

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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

Absent Board Member:

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

1. Call to Order

Rational:  
Happy Thanksgiving

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Rational:  
Thank you VETERANS, Honoring All Who Served  
AIS Veterans Day Program  
Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 1:00 PM  
The Augusta Historic Gymnasium

1.3. Mission Statement

Rational:  
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 #23-1018 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rational:  
Congratulations Academic Achievers!

Reading

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Jensen Brewer, Paisley Cornette, Jossi Courts, Isabella Greer, Avery Lawson, Mia Rupe, Bristol Tucker

4<sup>th</sup> - Jolene Feagan, Madyson McElfresh, Sophie Miller, Leo Velasquez, Liam White

5<sup>th</sup> - Alice Brewer, Chloe Evans, Kenyon Peed

Math

4<sup>th</sup> - Jolene Feagan, Leonardo Velazquez

2.1. \*Break

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

**Rational:**

Principal Robin Kelsch congratulated AIS on the state testing results and reported Elementary and High School improved to yellow and green performance levels and Middle School declined a level. All levels achieved blue performance levels for the quality of school climate and safety. Principal Kelsch announced students will be recognized and celebrated for the testing achievements on December 1.

**3.2. Food Service Department Report**

**Rationale:**

New Food Service Director, Mrs. Brandi Brewer updated the board on food service department changes including new menu items, Farm to School grant, and a new online meal payment platform, MySchoolBuck to be implemented soon.

**3.3. Superintendent's Report**

**Rationale:**

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported progress on the Augusta Ballfield Project stating the AIEF, Inc. approved to be the project contract holder, the contract with the Motz group was signed, and a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> with a tentative time of 12/2PM. Superintendent McCane also reported the SSAC Community Service Project was underway to support the Warrior Ridge Veterans Project that provides mental health support to veterans, and the AIEF, Inc. Augusta Distillery Bourbon Barrel Auction & Gala scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**3.4. Attendance/Enrollment**

**Rational:**

**October 2023**

**Enrollment**

Enrollment P-12: 327

Enrollment K-12: 309

Virtual: 0

**Attendance**

August: 94.62%

Attendance YTD: 94.98%

**3.5. Citizens**

**3.6. Board Members**

**Rational:**

Board Member Hennessey had a question about the GAP Funding.

**4. Business Action/Discussion Items**

**4.1. Approve District Audit FY-2023**

**Rationale:**

Paul Maddox, CPA with Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc. presented the district's FY-2023 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 #23-1019 - Motion Passed:** Approve the District Audit Report FY-2023 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.2. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

October 2023 Budget Report

##### General Fund

Revenue receipts through October totaled \$595,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$43,000 was received in utilities tax, while \$13,000 was received in PSC taxes. \$7,800 was received in motor vehicle taxes. \$3,500 was collected from the sale of surplus equipment and \$2,500 for omitted property taxes. \$2,400 was received in reimbursement of expenses.

**State Revenue:** \$518,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$2,200 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

**Federal Revenue:** \$900 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through October totaled \$672,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$27,000. \$12,000 was expended through October. Expenses included \$4,200 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$2,300 on the copy-print lease, \$1,700 on furniture, \$1,200 on dues and fees \$1,100 on travel expenses, and \$1,100 on general supplies.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled \$154,000 through October. Expenses included \$52,000 on property insurance, \$38,000 on salaries and benefits, \$26,000 on utility services, \$16,000 on repairs and maintenance, \$14,000 in general supplies, \$6,000 on professional services, and \$1,800 in furniture and fixtures. 45% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through October, costs totaled \$46,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$21,000. \$11,000 has been spent on vehicles. Annual fleet insurance was \$6,400. \$4,000 has been expended on repair parts and tires, while \$3,400 has been spent on diesel fuel/gasoline. 27% of the transportation budget has been utilized

*For the general fund, year-to-date expenditures exceeded receipts by \$76,000.*

##### Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

##### Food Service Fund

**Revenue:** Food service started with a balance of \$66,000. \$2,300 was received in NSLP reimbursement. \$15,000 was received in state revenue. \$3,100 has been collected in local revenue. Food service revenue totaled \$87,000 YTD.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled \$77,000 through October including \$37,000 on salaries and benefits, \$29,000 on food supplies, \$4,400 on furniture and fixtures, \$3,300 on general supplies, \$1,800 for equipment repair, and \$1,300 on dues and fees.

The food service balance as of October 31 was approximately \$11,000.

*\*\*The NSLP reimbursement for September, which is normally received in Oct., wasn't received until Nov. 03 and is not included in these amounts. Had that been received prior to the end of the month, the balance would have been closer to \$50,000.*

**Order #23-1020- Motion Passed:** Approve the 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.3. Approve to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Augusta Independent School District Finance Corporation to Issue Revenue Refunding Bonds

Rationale:

##### Augusta Independent School Board Resolution

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AUGUSTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AT AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT, LEASE AND OPTION WITH THE AUGUSTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION AND ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES AND THE EXECUTION OF TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES; APPROVING CERTAIN ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS' PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CERTAIN SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT; AND APPROVING THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE COST OF SAID PROJECT.**

**Order #23-1021 - Motion Passed:** Approve to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Augusta Independent School District Finance Corporation to Issue Revenue Refunding Bonds 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.4. Approve FEMA Resolution for Federal Assistance from the President's Disaster Relief Fund

##### Rationale:

The resolution is to receive \$7,317.67 in federal FEMA funds the district applied during the pandemic.

**Order #23-1022 - Motion Passed:** Approve the FEMA Resolution for Federal Assistance from the President's Disaster Relief Fund 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.5. Approve FY-2024 KETS First Offer of Assistance

##### Rationale:

The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) made an official FY-2024 KETS First Offer of Assistance to the Augusta Independent Board of Education. The offer is \$3,181 and will be matched equally by the Board of Education. KETS funds are restricted for technology needs.

**Order #23-1023 - Motion Passed:** Approve the FY-2024 KETS First 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.6. Approve Amended Extra Duty Salary Schedule

##### Rationale:

The 2023-2024 Extra Duty and Substitute Salary Schedule is amended to add a concessions manager stipend.

**Order #23-1024 - Motion Passed:** Approve the Amended Extra Duty Salary Schedule 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.7. Approve Board Member Resignation

##### Rationale:

- The board moves to officially accept the resignation of Dionne Laycock tendered on Oct. 9, 2023.
- Board Vacancy Timeline: Nov. 10-30 Post vacancy on district website; Nov. 16-30 Advertise in Bracken County News; Dec. 1 Deadline for candidates to apply; Dec. 14 Special Called Meeting at 4:30 PM to discuss, consider, interview candidates, etc. in closed session and final board action to fill vacancy will be done in open session; new board member must file for November 2024 election and the winner will serve the remainder of the term through 2026.

**Order #23-1025 - Motion Passed:** Approve the Board Member Resignation 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 4.8. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

##### Monthly Maintenance:

- Insurance appraisal of school facilities scheduled November 8
- Assembled 4 outdoor tables outside of cafeteria
- Communicated with Cincinnati Flooring on gym measurement error
- Communicated with Cincinnati Flooring on repairing gym floor paint errors
- Inspected and repaired current boiler system (Debra Kuempel)
- Ordered condensation pump for new boiler system that can be fitted on the current pump if it stops working this winter (Howard Barger)
- Installing new stage curtains on November 28
- Secured down stage gym mats (correct wall mat currently on order)
- Ordered and assembled two new basketball rims
- Re-painted concrete wall in main hallway
- Repaired computer lab and band building heating systems (Debra Kuempel)
- Replaced two gym lights
- Reordered five LED replacement lights for gym
- Safe School Audit scheduled for November 16
- Gym scrubber sent to be repaired (Phillips Supply)
- Shampooed carpet in library, band building, and main office
- Obtaining quotes for new HVAC units in band building and computer lab
- Waxed cafeteria breezeway floor (from gym to cafeteria)
- Snow removal proposal being explored with the City of Augusta
- BOILER REPLACEMENT UPDATE: Architect, Craig Aossey is working on drawings and specs for Howard Barger to price a block building to locate the new boiler.

**Order #23-1026 - Motion Passed:** Approve the Monthly Facilities 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### 5. Business Consent Items

**Order #23-1027 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

##### 5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

##### 5.2. Approve Fundraiser

##### 5.3. Approve Acceptance of Donations

##### 5.4. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

##### Surplus Items

Technology:

Chromebooks: 11501, 11608, 11607, & 11328

Desktops: 11167, 10867, 10771, 10783, 10789, & 10759

5.5 Approve Bills

5.6. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Adjournment

Rationale:

November 10th: Orange & Black Madness Night 6:00 P.M.

November 13th: Veterans Day Program 1:00 P.M.

November 17th: Middle School Semi Formal Dance 6:30-9:30 P.M.

November 22nd-24th: No School - Thanksgiving Break

November 29th: Groundbreaking Ceremony - Augusta Ballfield Project

December 2nd: AIEF., Inc. Fundraiser: Beehive Tavern & Augusta Distillery

December 14th: Special Called Meeting 4:30 P.M & Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.

December 14th: Winter Band Concert 6:00 P.M.

December 20th-January 2nd: Christmas Break

Order #23-1028 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Absent
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes

  
Laura Bach, Chairperson

  
Lisa McCane, Superintendent