

Augusta Independent Board of Education
May 14, 2026 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

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

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Our Appreciation to the Augusta Independent Faculty & Staff! Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8.

Happy Retirement! Mr. Rick Saunders, Bus Driver/Maintenance.

Congratulations Mrs. Brewer, Guidance Counselor/Food Service Director. 2026 MCTC Pathfinder of the Year Recipient!

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 #26-1325 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

2. Student/Staff Recognition

Rationale:

Happy Retirement! Mr. Rick Saunders, Bus Driver/Maintenance

Congratulations! Mrs. Brandi Brewer, Guidance Counselor/Food Service Director 2026 MCTC Pathfinder of the Year Recipient!

Academic Achievers!

Congratulations to Jasper Miller on being accepted to the Governor's Scholar Program and to Claire Elliott on be accepted as an alternate!

Congratulations to Hayden Taylor on being selected to attend the 2026 NCCEP/GEAR UP National Youth Leadership Summit!

Amazing Shake Top 5 Winners!

1st Place - Delaney Kelsch (8th Grade)
2nd Place - Jase Holleran (7th Grade)
3rd Place - Benjamin Gill (8th Grade)
4th Place - Bethany Smith (8th Grade)
5th Place - Jay Bryant (5th Grade)

2.1 *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported on the school implementation of new Individual Learning Plan (ILP) platform, "Landed" for the 2026-2027 school year, the transition from Vector Training Program to Abridge-BRM Training Platform at no cost, and the 2026-2027 professional development plan.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Robbie Fletcher will visit the district's Summer Boost Program on June 24th, that the district was awarded the Durr Foundation Grant for technology equipment in the amount of \$17,485, the district's plan to apply for a federal grant for cafeteria equipment, and an update on the Summer SUN Meals Program. Superintendent McCane also informed the board that SB 197 College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT): The bill requires the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to open a new procurement process for the state-provided college entrance exam to be used in the 2026-2027 school year. While Gov. Beshear vetoed a specific ban on using state funds for the current contract, the requirement to rebid remains, leading to uncertainty over whether the ACT or SAT will be administered to juniors in spring 2027.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

2026-2027 School Year

Certified Vacancy:

Physical Education-Health Teacher Full-Time effective July 1, 2026 (Posted May 11-25)

Transfers:

Paige McCord - Special Education Department Full-Time effective July 1, 2026

Tyler Sparks - Bus Driver (Tech Center/College) Full-Time effective July 1, 2026

Transition of Duties:

Tony Ruf - Technology Director Duties effective July 1, 2026 (Will continue to teach 4 classes)

Jason Hinson - Maintenance Duties (Summer mowing/weeding/floor waxing/care)

Non-Renewal Contract:

Latrisha Caudill - School-Based Therapist

Suspension Without Pay:

Certified Employee pursuant to KRS 161.790

3.4. Enrollment

Rationale:

April 2026 Enrolment:

P-12: 302

K-12: 285

9-12: 93

New Horizon Academy: 12

Virtual: 2

Attendance:

Month: 94.40%

YTD: 94.20%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

April 2026 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through April totaled nearly \$2,267,000.

Local Revenue: Nearly \$408,000 was collected from property taxes. \$133,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$71,000 was collected in PSC taxes. Nearly \$35,000 was disbursed for motor vehicle taxes, while \$17,000 in donations was received. \$7,500 was received in reimbursements. \$4,500 was received for delinquent taxes. \$3,400 was collected in transportation reimbursement. \$1,400 has been earned in interest.

State Revenue: Nearly \$1,578,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$5,500 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$2,300 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through April totaled approximately \$1,993,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$28,000. \$18,000 was expended through April, with another \$300 obligated. Expenses included \$4,300 on copier rental, \$4,000 on technology supplies and subscriptions, \$3,100 on general supplies, \$2,600 on registration fees, \$2,100 on travel reimbursement, and \$1,100 on instructional materials.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled nearly \$304,000 through April. Expenses included \$95,000 on utility services, \$88,000 on salaries and benefits, \$78,000 on property insurance, \$17,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$15,00 on general supplies, \$10,000 on professional services, and \$1,400 on snow removal. 75% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through April, costs totaled \$76,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$55,000. Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$7,600, while annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$3,200. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$1,100. 56% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$274,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$196,000 was received in federal revenue, \$2,900 was received in state revenue, while \$11,000 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled nearly \$214,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled nearly \$187,000 through April. \$121,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$60,000. \$2,300 has been expended on professional services and equipment repair. \$1,200 has been disbursed for hauling of commodities, while \$800 has been paid out for travel reimbursement.

The food service balance as of April 30 was approximately \$27,000.

Order #26-1326 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

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

4.2. Approve 2026-2027 Tentative Budget

Rationale:

2026-2027 Tentative Budget

The Tentative Budget is the second projection for the upcoming fiscal year with significant and known conditions. The legislature has approved the budget for the upcoming year and SEEK funding has been established. Other planned activities are finalized and the factors impacting the budget are more well-known. The Tentative Budget is assuming an ending General Fund balance of \$1,355,000 for the current year.

General Fund

Revenues

Local tax revenues were increased overall by 3.2% (\$22,500) to \$721,000. This increase encompasses all local taxes: property, motor vehicles, and utilities tax. SEEK revenue is projected to decrease by \$136,000. While the base funding level is increasing to \$4,626 per pupil, we will see a decrease in student enrollment/ADA because of last year's large graduating senior class. SEEK is budgeted at \$1,771,000. We are budgeting \$58,000 to be transferred from Capital accounts to the General Fund. \$35,000 has been budgeted for vocational transportation reimbursement. \$17,000 has been budgeted for interest earnings and \$15,000 for donations. Total receipts are estimated to decrease nearly \$48,000 from the current budget to \$3,674,748.

Expenditures

Experience and step levels have been increased for all certified and classified staff. Salaries are budgeted at \$1,954,000, an increase of \$38,000. This includes a Dean of Students stipend for potential leadership experience and training for a staff member. Employer matching costs for benefits such as retirement, FICA/Medicare, and unemployment are budgeted at \$290,000, which includes \$129,000 in sick-leave payout (one-time expense) for potential retirements. Salaries, benefits, and on-behalf comprise 85% of the budget.

Other operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. were individually budgeted based on current and historical amounts. Non-personnel costs are budgeted at \$588,000. The school's instructional budget is an even \$28,000, remaining the same as last year. Other highlights include \$117,000 for utility services (electricity, natural gas, telephone, water, etc.), \$81,000 for our insurance package (property, flood,

auto, liability, worker's comp, student accident), and \$34,000 for building repairs. \$30,000 is set-aside for tuition for dual credit courses and New Horizon Academy tuition. \$25,000 is budgeted to refresh Chromebook devices. There is \$17,000 budgeted for a literacy curriculum, screener, and intervention tool. \$12,000 is budgeted for a suburban payment. Total budgeted expenditures are \$3,866,426, which includes \$1,037,141 in on-behalf expenditures. Our ending fund balance/contingency is projected at \$1,163,322, a contingency of 30%.

Special Revenue Fund

The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards. Most grant allocations are not yet available but should be similar to current year amounts. For most grants, we are using last year's awards. FY 2027 grants are budgeted at \$549,471.

Capital Outlay Fund

Receipts of \$26,500 are budgeted in Capital Outlay, based on the projected average daily attendance of 265. This will be transferred to make debt service payments.

Building Fund

Receipts of \$361,370 (\$276,330 state/\$85,040 local) are budgeted for next year. The Building Fund revenues will be used to make debt payments of \$302,826. The remaining \$58,544 will be transferred to the General Fund for allowable expenses.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments. The district local debt service requirements are \$329,326 next year compared to this year's \$93,457.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service Fund is budgeted to begin the year with a balance of \$17,500. Total current revenues are budgeted at \$261,000, while expenditures are projected at \$266,547. The percentage of salary of the food service director coming from this fund has been increased to nearly 20%. The 26-27 contingency is budgeted at \$11,953.

Scholarship Fund

This is for the Judith Federer Scholarship endowment the district manages. The scholarship fund is budgeted to start the year with \$32,880. \$500 in interest is budgeted for receipts. \$2,000 in scholarship awards is budgeted in expenditures. The ending balance is budgeted at \$31,380.

Order #26-1327 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Tentative Budget passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

4.3. Approve 2026-2027 Salary Schedules

Order #26-1328 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Salary Schedules passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

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

4.4. Approve Purchase of New District Vehicle

Rationale:

The tentative budget includes the purchase of a new 9-passenger Chevy Suburban at an estimated cost of approximately \$60,000, which is currently among the lowest prices available nationally. Vehicle prices are presently lower due to fuel market conditions.

The district needs an additional vehicle to serve as a backup when the current Suburban is unavailable. The existing Suburban remains in good condition and will continue to be utilized. Adding a second vehicle will be cost-effective, as the district frequently has multiple field trips, extracurricular activities, teacher meetings, and other travel needs occurring on the same day. Additionally, having another Suburban available for staff use will help reduce mileage reimbursement expenses.

Order #26-1329- Motion Passed: Approve Purchase of New District Vehicle Plan passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Matthew McCane	Yes

Ms. Chasity Saunders Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor Yes

4.5. Approve First Reading Amendments to 03.1231 Certified and 03.2231 Classified Personal Leave Board Policies

Rationale:

The approval will increase personal leave allowable annually from one (1) day to two (2) days for both certified and classified employees effective July 1, 2026.

Order #26-1330 - Motion Passed: Approve First Reading Amendments to 03.1231 Certified and 03.2231 Classified Personal Leave Board Policies 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 Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor Yes

4.6. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:

Attached is Momentum Construction's Pay App #4 verified by G. Scott & Associates, Architects in the amount of \$102,870.00.

DPOs, in addition to the Pay App:

06DPO New Millenium \$300,450.00
10DPO Ferguson Enterprises \$2,884.44
14DPO Eckart Elec \$26,297.94
15DPO State Elec \$6,428.97

Order #26-1331 - Motion Passed: Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

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

4.7. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Facilities Report

Completed Projects

- Completed abatement of boiler pipe valves
- Demolished boiler building
- Installed new fence at the board office
- Purchased new podium for graduation
- Purchased new push mower
- Repaired gym toilet
- Repaired/serviced riding lawn mower
- Repaired lock spring on basement door
- Painted metal stage arch in gym

Planned Summer Projects

- Complete abatement of crawl space in old building
- Install gym shot clocks
- Install new heat/air in west wing of building prior to gym addition
- Install new light fixtures in old building
- Install new security cameras
- Install new sidewalk from parking lot (band building) to cafeteria
- Paint restrooms
- Repair boiler valves in basement
- Repair hardwood floors in middle school math room

- Tuckpoint library columns
- Purchase new Suburban

Order #26-1332 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

4.8. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

- Storm sewer work is continuing
- New underground electrical conduit is in place for new electrical room
- Electrical work will take place the first week of June
- 75% of the new metal roof deck has been delivered as well as hollow metal door frames
- Foundation will begin once electrical change occurs

5. Business Consent Items

Order #26-1333 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve 2025-2026 Amended Calendar

Rationale:

2025-2026 Amended Calendar Dates

- o NTI Days (10): 12/2/25, 12/8/25, 12/12/25, 12/15/25, 12/16/25, 1/22/26, 1/26/26, 1/27/26, 1/28/26, and 2/3/26
- o 1 Hour Delays (4): 12/3/25, 12/9/25, 12/11/25, and 2/2/26
- o 2 Hour Delays (1): 2/5/26
- o No School Days (8): 1/29/26, 1/30/26, 2/4/26, 2/6/26, 2/19/26, 2/20/26, 2/23/26, and 3/2/26
- o School Make Up Days for Students (2): 2/16/26 and 3/20/26

5.3. Approve FY26 Audit Contract

Rationale:

The FY26 Audit Contract is \$13,000.00.

5.4. Approve 2026-2027 MCTC MOU Agreement

5.5. Approve 2026-2027 KEDC Cooperative Membership Agreement

Rationale:

Board Membership Services Includes:

- Networking and professional development opportunities
- Communication/Marketing Blitzes
- Advice and limited legal services
- Advice and information on facilities
- Advice and information on finance
- Instructional Support
- Grant Opportunities
- KPC collective bidding, purchasing, and technology services - cabling, network, etc.
- Salary surveys and ranking reports with online access

- Minority recruitment advertising;
 - Munis Support
- Total Cooperative Membership Fees: \$2,330.44

- 5.6. Approve 2026-2027 School Activity Fund Principal's Combining Budget
- 5.7. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

Surplus Items

Chromebooks: 11495, 11502, 11479 and 11722

- 5.8. Approve Trip Request
- 5.9. Approve Bills
- 5.10. Approve Treasurer's Report
6. Approve Adjournment

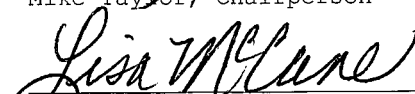
Rationale:

May 19th: No School/Staff Work Day/Teacher Appreciation Luncheon @ 11:30 A.M.
 May 20th: Awards Day K-3 @8:30 A.M., 4-6 @9:30 A.M., and 7-12 @10:30 A.M. and Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00 P.M.
 May 22nd: Last Day of School (Full day) and Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 P.M.
 June 11th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
 July 9th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
 August 13th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
 August 10th-21st: Staff PD Days
 August 24th: First Day of School for Students

Order #26-1334 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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


 Mike Taylor, Chairperson


 Lisa McCane, Superintendent