

Augusta Independent Board of Education
October 7th, 2021 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Mr. Shawn Hennessey
Mrs. Dionne Laycock
Mrs. Julie Moore
Mrs. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rational:
Happy Halloween!

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. Approval of Agenda

Order #21-786 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Communications

2.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed board members of the K-Prep Spring Test results and that the district's teachers with 0-3 years of experience are participating in the KEDC New Teachers' Club.

2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane informed board members the district was excited and appreciative to receive a \$10,000 donation from the Beehive Augusta Tavern that was raised at a recent fundraiser to help renovate the school library and the school district collaborated with the Augusta Rotary Club and have received a grant from the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library to provide books for all 0-5 year-olds in the community. Superintendent McCane stated the Bracken County School Health Clinic was underway again after delays during the pandemic and that Primary Plus will begin offering telehealth as an option in the school. The First Responders School Safety Building Walk-Through is set for November 3, the first Superintendent's Staff Student Advisory Council meeting focused on social emotional and mental health needs of students, and full/part-time district employees and board members will receive a \$100 vaccine incentive from KDE, if vaccinated by December 31, 2021, according to Superintendent McCane.

2.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Welcome New Substitute Teachers for 2021-2022:

Makenna Bach
Tara Carrigan
Ashley King
Camryn Snapp
Tyler Sparks
Phil White

2.4. Enrollment

Rationale:

September Enrollment

P-12: 321

K-12: 303

Panther Virtual Learning Academy: 14

September Attendance: 94.34%

YTD Attendance: 94.94%

School's Overall Self-Reporting COVID-19 Data as of 10/04/21

Quarantined students due to direct exposure: 4

Quarantined students tested positive: 1

Quarantined staff due to direct exposure: 0

Quarantined staff tested positive: 0

2.5. Citizens

2.6. Board Members

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. New Gymnasium Finance Options

Rationale:

Bob Tarvin and Lincoln Theinert, the district's fiscal agents from RSA presented the new gymnasium finance options to the board. The board options include; a 25-year bond in the amount of \$35,000 annually to reach a bonding capacity of \$4.8 million or \$56,900 to reach \$5.1M, or initiate a second recallable nickel tax to reach a bonding capacity of \$5.1M that would not require the board to enter into a 25-year bond. The project is estimated at \$5.1M.

3.2. Approve New Gymnasium BG-1

Order #21-787 - Motion Passed: Approve New Gymnasium BG-1 - Augusta Ind Option 2 passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Laycock and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.
(25 Year Bond with General Fund Commitment of \$56,000 annually)

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.3. New Gymnasium Concept Design Options

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane presented two draft gymnasium concept designs; one on the Second Street side of the building and the other on the Frankfort Street side for the board to review. Architect Craig Aossey will present more details at an upcoming board meeting.

3.4. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

September 2021 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through September totaled \$405,000.

Local Revenue: \$28,000 was received in utility taxes. Nearly \$11,000 was collected in tuition. \$5,100 was received for motor vehicle taxes, \$3,700 for delinquent property taxes, and \$1,700 in PSC taxes.

State Revenue: \$346,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$7,600 was received for security equipment reimbursement. \$1,600 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Nothing received at this time.

Expenditures through the first quarter totaled \$368,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$19,571. Through September, \$6,200 was expended. Expenses included \$1,700 on copier fees, \$1,600 on dues and fees, \$1,300 on general supplies, \$1,000 on professional services, and \$500 for technology resources.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$91,000 through September. Expenses included \$41,000 on property insurance, \$20,000 on salaries and benefits, \$16,000 on utility services, \$6,400 on repairs and maintenance, and \$5,600 on general supplies. 30% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through September, costs totaled \$33,000. The annual Suburban payment was \$11,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$8,300. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$6,300. \$5,900 has been expended on repair parts and tires. \$1,000 has been spent on diesel fuel. 33% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$38,000.

Special Revenue Fund

\$10,000 was received from the Oscar Night at the Beehive fundraiser to go towards library renovation expenses. \$900 has been collected in the selling of surplus Chromebooks.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: \$7,500 was received in federal reimbursement, while \$600 was received for state reimbursement. \$1,500 was collected in local revenue. Receipts for the year totaled \$9,600.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$33,000 through September including, \$14,000 on salaries and benefits, \$8,500 for equipment repair (AC repair), \$5,300 in food costs, \$1,000 in milk/vending expenses, \$2,700 on machinery, and \$800 on dues and fees.

The food service balance as of September 30 was approximately \$26,500.

Order #21-788 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.5. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Alumni dinner cleaning and preparation
- Gym light replaced
- Projector screen replaced on stage
- Ceiling tiles replaced by vents in office
- Electrical outlets replaced in Consumer Science classroom
- Roof repaired over Science Classroom and FRYSC Office
- The new library bookshelves and circulation desk are scheduled for delivery this week. We anticipate the library renovation will be complete after fall break.
- King Asphalt will begin grade work next week on the Bracken Street parking pavement project, weather permitting.

Order #21-789 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.6. Approve Authorization of Superintendent to Use Temporary Remote Instructional Days

Rationale:

The General Assembly granted districts 20 days to use for temporary remote instruction until Dec. 31.

Senate Bill 1 also:

- Requires the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) to create a model "Test to Stay" policy. Test to stay policies allow students to circumvent quarantine requirements through daily COVID-19 screenings.
- Allows districts to substitute previous attendance data for the 2021-2022 school year in order to calculate the next school year's Support Education Excellence in Kentucky funding.
- Stipulates that if a district uses non-traditional instruction days for a COVID-19 related event, all certified and classified staff are required to report to their designated place of work to deliver instruction that day.
- Provides districts with additional tools to meet staffing demands by giving them flexibility in hiring practices for emergency substitutes and retirees returning to work, but the flexibilities for retirees will expire in January.
- Waives the requirement that a student instructional year contain 170 student attendance days but retains the requirement that districts provide a minimum of 1,062 instructional hours. Districts may adjust daily schedules to include no more than 7 hours of instructional time each day.

Order #21-790 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization of Superintendent to Use Temporary Remote Instructional Days passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.7. Approve Authorization of Superintendent to Establish a Test to Stay Program

Rationale:

The Test to Stay Program is an optional modified quarantine plan for managing COVID-19 exposures in the school setting. The CDC and KDPH recommends layered prevention strategies to protect students and staff and allow individuals exposed to COVID-19 at school to continue with in-person instruction with repeated negative COVID-19 testing, according to Superintendent McCane. Attached is the guidance document from the CDC and KDPH.

Order #21-791 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization of Superintendent to Establish a Test to Stay Program passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.8. Approve Board Resolution to Grant COVID Relief Emergency Days for Personnel

Rationale:

The current legislation allows personnel leave for quarantine days ONLY, but not for sickness due to COVID-19 or the Delta Variant.

The board resolution would allow up to 10 COVID relief days for individuals vaccinated who are infected with the virus until June 30, 2022. The COVID relief days will not be eligible for carryover.

Order #21-792 - Motion Passed: Approve Board Resolution to Grant COVID Relief Emergency Days for Personnel passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4. Business Content Items

Order #21-793 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Bills

4.3. Approve Acceptance of Donations

4.4. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

See attachment for complete surplus list.

4.5. Approve Treasure's Report

5. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

October 11th-15th: No School - Fall Break

November 11th: Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

November 24th-26th: No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 9th: Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

Order #21-794 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes


Julie Moore, Chairperson


Lisa McCane, Superintendent