math, Inquisitive Science, and NoRedInk. He also shared the timeline for state assessment results, noting that State Test Results Quality Control Day is scheduled for September 23, District Data Release is October 13, and Public Release is October 15. The Board was also informed that the ACT and SAT vendor announcement is expected in mid-October.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported that the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation's Annual Alumni Dinner is scheduled for September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Augusta Distillery. She also provided the Board with updates regarding funding for the Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility, the City meeting concerning the relocation of underground utilities, and the Ada Clooney Memorial Library proposal.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

2026-2027 School Year

Resignation:

Kayla Brandenburg - Special Ed Instructional Assistant

Classified Hires:

Kim Carpenter - Special Educational Assistant

Samantha Dyar - Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

New Substitutes for 2026-2027:

Kayla Brandenburg and Jenny Deiter

3.4. Enrollment

Rationale:

August 2026

Enrollment:

K-12: 385

P-12: 368

9-12: 145

New Horizons Academy: 91

Attendance:

Month: 96.68%

YTD: 96.68%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve 2026-2027 Working Budget

Rationale:

2026-2027 Working Budget

The Working Budget is the final projection for the current fiscal year with significant and known conditions. SEEK funding has been established, a solid estimate of ADA is available, and staffing is in place. Other planned activities are finalized as the clarity of the budget situation has improved. Grant awards have been received and are budgeted.

General Fund

Revenues

The beginning fund balance for 2026-27 stands at \$1,514,757, an increase of \$336,000 compared to the previous year. While the base funding level is increasing to \$4,626 per pupil, SEEK revenues are projected to decrease by \$105,000 this year because of the decrease in student enrollment/ADA from 24-25 to 25-26. SEEK funding is budgeted at \$1,799,000. All tax revenue is budgeted at \$751,750. Receipts for 26-27 are budgeted to decrease by about \$323,000 over 25-26 actuals, most of that because of the decrease in SEEK and no longer having excess capital funds to transfer in. Fund transfers from Capital Outlay and the Building Funds to the GF equal \$58,000. Total current receipts are projected at \$3,928,222, which includes \$1,225,000 recorded for on-behalf from that state.

Expenditures

Salary increases in this budget are based on the experience step for both classified and certified personnel, as well as the 1% overall increase. Also budgeted is \$129,000 in sick-leave payout (one-time expense) for potential retirements. Salaries and benefits are budgeted at \$2,225,000, over last year's \$2,045,000.

Non-personnel costs are budgeted at \$640,000, an increase of about \$40,000 from last year's budget. The school's instructional budget is \$28,000. Other operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. are budgeted based on historical trends and actuals. Not including salaries and benefits, maintenance costs are budgeted at \$259,000, while transportation costs are projected at \$107,262, which includes \$61,000 for the new suburban. The total insurance package (property, vehicle, liability), which is included in the maintenance and transportation budgets, is \$71,000. The budget includes \$17,000 towards

the Amplify literacy curriculum and \$8,000 for MCTC tuition for dual-credit students. Total budgeted expenditures are \$4,071,000, which includes \$1,225,000 in on-behalf, compared to \$3,936,000 in 25-26.

The projected ending fund balance is \$1,371,187, equivalent to a 25% contingency.

Special Revenue Fund

The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards. The personnel that are paid from these grants have been budgeted using the new salary and benefit levels. There is \$498,451 budgeted in local, state and federal grants.

District Activity Fund

The district activity fund is the Athletic Department's district account and is budgeted using the fundraising and donation revenue equivalent to 2025-26. The beginning balance was \$2,700. \$3,700 is budgeted for receipts, while \$4,100 is budgeted for expenditures, leaving a projected ending balance of \$2,300.

Capital Outlay Fund

Revenue of \$26,500 is budgeted in Capital Outlay, (\$100 per child in ADA). This amount will be transferred to make debt service payments.

Building Fund

This year's revenue is \$361,370 (\$276,330 state/\$85,040 local).

\$302,826 is budgeted for local debt service, while the balance of \$58,000 is budgeted to be transferred to General Fund for approved operating expenses, such as insurance.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments. The local debt service amount is \$329,326.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service fund begins the year with a fund balance of \$44,747. Receipts are expected to increase by \$16,000, to a total of \$271,000. Overall costs are budgeted to increase by \$43,000 to a total of \$294,000. Salary and benefit costs will increase by \$20,000 as a larger portion of the director's salary is being paid for by food service funds. \$14,000 is budgeted to replace the dishwasher system. The projected ending balance for food Service is \$22,000.

Order #26-1369 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Working Budget passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.2. Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

August 2026 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through August totaled \$319,000.

Local Revenue: \$19,000 was received in utilities tax. \$3,300 was collected in motor vehicle taxes. \$2,000 was received as a refund for a prior year expenditure. \$700 was earned in interest.

State Revenue: \$291,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$1,500 was received in aid from the state for summer EBT administration. \$1,000 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: No federal revenue received.

Expenditures through August totaled approximately \$330,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$28,000. \$3,000 has been expended year-to-date. Expenses included \$1,000 on travel reimbursement, \$800 on copier rental, \$700 on registration fees, and \$500 on technology supplies and subscriptions.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$78,000 through August. Expenses included \$61,000 on property insurance, \$13,000 on salaries and benefits, \$1,700 on utility services, \$1,100 on professional services, \$1,000 on building repairs, and \$700 on general supplies. 20% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through August, costs totaled \$75,000. Vehicle purchase accounted for \$61,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$3,800. Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$1,900, while \$500 was expended on professional services. 37% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date expenditures exceeded receipts by approximately \$10,000.

Construction Fund

Revenue: The construction fund began the year with a balance of nearly \$6,442,000.

Expenditures: Through August, \$434,000 was expended for construction services. The construction balance as of August 31 was nearly \$6,008,000.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$44,747. \$63 was collected in local revenue, while \$1,100 was received in state funding.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$7,500 through August, with \$7,100 being salary expenses. The food service balance as of August 31 was approximately \$38,500.

Order #26-1370 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.3. Approve Authorized Bank Users

Rationale:

Lisa McCane and Timothy Litteral have been added as authorized bank requestors/users to both US Bank accounts so that they may add and remove check signers to make other account changes as needed for the district.

Order #26-1371 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorized Bank Users passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.4. Approve 2026-2027 Property Tax Rates

Rationale:

The Augusta Independent Board of Education voted to establish a proposed 4% increase for the 2026-2027 tax rates with applicable exonerations.

Real Estate: \$.77.2 cents (24-25 was \$.78.1 cents and 25-26 was \$.79.9 cents)

Personal Property: \$.77.2 cents (24-25 was \$.79.0 and 25-26 was \$.79.9 cents)

Motor Vehicle/Watercraft: \$.57.6 cents (Same annually)

Utility: \$.3 cents (Same annually)

The recommendation is to establish a proposed 4% increase to tax rates with exonerations.

Last year, the property tax rate was 79.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Because property values have increased, the district can generate approximately 4% more total property tax revenue while actually lowering the tax rate to \$.77.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value, including exonerations.

It is important to note that the 4% increase refers to total revenue, not the tax rate itself. The lower tax rate reflects the increase in property values and allows the district to generate the additional revenue permitted under state law without increasing the tax rate by 4%.

EXAMPLES:

Property Value	Last Year at 79.9¢	Proposed Rate at 77.2¢	Change
\$100,000	\$799	\$772	-\$27
\$150,000	\$1,199	\$1,158	-\$41
\$200,000	\$1,598	\$1,544	-\$54
\$250,000	\$1,998	\$1,930	-\$68
\$300,000	\$2,397	\$2,316	-\$81
\$400,000	\$3,196	\$3,088	-\$108

Order #26-1372 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Property Tax Rates passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.5. Approve 2026-2027 Amended Extra-Duty Salary Schedules

Rationale:

There are two math tutor stipends. One was inadvertently left off the extra duty salary schedules.

Order #26-1373- Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Amended Extra-Duty Salary Schedules passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.6. Approve Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies

Rationale:

The District is being invited to participate in a multi-district litigation (MDL) lawsuit involving social media companies, with the attorneys representing the District on a contingency-fee basis, meaning the District pays no attorney fees or litigation costs unless there is a recovery. If the case is successful, the attorneys will receive 33.3% of the gross recovery, with applicable litigation expenses also deducted from the District's recovery. Because there is no upfront cost to the District and any potential recovery would be funds the District could receive without having to pay for the litigation out of its existing budget, I believe there is little financial downside to participating and an opportunity to recover funds that could benefit our district.

Order #26-1374 - Motion Passed: Approve Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.7. Approve Participation in Multi-District Litigation Contingency Fee Agreement

Order #26-1375 - Motion Passed: Approve Participation in Multi-District Litigation Contingency Fee Agreement passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.8. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:

Please find attached Momentum's approved Pay App #8 in the amount of \$324,545.40

- DPOs, in addition to the Pay App:
- Hilltop Co. \$24,729.84
- The Wells Group \$51,432.66
- MMI \$36,984.08
- Allied Crawford \$59,579.56
- Eckart Supply \$32,283.19
- CS&I's \$5,500.00

Order #26-1376 - Motion Passed: Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.9. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Facilities Report

- Repaired plaster walls in the 5th-grade classroom.
- Repaired Special Education wall heaters; plastering is still needed.
- Replaced toilet flanges in the Special Education restrooms.
- Applied school safety decals to both Suburban's.
- Replaced upstairs hallway lighting with LED fixtures.
- Replaced lighting in the Middle School Math classroom with LED fixtures.
- Replaced lighting in the Middle School English classroom with LED fixtures.
- Repaired flooring in the Middle School Math classroom.
- Repaired the Preschool rooftop HVAC system and replaced the control board.
- Repaired the headlight on Bus 712 under warranty.
- Repaired the rear seals on both electric buses under warranty.
- Repaired and replaced core heater hoses on Bus 1012.
- Replaced door handles on the referee restroom.
- Repaired the fire alarm system.

Order #26-1377 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.10. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

Last 4 weeks: masonry started on August 31st, back fill and insulation at interior of foundation, verified back fill stone size, and revised elevator pit size and started rebar and foundation.

Next 4 weeks: concrete around boiler building, finish foundation walls by September 11th, conduit as masonry walls start, pour elevator pit and finish foundation, egress path to be finished from courtyard, continue masonry, and under-slab plumbing and electric begins.

5. Business Consent Items

Order #26-1379 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Technology Activity Report 2026

Rationale:

This reports the total amount of technology related spending for the 2025-2026 school year to the Kentucky Department of Education.

5.3. Approve School Resource Office MOU with City of Augusta for 26-27

Rationale:

The district and City of Augusta split the cost 50/50 for the School Resource Officer. The district portion is \$27,688.

5.4. Approve Trip Request

5.5. Approve Acceptance of Donations

5.6. Approve Bills

5.7. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

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

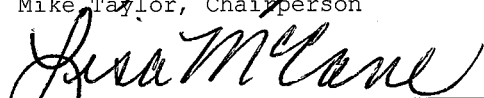
October 12th-16th: Fall Break

November 12th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Order #26-1380 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yea
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Absent
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes


Mike Taylor, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent