

Augusta Independent Board of Education
August 13, 2026 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mr. Matthew McCane
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mr. Mike Taylor

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

1. Call to Order

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 #26-1355 - 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	Absent
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 updated the board on Back to School events and professional development for faculty and staff and updates to the Student Communication SB 181.

2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported that Augusta Independent and the City of August was able to come to an agreement on the underground utility relocation expenses incurred by the city, statutory changes to state-mandated board member training requirements updates, and the Ada Clooney Memorial Library proposal.

2.3. Personnel

Rationale:

2026-2027 School Year

Resignation:

Karla Hinson - School Administrative Assistant

Certified Hire:

Harrison Owens Crawford - Career Technical Education Teacher

Classified Transfers:

Katie Holleran - School Administrative Assistant (Dual role with School Nurse duties)

Sommer Siler - High School Education Paraprofessional

Tyler Sparks - CTE Bus Driver (Assigned District Agriculture Education Week Coordinator)

Open Position:

2.4. Enrollment

Rationale:

2026-2027 Enrollment

YTD Enrollment: K-12: 300

YTD Enrollment: P-12: 309

YTD New Horizons Academy: 51

2.5. Citizens

2.6. Board Members

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

July 2026 Budget Report

New Suburban Financing Update (Supt. McCane)

The Board previously approved the purchase of a new district Suburban. Administration explored financing options; however, due to the proposed interest rates, administration recommends payment in full in the amount of \$61,398, resulting in significant savings to the district.

General Fund

Revenue receipts in July totaled \$150,000.

Local Revenue: \$2,000 was received as a refund for a prior year expenditure. \$545 was earned in interest.

State Revenue: \$145,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$1,500 was received in aid from the state for summer EBT administration. \$500 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: No federal revenue received.

Expenditures in July totaled approximately \$176,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$28,000. \$900 was expended through July, with another \$900 encumbered. Expenses included \$400 on technology supplies and subscriptions and \$400 on copier rental.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled nearly \$68,000 in July. Expenses included \$61,000 on property insurance, \$6,200 on salaries and benefits, \$500 on utility services, and \$300 on professional services. 17% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: In July, costs totaled \$7,500. Annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$2,500. 5% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date expenditures exceeded receipts by nearly \$26,000.

Construction Fund

Revenue: The construction fund began the year with a balance of nearly \$6,442,000.

Expenditures: In July, \$244,000 was expended for construction services

The construction balance as of July 31 was nearly \$6,197,000.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$44,747. No revenue was collected in July.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$1,900 in July. Salary expenses totaled \$1,900.

The food service balance as of July 31 was approximately \$43,000.

2025-2026 CDs

<u>Fund</u>	<i>Amount Invested</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>
General Fund	\$800,000	\$19,875
Building Fund	\$232,000	\$3,111
Scholarship Fund	\$33,000	\$1,000
Construction Fund	\$6,289,990	\$86,695

2026-2027 Current Investments

<u>Fund</u>	<i>Amount Invested</i>
General Fund	\$800,000
Building Fund	\$14,000
Scholarship Fund	\$32,500
Construction Fund	\$5,375,000

Order #26-1356 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.2. Approve 2026-2027 Amended Classified and Extra-Duty Salary Schedules

Rationale:

When approving the amended salary schedules at the last meeting with the 1% increase, we neglected to increase the preschool teacher salary schedule with the approved raise. An extra duty stipend for the school activity account clerk has been added to the schedule.

Order #26-1357 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-2027 Amended Certified and Classified Salary Schedules passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.3. Approve Board Procedure Early Entrance Petition Form

Rationale:

The Early Entrance Petition Form will be added to board Procedures under Entrance Age 09.121 for that board policy.

Order #26-1358 - Motion Passed: Approve Board Procedure Early Entrance Form passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.4. Approve Early Entrance Age Request

Rationale:

Early Entrance Request Reason: The student missed the cut-off date to enter Kindergarten in a Kentucky Public School by August 1 by 24 days and the parent has requested early entrance.

Student's Name: Nolan Carter Hall

Parent/Guardian: Mildred Strange

Date of Birth: 08/25/21

Current School: Bracken County Head Start

Enrollment Grade: Kindergarten

Enrollment Year: 2026-2027

After review of the kindergarten readiness assessments, I recommend the board approve early entrance for the student.

Order #26-1359- Motion Passed: Approve Early Entrance Age Request passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

3.5. Approve Proposed 2026-2027 Property Tax Rates

Rationale:

The Augusta Independent Board of Education voted to establish a proposed 4% increase for the 2026-2027 tax rates with applicable exonerations.

Real Estate: \$.77.2 cents (24-25 was \$.78.1 cents and 25-26 was \$.79.9 cents)

Personal Property: \$.77.2 cents (24-25 was \$.79.0 and 25-26 was \$.79.9 cents)

Motor Vehicle/Watercraft: \$.57.6 cents (Same annually)

Utility: \$.3 cents (Same annually)

The recommendation is to establish a proposed 4% increase to tax rates with exonerations. Last year, the property tax rate was 79.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Because property values have increased, the district can generate approximately 4% more total property tax revenue while actually lowering the tax rate to \$.77.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value, including exonerations.

It is important to note that the 4% increase refers to total revenue, not the tax rate itself. The lower tax rate reflects the increase in property values and allows the district to generate the additional revenue permitted under state law without increasing the tax rate by 4%.

EXAMPLES:

Property Value	Last Year at 79.9¢	Proposed Rate at 77.2¢	Change
\$100,000	\$799	\$772	-\$27
\$150,000	\$1,199	\$1,158	-\$41
\$200,000	\$1,598	\$1,544	-\$54
\$250,000	\$1,998	\$1,930	-\$68
\$300,000	\$2,397	\$2,316	-\$81
\$400,000	\$3,196	\$3,088	-\$108

Order #26-1360 - Motion Passed: Approve Proposed 2026-2027 Property Tax Rates passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.6. Approve to Adopt Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Five-Standard Administrators (KASA) Five-Standard Superintendent Effectiveness Framework for 2026-2027

Rationale:

As part of Kentucky's ongoing efforts to modernize superintendent evaluation and leadership development, KASA, in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education, superintendents, and board members, has streamlined the Superintendent Effectiveness Standards from seven standards to five leadership standards. The revised framework is designed to provide a clearer, more streamlined evaluation process that aligns superintendent performance with district goals and continuous improvement efforts.

The Five Standards:

1. Strategic Leadership
2. Instructional Leadership
3. Cultural Leadership
4. Human Resource Leadership
5. Operational Leadership.

I am recommending the Board adopt the KASA 5-Standard Superintendent Effectiveness Framework as the district's official superintendent evaluation model beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. This change requires board action and revision of local evaluation procedures but would not result in a fiscal impact to the district. Additional information and a proposed resolution will be provided.

Order #26-1361 - Motion Passed: Approve to Adopt Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Five-Standard Administrators (KASA) Five-Standard Superintendent Effectiveness Framework for 2026-2027 passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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

3.7. Approve Emergency Certification for Business Education Instructor for 2026-2027

Rationale:

Harrison Owens Crawford: CTE Business Instructor for 2026-2027 School Year
(The position will also include responsibility for teaching courses within the Teaching and Learning Career Pathway).

Order #26-1362 - Motion Passed: Approve Emergency Certification for Business Education Instructor for 2026-2027 passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.8. Approve Two BG 22-521 Change Orders for the Multi-Purpose Educational Gymnasium Facility

Rationale:

Unsuitable soils were encountered near the existing building and at the former boiler building location, requiring remediation before construction could proceed. Although the remediation has been completed, it caused a slight delay in the project schedule. Concrete footings and vertical foundation walls are currently under construction, with masonry work expected to begin on August 17, 2026.

Change Order Proposals:

- 1.) Motion to approve a change order for remediation of unsuitable soils found along the existing building and old boiler building location in the amount of **\$20,056.00**. This is less than the original estimated amount of the Construction Change Directive for the remediation. Due to the added work, 12 days will be added to the final construction date, revising it from 01 Dec 2027 to 13 Dec 2027.
- 2.) Motion to approve a change in a subcontractor for **\$0**. This is due to Doug's Glass being sold and changing its name to Glacier Glass.

Board Action:

Move to approve a change order for remediation of unsuitable soils, found along the existing building and old boiler building location, in the amount of \$20,056.00, and to add 12 days to the contract schedule for this additional work; also, to approve the change from the subcontractor of Doug's Glass to Glacier Glass, due to a sale of the business; and to pay for this with available contingency funds.
Current contingency is \$293,226.56.

Order #26-1363 - Motion Passed: Approve Two BG 22-521 Change Orders for the Multi-Purpose Educational Gymnasium Facility passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

3.9. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:

Please find attached Momentum's approved Pay App #7 in the amount of \$103,950.00
DPOs, in addition to the Pay App:

- o CSI's July Invoice for \$5,400.00
- o Hilltop Co. \$2,657.51
- o The Wells Group \$44,490.40
- o MMI \$1,337.00
- o Lee Bldg Prod. \$13,965.24

Order #26-1364 - Motion Passed: Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

3.10. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Facilities Updates:

- Installed new mini splits in special ed. classroom, 1st grade classroom, & business ed. classroom
- Painted cafeteria hallway, restrooms, and upstairs plaster wall
- Pressure washed doorways, sidewalks, and entry points
- Repaired 2nd Street door
- Repaired ceiling tiles throughout school
- Repaired HVAC leak in science lab
- Repaired main restroom toilet
- Replaced ceiling light fixtures in old building (currently finishing lighting in upstairs)
- Shampooed library and board office carpet
- Cleaned hallways & restrooms
- Cleaned stair cases
- Repaired front heater hose on Bus 1020
- Added new 9-passenger Chevy Suburban

Order #26-1365 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

3.11. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

- Foundation layout, excavations, and placement continues
- Masonry rebar and materials have been delivered
- Masonry is scheduled to begin August 17, site concrete around boiler building, finish foundation walls, back fill and insulation of interior of foundation within the next 4 weeks

4. Business Consent Items

Order #26-1366 - 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	Absent
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 Data Security & Data Breach Awareness Report

Rationale:

Prior to August 31st of each year, school administrators must report to the local board that the district has reviewed this guidance and implemented the best practices that meet the needs of personal information reasonable security in that district. (702 KAR 1:170)

4.3. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:
Chromebooks - 11463, 11456
Desktops - 11701

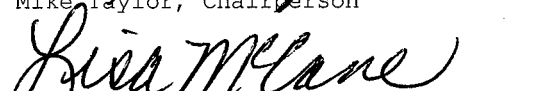
- 4.4. Approve Use of District Property
- 4.5. Approve Acceptance of Donation
- 4.6. Approve Bills
- 4.7. Approve Treasurer's Report
- 5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:
August 16th: Augusta Police Dept. Back to School Picnic 12:00-4:00 P.M.
August 20th: Read-I-Fest 5:00-7:00 P.M.
August 24th: First Day of School for Students
September 7th: Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 10th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Order #26-1367 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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


Mike Taylor, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent