

Augusta Independent Board of Education
August 12th, 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:

Welcome Back Augusta School Family to the 2021-2022 School Year!
Happy Birthday Madam Chair, Julie Moore on August 6th!

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 #21-763 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. 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

2. Staff Recognition

Rationale:

Welcome to the Augusta Independent School Family!
Mr. Blake Clark: Student Teacher
Mrs. Elizabeth Dyar: 6th Grade Teacher
Ms. Kelsey McCord: 2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Meghan Miller: 5th Grade Teacher
Ms. Serena Penrod: School Therapist

2.1. *BREAK*

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported back to school updates including, a faculty and staff scavenger hunt to kick off the school year, professional development and trainings before students return on August 23. Principal Kelsch also informed board members of the outdoor open house sponsored by FRYSC on Thursday, August 19 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for parents and students to meet their teachers, pick-up schedules and school supplies for the new school year. The school administrative team and faculty worked hard to develop the Panther Virtual Learning Academy, a 100% virtual learning option for virtual students. According to Principal

Kelsch, currently 16 students are enrolled in the PVLA virtual learning program and a few more students are expected to enroll in the upcoming week before school starts.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported the administrators, faculty and staff are implementing the "bucket filling" concept from the book, *How Full is Your Bucket to teach, develop and model positive behavior to build mental and emotional health*. According to Superintendent McCane, KEDC was awarded a Department of Justice STOP Grant and Augusta Independent will participate with the consortium to receive additional safety, mental health and PBIS support.

Superintendent McCane informed board members of regulations approved by KDE related to staff and student attendance and ADA should quarantine and sick leave be needed.

Superintendent McCane announced upcoming events are the annual Alumni and Friends Dinner September 4 with a dance following at the Corner Café and all door proceeds will be donated to the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation, Inc. and Oscar Night at the Beehive on September 24 will have a fundraiser to benefit Augusta Independent School to purchase a new library circulation desk. The library is undergoing remodeled with new fresh paint, new carpet, new seating, new library book shelves and circulation desk and interactive display board, according to Superintendent McCane.

3.3. Enrollment

Rationale:

P-12: 307 (currently 11 Preschool students)

K-12: 295 (currently 12 Kindergarten students)

Panther Virtual Learning Academy: (currently 16 enrolled after parent virtual learning meeting on 8/11/21)

3.4. Citizens

3.5. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

July 2021 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through July totaled over \$118,000.

Local Revenue: \$1,600 was collected in tuition.

State Revenue: \$115,000 was received in SEEK funding. Approximately \$500 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Nothing received at this time.

Expenditures through July totaled \$88,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$19,571. In July, \$1,700 was expended. Expenses included \$1,100 for technology resources and \$600 on copier costs.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$15,000 through July. Expenses included \$6,800 on salaries and benefits, \$6,500 on property insurance, \$1,000 on utility services, and \$800 on general supplies. 8% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through July, costs totaled \$12,000. The annual Suburban payment was \$11,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$1,000. 13% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$30,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: No receipts received in July.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$2,900 through July including \$2,200 on salaries and benefits and \$700 on dues and fees.

The food service balance as of July 30 was approximately \$47,000.

Order #21-764 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report 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

4.2. Approve Authorization of Public Tax Hearing

Rationale:

The Augusta Independent Board of Education authorized advertisement requirements for a Public Tax Hearing to be convened on September 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the board office to consider a 4% tax rate. A hearing is required, but not subject to recall. A special called board meeting will immediately follow at 6:00 p.m. to approve the tax rates. The next regular board meeting is September 9, after the 45-day period ends from the certification date.

Order #21-765 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization of Public Tax Hearing passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

4.3. Approve to Hire Architect Firm

Rationale:

The district requested letters of interest to provide architectural services for the upcoming gymnasium project. The letters of interest were mailed to three firms as required by regulation and who specialize in school projects (G. Scott & Associates, Ross Tarrant Architects, and Studio Kremer Architects).

The deadline for submission was August 9 and two letters of interest were returned from G. Scott & Associates and Studio Kremer Architects.

Superintendent McCane recommended the board hire G. Scott & Associates as the architect firm for the gymnasium project. She stated the firm has been a long time partner to the district, knows the buildings and needs, performed services for the most recent District Facilities Plan and has provided excellent professional services on past projects.

Order #21-766 - Motion Passed: Approve to Hire Architect Firm 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

4.4. Approve Joint Payment of Pavement Project

Rationale:

The school district has requested the city to split the cost of paving the gravel section at the main entrance of the school on Bracken Street.

The total project estimate is \$5,325 and would cost the school district and city \$2,662 each.

Some benefits of the project include:

- Adds 9-10 parking spaces for school and city use
- Minimizes regular city maintenance that cost money, workers, time, etc.
- Saves costs for each entity both with limited operations budgets
- Beautifies school and city property
- Builds a stronger partnership between the school district and city

Attached you will find the request letter I submitted to the city council to consider at their meeting next week and the King Asphalt estimate.

Order #21-767 - Motion Passed: Approve Joint Payment of Pavement Project passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock 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

4.5. Approve Resolution to Participate in Council for Better Education Legal Challenge of House Bill 563 Tax Credit

Rationale:

The purpose of the resolution is for Augusta Independent Board of Education to join other school boards across the state in a lawsuit filed to challenge the HB563 tax credits for private schools.

This lawsuit does not oppose any portion of public school choice in HB563. So far, 168/173 districts have joined. The legal cost for the CBE is \$25,000 and will be shared among participating districts. Augusta Independent's portion is \$130.69.

RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Augusta Independent Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Lisa McCane to take all necessary steps to support the Council for Better Education, Inc. ("CBE"), in its legal challenge to the unconstitutionality of the tax credits in House Bill 563, including the payment of any appropriate dues or assessments related to this school district's membership in CBE or its support of the referenced legal challenge.

Order #21-768 - Motion Passed: Approve Resolution to Participate in Council for Better Education Legal Challenge of House Bill 563 Tax Credit 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

4.6. Approve Second Reading of Board Policies 2021

Rationale:

Proposed changes reflect new legal requirements, as well as "best practice" recommendations from KSBA.

Please note the following:

KRS 160.340 requires that board policies be kept up to date by filing annual amendments thereto by August 15.

- At the top of each draft is the legal and/or recommended explanation for the proposed change. In the body of each draft, new language is underlined. Language with ~~strike through~~ is recommended for deletion.

Order #21-769 - Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading of Board Policies 2021 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

4.7. Approve the Safe Opening Plan 2021-2022

Order #21-770 - Motion Passed: Approve the Safe Opening Plan 2021-2022 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

4.8. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Air conditioner installed in math resource room
- Parking lots blacktop re-sealed and re-stripped

- Dryer replaced in consumer science classroom
 - Repaired air conditioning in office
 - Repaired air conditioning in gym
 - Special education room ball pit installed
 - Sump pump replaced in board office basement
 - Refrigerator installed in cafeteria
 - Elevator serviced
 - Library remodeling underway (painting is complete and carpet is being installed this week)
 - Summer maintenance continues (waxing floors, painting, power washing etc.)
 - Lights replaced on outside of library
- Numerous ceiling tiles replaced

Order #21-771 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

5. Business Content Items

Order #21-772 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Trip Request

5.3. Approve Fundraisers

5.4. Approve Acceptance of Donations

5.5. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

There are a large number of older Chromebooks to be approved as surplus items and will be replaced with the new Chromebooks purchased with ESSER funds. See attachment for complete list.

5.6. Approve Consumer Science Adjunct Instructor Certification for 2021-2022

Rationale:

Renee McClanahan: Consumer Science.

5.7. Approve Bills

5.8. Approve Treasure's Report

6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

August 9th-19th: Planning Days for Staff
 August 19th: Outdoor Open House 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 August 23rd: First Day of School for Students
 September 2nd: Tax Hearing 5:30 p.m. & Special Called Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Board Office
 September 4th: Alumni Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium
 September 6th: No School - Labor Day Holiday
 September 9th: Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 September 24th: Oscar Night at the Beehive @ 6:00 p.m. (Fundraiser for AIS Library Project)

October 7th: Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
October 11th-15th: No School-Fall Break

Order #21-773 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment 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


Julie Moore, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent