

Augusta Independent Board of Education
January 09th, 2025 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY
By Via Video-Teleconference

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mrs. Jodie Tackett
Mr. Mike Taylor

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

School Board Recognition Month #LOVEKYSCHOOLBOARDS

Thank You Board Members for your Service and Dedication to the Augusta Independent School District!

Laura Bach, Mike Taylor, Chasity Saunders, Bob Snapp, and Jodie Tackett

Happy Birthday Board Members!

Chasity Saunders - January 21st

Mike Taylor - January 24th

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. Election of 2025 Board Officers

Rational:

Mike Taylor nominated Laura Bach to serve as Board Chairperson and Chasity Saunders nominated Chasity Saunders as Vice-Chairperson and Laura Bach nominated Tim Litteral as Treasurer and Lisa McCane as Secretary.

Order #25-1160 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2025 Board Officers passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

1.5. Approval Agenda

Order #25-1161 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jodie Tackett and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

2. Communications

2.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed board members of the Kentucky Academic Standards academic goals signage that will be posted throughout the school and updated the board on the Augusta Distillery Field maintenance plan. Principal Kelsch also informed board members the softball fence has been ordered and will arrive mid-February and be installed before the season begins.

2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane updated board members that the district submitted the KY Comprehensive Literacy and GEAR UP KY Grants. Superintendent McCane also informed the board that the Legislative Session began on January 7th, 2025 and will run through March 28th, 2025 and plans to make monthly advocacy trips to Frankfort to meet with Legislators. She also updated the board on the AIEF, Inc. financial plan and praised them for their ongoing support to the school district and community. The foundation will be meeting soon to discuss Phase 2 of the Ballfield Project. Superintendent McCane thanked the Board Members for their dedication and service to the school district for School Board Recognition Month.

2.3. Personnel

Rationale:

New Hires:

Tammy McNay - Part-time Cafeteria Staff

Lisa Smith - Custodian

Resignation:

Kayla Tucker - Kindergarten Instructional Assistant effective January 17th

2.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

December 2024

Enrollment

P-12: 339

K-12: 323

9-12: 111

New Horizons Academy: 6

Attendance

Month: 93.01%

YTD: 93.83%

2.5. Citizens

2.6. Board Members

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

December 2024 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through December totaled \$1,293,000.

Local Revenue: Nearly \$312,000 was received in property taxes. Over \$75,000 has been collected in utility tax. \$15,000 in donations was received. Motor vehicle taxes accounted for \$14,000. \$7,000 in interest has been earned. \$6,300 has been collected in PSC taxes. \$4,900 was received in reimbursements. \$2,400 was received for delinquent property taxes, while \$1,500 was received for transportation reimbursement.

State Revenue: \$845,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$3,300 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$5,100 was received in Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through December totaled approximately \$1,242,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,000. \$12,400 has been expended, with another \$1,100 obligated. Expenses included \$4,700 on general supplies, \$3,700 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$2,400 on copier-printer costs, \$700 on registration fees, and \$600 on travel.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$191,000 through December. Expenses included \$57,000 on property insurance, \$56,000 on salaries and benefits, \$42,000 on utility services, \$19,000 on

building and equipment repairs/maintenance, \$12,000 on general supplies, \$4,000 on professional services, and \$1,100 on equipment rental.

Transportation Budget: Through December, costs totaled \$128,000. Vehicles accounted for \$65,800. (This is for the two new buses, but we are completing the tax forms to be reimbursed for this amount). Salaries and benefits accounted for \$34,000. \$12,000 has been expended on machinery. Repair parts and tires have totaled \$5,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$4,600. \$4,000 was expended for diesel fuel/gasoline. Vehicle repair accounted for \$1,400. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$800.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$51,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$36,000. \$80,000 in federal revenue has been received, while \$8,000 has been collected locally. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$125,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$128,000 through December. Food supplies totaled \$68,000. Salary expenses totaled \$56,000. \$1,600 has been expended on equipment repair, \$1,500 has been disbursed for travel, and \$700 has been spent on general supplies. The food service balance as of December 31 was approximately \$-3,000.

Order #25-1162 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

3.2. Approve 2025-2026 Draft Budget

Rationale:

2025-2026 Draft Budget

The Draft Budget is a preliminary projection for the upcoming fiscal year. There are still variables that are yet to be finalized, and the legislative session could impact parts of the budget. The Draft Budget provides a look at the budgetary situation based on data as we know it and gives an opportunity to plan in case the funding situation improves or does not improve. The Draft Budget is assuming an ending General Fund balance of \$1,058,000 for the current year.

General Fund

Revenues

Local tax revenues were increased overall by 1% (\$4,000). This increase encompasses all local tax including property, PSC, motor vehicles, and utilities tax. Medicaid funding is being reduced by \$10,000. SEEK revenue is budgeted based on the increased per pupil amount, with similar ADA anticipated. SEEK is budgeted at \$1,785,000, an increase of \$90,000. We are budgeting \$100,000 to be transferred from Capital accounts to the General Fund that can cover insurance and building maintenance expenses, as well as another \$25,000 for the Chromebook refresh cycle. Total receipts are estimated to increase \$67,000 over the current budget to \$3,606,953.

Expenditures

Salary and benefit costs are budgeted at .5% increase for the purpose of step increases. The portion of salary and benefits for the food service director that was previously paid from food service funds has been transferred to the general fund, which is approximately \$36,000. Total salary and benefits are budgeted for a total of \$3,036,105 (including on-behalf), which comprises 84% of the General Fund current expenditures.

Non-personnel costs are budgeted at \$571,211. Highlights include \$113,640 for utilities, \$85,000 for our insurance package (property, flood, auto, liability, worker's comp, student accident), \$34,000 for building repairs, \$28,000 for maintenance/custodial supplies, \$25,000 to refresh Chromebook devices, \$24,000 for diesel/gasoline, \$21,000 for vehicle repair and parts/tires, \$12,000 for vehicles, and \$8,200 for our dual credit program. \$28,000 has been allocated to the school's instructional budget. Total budgeted expenditures are \$3,607,316, which includes \$928,404 in on-behalf expenditures. Our ending fund balance is projected at \$1,058,376, a contingency of 29%.

Special Revenue Fund

The Special Revenue Fund is not a part of the Draft Budget preparation. The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards, which are not yet available. This fund will be incorporated into the Tentative Budget presented in May.

District Activity Fund

The District Activity Fund is not a part of the Draft Budget preparation

Capital Outlay Fund

Receipts of \$28,500 is budgeted in Capital Outlay, based on the projected average daily attendance of 285. This will be transferred to General Fund for current operating expense.

Building Fund

Receipts of \$344,252 (\$265,368 state/\$78,884 local) is budgeted for next year. The Building Fund revenues will be used to make debt payments of \$93,457. \$25,000 is budgeted to transfer to the GF earmarked for the refresh of Chromebook devices. \$154,295 is being reserved for larger maintenance or building projects. The remaining \$71,500 will be transferred to the General Fund for current expenses.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments. The district local debt service requirements are \$93,457 next year compared to this year's \$91,293.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service Fund is budgeted to begin with a \$0 balance. Revenues are projected to decrease compared to this year's budgeted levels by \$58,000, due to a lower projected beginning balance and lower federal reimbursement budgeted. All salary for the food service director has been transferred to the general fund. Total current revenues are budgeted at \$267,300, while expenditures are projected at \$266,112. The 24-25 contingency is budgeted at \$1,188.

Order #25-1163 - Motion Passed: Approve 2025-2026 Draft Budget passed with a motion by Mrs. Jodie Tackett and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

3.3. Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Facilities Report:

- Delivery of EV buses expected anytime
- Installation of wheel stops complete
- Installation of bus chargers complete
- Buffed school floors
- Drained and reset new boiler
- Installed new main line copper pipes
- Repaired basement bathroom toilet
- Repaired water line leak in basement
- Replaced gym overhead light
- Shampooed library, band, and school rugs
- Shut down one unit of gym HVAC rooftop unit
- Touched up paint in restrooms and hallways
- HVAC update: Cut sheets for gym unit will be sent to architect to advise Jefferson HVAC on system placement to meet regulations. After the cut sheets have been submitted, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the installation of roof top unit.

Order #25-1164 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4. Business Consent Items

Order #25-1165 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Amended 2024-2025 Extra Duty Salary Schedules

Rational:

Added new peer tutor hourly rate which will be paid by Gear-Up.

4.3. Approve Bills

4.4. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

January 18th: Middle School Semi-Formal 6:30-9:00 P.M.

January 20th: No School - MLK Day

February 13th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

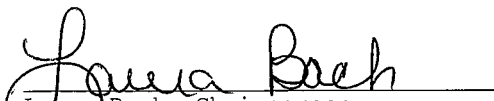
February 17th: No School - President's Day

February 21st - 23rd: KSBA Conference in Louisville, KY

March 13th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Order #25-1166 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent