

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
December 11, 2025 5:00 PM  
207 Bracken Street  
Augusta, KY

**Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM**

**Present Board Members:**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Rationale:  
Merry Christmas!

**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. Approve Amended Agenda**

Rationale:  
To add approval of a field trip request for JROTC to visit the Ohio Veterans Home, in Georgetown, OH to deliver Christmas gifts to Veterans.

**Order #25-1282 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Amended Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor 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. Communications**

**2.1. Principal's Report**

Rationale:  
Principal Robin Kelsch reported that a testing celebration for students and staff will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. and final exam week will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

**2.2. Superintendent's Report**

Rationale:  
Superintendent Lisa McCane informed the board that due to the incoming weather school will be canceled Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and will be NTI Day #3. She informed board members the district will submit two upcoming grants in January; the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, which would fund K-6 afterschool programming for academic support and enrichment activities Monday-Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and a 4-week/6 hours daily summer boost program and a Math Achievement Fund Middle School Coaching Pilot Grant FY26. The grant is for \$62,000 per year, for up to 2 years and no matching funds are required. The pilot grant will fund a developmentally appropriate diagnostic assessment and intervention services to students, to help them reach proficiency in mathematics. This grant will provide release time for a teacher to serve as a mathematics coach. The mathematics coach will improve

mathematics teaching practices by working with teachers of grades 6-8 in their classrooms. Superintendent McCane added that the district strategic plan update will be moved to the January meeting.

### 2.3. Enrollment

Rationale:

Enrolment:

P-12: 298

K-12: 283

9-12: 87

New Horizon Academy-High School: 9

Attendance:

Month: 94.75%

YTD: 96%

### 2.4. Citizens

### 2.5. Board Members

## 3. Business Action/Discussion Items

### 3.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

#### November 2025 Budget Report

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral informed board members the district received the gap funding for the gymnasium from the School Facilities Construction Commission in the amount of \$2.679 million and funds will be invested in CDs until it is needed for the gymnasium project.

#### General Fund

Revenue receipts through November totaled approximately \$1,083,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$214,000 was collected from property taxes. \$47,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$17,000 in donations was received, while nearly \$13,000 was disbursed in motor vehicle taxes. \$3,600 was received for delinquent taxes. \$1,300 was collected in transportation reimbursement.

**State Revenue:** \$779,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$2,700 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

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

Expenditures through November totaled approximately \$915,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$28,000. \$9,000 was expended through November, with another \$1,200 encumbered. Expenses included \$3,700 on technology supplies and subscriptions, \$2,100 on copier rental, \$1,700 on general supplies, and \$700 on registration fees.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled nearly \$168,000 through November. Expenses included \$67,000 on property insurance, \$42,000 on salaries and benefits, \$30,000 on utility services, \$13,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$6,700 on professional services, and \$5,000 on general supplies. 40% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through November, costs totaled \$36,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$26,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$5,000, while diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$3,300. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$900. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$600. 27% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

*For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$168,000.*

#### Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

#### Food Service Fund

**Revenue:** Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$75,000 was received in federal revenue, \$1,000 was received in state revenue, while \$5,500 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$85,000.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled nearly \$79,000 through November. \$51,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$25,000, \$800 has been disbursed for travel, and \$700 have been expended for hauling of commodities.

The food service balance as of November 30 was approximately \$6,400.

**Order #25-1283 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget report 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	Yes

Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

### 3.2. Approve 2026 Board Meeting Calendar

#### Rationale:

The 2026 board meeting calendar remains consistent with board meetings scheduled the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The December meeting remains at 5:00 p.m.

**Order #25-1284 - Motion Passed:** Approve 2026 Board Meeting Calendar 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

### 3.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

#### Rationale:

##### Monthly Facilities Report:

- Inspected cafeteria range hood
- Purchased 227 new heavy duty foldable/cushion chairs
- Purchased 3 chair hangers for storage solution
- Repaired lock on office door
- Repaired old building stairwell step and railing on the main floor
- Repaired striker on front entrance door
- Replaced headlight assembly on Suburban
- Re-sealed EV bus windows
- Re-waxed gym floor (completed by Cincinnati Flooring)
- On Saturday, December 6, 2025, the Suburban was sideswiped while parked in the school parking lot. A police report has been filed, and the at-fault driver's insurance provider has accepted responsibility for the damage to the passenger side of the vehicle. Kevin's Kar Kare has ordered the necessary parts and will complete the repairs. The Suburban remains fully operable and is currently in use.
- A preconstruction meeting and contract signing will be Friday, December 12 at 10:00am at the board office with Momentum Construction and G. Scott & Associates. This will be the interim contract, the full contracts will be signed after the bond sale on December 18, 2025.

**Order #25-1285 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities Report 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

### 3.4. Approve New District Mission Statement

#### Rationale:

##### NEW MISSION STATEMENT

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

##### CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Augusta Independent 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.

**Order #25-1286 - Motion Passed:** Approve New District Mission Statement passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor 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. Business Consent Items

Order #25-1287 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items 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

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

Surplus Items

Playground Equipment and Components

4.3. Approve Trip Request

4.4. Approve Acceptance of Donations

4.5. Approve Bills

4.6. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

December 13th: City of Augusta White Christmas Parade

December 22nd-January 2nd: No School - Christmas Break

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

January 19th: No School - MLK Day

KSBA's Annual Conference is February 20-22, 2026 at the Galt House in Louisville

Order #25-1288 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

  
Laura Bach, Chairperson

  
Lisa McCane, Superintendent