

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
January 8, 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:**

School Board Recognition Month. Thank you, Board members for your Service and Dedication to the Augusta Independent School District! Laura Bach, Chasity Saunders, Matt McCane, Bob Snapp, Mike Taylor  
Happy Birthday Board Member! Chasity Saunders-January 21<sup>st</sup> and Mike Taylor-January 24<sup>th</sup>

**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 Election of 2026 Board Officers**

**Rationale:**

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

**Order #25-1289 - Motion Passed:** Approve Election of 2026 Board Officers passes 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

**1.5. Approve Agenda**

**Order #25-1290 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Amended Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

**2. Student Recognition**

**Rationale:**

Congratulations Academic Achievers!  
Proficient/Distinguished 4th-6th Grade Students:

**Fourth Grade**

Brooklynn Bishop: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient  
Abella Clark: Reading: Proficient  
Adalynn Merkel: Reading: Proficient  
Jaxson Owens: Reading: Distinguished

**Fifth Grade**

Jensen Brewer: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Distinguished  
Catalaya Campbell: Science: Distinguished  
Braelyn Howell: Science: Proficient  
Mia Rupe: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient  
Bristol Tucker: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Distinguished  
Tristen Wenz: Reading: Distinguished and Science: Proficient  
Colton Wilson: Science: Proficient

#### Sixth Grade

Ashford Ewen: Editing: Proficient  
Jolene Feagan: Reading: Proficient, Social Studies: Distinguished, Editing: Distinguished,  
On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient  
Xander Foster: Reading: Proficient and Editing: Proficient  
Alaina Gilliam: Editing: Proficient  
Kaylinn Holleran: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, On-Demand  
Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient  
Madyson McElfresh: Reading: Proficient and Editing: Proficient  
Sophie Miller: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, Social Studies: Proficient, Editing:  
Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient  
Peyton Steel: Editing: Proficient  
Ryleigh Tanner: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, On-Demand  
Writing: Distinguished, and Writing: Distinguished  
Leo Velazquez: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Social Studies: Proficient, Editing:  
Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient  
Liam White: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, Social Studies: Distinguished, Editing:  
Distinguished, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient

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### 3. Communications

#### 3.1. Principal's Report

##### Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported to the board of the upcoming preparations to transition from the ACT to the newly state-approved SAT college entrance exam and he shared instructional data collected from recent eWalk classroom walk-throughs and Kids First instructional coaching visits.

#### 3.2. Superintendent's Report

##### Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane updated the board on several funding initiatives. The district will submit three grant applications totaling \$590,000: a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for \$450,000 over three years to fund K-6 afterschool programming Monday-Thursday from 3-5 p.m. for academic support and enrichment activities, plus a 4-week summer program with 6 hours of daily programming; a Youth Employment Grant for \$100,000; and a Math Achievement Fund Mini-Grant for \$40,000. The district is not eligible for the Math Achievement Fund Middle School Coaching Pilot Grant.

Superintendent McCane also informed the board that the Governor's budget includes \$2,679,000 in gap funding under the School Facilities Assistance Fund for the new multipurpose educational gym facility. Advocacy efforts are underway for the 2026 General Assembly session. The strategic plan update has been moved to the February meeting, and board members were asked to suggest potential graduation speakers.

#### 3.3. Enrollment

##### Rationale:

##### Enrolment:

P-12: 298

K-12: 284

9-12: 88

New Horizon Academy: 10

Panthers Virtual Academy: 1

##### Attendance:

Month: 93.88%

YTD: 95.86%

##### Calendar:

Used 5 NTI days (5 NTI days remain/30 banked hours)

- 3.4. Citizens
- 3.5. Board Members
- 4. Business Action/Discussion Items
  - 4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

**December 2025 Budget Report**

General Fund

Revenue receipts through December totaled approximately \$1,346,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$291,000 was collected from property taxes. \$64,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$17,000 in donations was received, while over \$15,000 was disbursed in motor vehicle taxes. Nearly \$7,700 was collected in PSC taxes. \$3,600 was received for delinquent taxes. \$1,300 was collected in transportation reimbursement.

**State Revenue:** \$941,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$3,300 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

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

Expenditures through December totaled approximately \$1,132,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$28,000. \$12,000 was expended through December. Expenses included \$3,800 on technology supplies and subscriptions, \$2,600 on copier rental, \$2,000 on general supplies, \$1,000 on instructional materials, \$800 on travel reimbursement, and \$700 on registration fees.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled nearly \$192,000 through December. Expenses included \$67,000 on property insurance, \$51,000 on salaries and benefits, \$43,000 on utility services, \$16,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$7,000 on professional services, and \$6,700 on general supplies. 49% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through December, costs totaled nearly \$47,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$34,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$5,000, while diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$4,500. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$2,300. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$900. 33% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

*For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$214,000.*

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

**Revenue:** Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$106,000 was received in federal revenue, \$1,000 was received in state revenue, while \$6,700 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$117,000.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled nearly \$104,000 through December. \$68,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$32,000, \$800 has been disbursed for travel, as well as for hauling of commodities. \$800 has also been expended on professional services. The food service balance as of December 31 was approximately \$13,800.

**Order #25-1291 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

**4.2. Approve 2026-2027 Draft Budget**

Rationale:

2026-2027 Draft Budget

The Draft Budget is a preliminary projection for the upcoming fiscal year. There are still many variables that are yet to be finalized. This spring, the legislature will pass their two-year budget, which will establish SEEK funding levels among other revenue sources. 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 \$1,165,310 for the current year.

General Fund

Revenues

Because the SEEK base amount is unknown for next year, SEEK revenue is budgeted based on the current per pupil amount, with similar ADA anticipated. SEEK is budgeted at \$1,771,000. Local tax revenues have been increased overall by 1% (\$7,000). This increase encompasses all local tax including property, PSC, motor vehicles, and utilities tax, with a total amount of

\$705,500 budgeted. \$35,000 is budgeted for vocational transportation reimbursement. We are budgeting \$2,900 to be transferred from Capital accounts to the General Fund to off-set building maintenance expenses, as well as another \$25,000 from Capital accounts for the annual Chromebook refresh. \$17,000 is budgeted for interest received on investments. Donations are being maintained at the current budgeted level of \$15,000. Total receipts are estimated to decrease \$93,000 from the current budget to \$2,592,259.

Expenditures

Salary and benefit costs are budgeted at .5% increase for the purpose of step and rank increases, at an increase of about \$10,000. The increase was less than expected because the classified retirement rate is decreasing for next year. \$120,000 is budgeted for sick-leave pay-outs for potential retirements as a one-time budget item. Total salary and benefits are budgeted for a total of \$2,220,771 (not including on-behalf), which comprises 79% of the General Fund current expenditures.

Non-personnel costs are budgeted at \$582,525. Highlights include \$116,000 for utility services, \$81,000 for our insurance package (property, flood, auto, liability, worker's comp, student accident), \$34,000 for building repairs, \$27,000 for the literacy program, \$25,000 to refresh Chromebook devices, and \$8,000 for our dual credit program. \$28,000 has been allocated to the school's instructional budget. Total budgeted expenditures are \$3,823,852, which includes \$1,037,141 in on-behalf expenditures. Our ending fund balance is projected at \$970,858, a contingency of 25.8%.

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. \$604 will be used to make debt service payments. \$27,896 is budgeted to transfer to the General Fund earmarked for the refresh of Chromebook devices and to off-set maintenance expenses.

Building Fund

Receipts of \$328,722 (\$246,000 state/\$82,722 local) are budgeted for next year. The Building Fund revenues will be used to make debt payments of \$328,722.

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 26-27 with a \$6,000 balance. Revenues are projected to increase compared to this year's budgeted levels by \$13,000, due to a larger projected beginning balance and an increase in federal reimbursement. Total revenues are budgeted at \$279,300, while expenditures are projected at \$270,923. The 26-27 contingency is budgeted at \$8,377.

**Order #25-1292 - Motion Passed:** Approve 2026-2027 Draft Budget 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

**4.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report**

Rationale:

**Monthly Facilities Report:**

- Buffed and refinished school floors
- Deep cleaned all restrooms
- Installed new sump pump at the board office
- Installed new water heater at the board office
- Painted the older section of the building (upstairs and downstairs)
- Repaired damaged staircase spindles
- Repaired the fire alarm system (battery/notification system)
- Repaired the chair lift
- Repaired plaster wall cracks in the older section of the building
- Replaced exterior security light bulbs
- Replaced light bulbs in the cafeteria
- Replaced three televisions in the cafeteria (TV's from Donor's Choose)

- Currently repairing Suburban damage
- Gym metal archway to be painted

**Order #25-1293 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities 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

**5. Business Consent Items**

**Order #25-1294 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items 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

- 5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- 5.2. Approve Fundraisers
- 5.3. Approve Trip Request
- 5.4. Approve Acceptance of Donations
- 5.5. Approve SFCC Offer of Assistance

**Rationale:**

The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is making an official Offer of Assistance to the Augusta Independent Board of Education. Acceptance of this Offer of Assistance commits the school district to adhere to the statutes and regulations governing this program. This Offer of Assistance is in the annual debt service amount of \$4,806 to be used towards proposed construction or major renovation of facilities outlined in your most current approved facility plan.

- 5.6. Approve Bills
- 5.7. Approve Treasurer's Report
- 6. Approve Adjournment

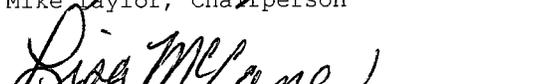
**Rationale:**

January 19: No School - MLK Day  
 January 30: School Board Member Recognition during Boys Varsity vs. Mason County (Special observance of the JROTC Color Guard and live performance of the National Anthem)  
 February 20-22: KSBA Annual Conference at the Galt House in Louisville -

**Order #25-1295 - Motion Passed:** Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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