Augusta Independent Board of Education
October 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:
Happy October Birthday!
Administrative Assistant - Miss Tina Sticklen - October 28th
Happy Fall and Halloween!

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 #26-1381 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. 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

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:
Congratulations Academic Achievers!
mClass Literacy - Above Benchmark: Kindergarten - Kolson Guttridge, 1st Grade - Bridon Phares, 3rd Grade - Maggie Hodge & Theo Kelsch, 4th Grade - Anna Harding, 6th Grade - Jensen Brewer, Kenasyn Prater, Max Reis, Mia Rupe, & Bristol Tucker
mClass Math - Above Benchmark: Kindergarten - Finley Bush, Nola Clark, Kolson Guttridge, Thea Jefferson, Audri Thomas, & Khloe White, 1st Grade - Hazel Hurst, Bridon Phares, & Ryker Wenz 2nd Grade - Case Fryman, 3rd Grade - Payton Borgmann, Bentley Howell, & Theo Kelsch, 5th Grade - Brooklynn Bishop, Bensyn Habermehl, & Trysten Peed

2.1. *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:
Superintendent Lisa McCane informed Board members that school officials met with City of Augusta staff members Cynthia Thompson and Gretchen England on October 2 to discuss proposals for resolving the underground utilities relocation fee dispute.

One proposal was for the Board of Education and the City of Augusta to split the cost of repaving Frankfort Street following completion of the project in exchange for the City covering the remaining $39,500 of the $79,490 underground utilities relocation cost. The District has already contributed $39,990. Superintendent McCane noted that this arrangement would be consistent with other cost-sharing projects, including the Augusta Distillery ballfield project.

The City has received one bid for the repaving project from Brown County Construction Co., Inc., totaling $32,197.08, and plans to seek additional bids.

Board members unanimously agreed to present the proposal to the City of Augusta for consideration by the City Council at its next meeting.

She also informed Board members the Ada Clooney Dedication is scheduled for December 18th, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. in the school library.

3.2. Personnel

Rationale:
Resignations:
Denette Arthur - Cafeteria Manager
Tammy McNay - Cafeteria Staff
Classified Hires:
Amanda Cantrell - Cafeteria Staff
Michelle Rau - Cafeteria Manager
Mary Ellen Flora - Substitute
Tina Kiskaden - Substitute

3.3. Enrollment

Rationale:
October 2026
Enrollment:
K-12: 275
P-12: 358
9-12: 134
New Horizons Academy: 84 (2 in district)

Attendance:
Month: 95.08% (Won high school High Attendance Day)
YTD: 95.49%

3.4. Citizens

3.5. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve District Audit Report FY-2026

Rationale:
Paul Maddox, CPA with Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc. presented the district's FY-2026 annual financial audit report. The Independent Auditor's Report expressed an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Augusta Independent School District. No significant deficiencies related to the audit of the financial statements were reported on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with government auditing standards. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Augusta Independent School district were disclosed during the audit and no significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs were reported.

Order #26-1382 - Motion Passed: Approve District Audit Report FY-2026 passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane 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

4.2. Approve Senior Trip Deposit Increase Paid by Individual Students

Rationale:
Senior trip planner and sponsor, Kendra Cline requested the student deposit for the annual senior trip be increased from $200 to $400 per student. The current deposit has been in place

for at least 15 years. Due to rising costs and inflation, the increase is recommended to help ensure the district can continue offering an annual senior trip. Students who are unable to pay the deposit will not be penalized and will still be permitted to attend the trip.

Order #26-1383 - Motion Passed: Approve Senior Trip Deposit Increase Paid by Individual Students 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

4.3. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:
September 2026 Budget Report
General Fund
Revenue receipts through September totaled nearly $470,000.
Local Revenue: $19,000 was received in utilities tax. $6,000 was collected in motor vehicle taxes. $2,600 was received in refunds for a prior year expenditure. $1,600 was collected in delinquent property taxes. $700 was earned in interest.
State Revenue: $436,000 was received in SEEK funding. $1,600 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state. $1,500 was received in aid from the state for summer EBT administration.
Federal Revenue: No federal revenue received.
Expenditures through September totaled approximately $540,000.
School Budget: The school budget is $28,000. $8,400 has been expended year-to-date. Expenses included $4,800 on technology supplies and subscriptions, $1,200 on copier rental, $1,100 on travel reimbursement, $700 on registration fees, and $400 on general supplies.
Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled $96,000 through September. Expenses included $61,000 on property insurance, $21,000 on salaries and benefits, $4,800 on utility services, $4,700 on building and equipment repairs, $3,500 on general supplies, and $1,400 on professional services. 24% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.
Transportation Budget: Through September, costs totaled $84,000. Vehicle purchase accounted for $61,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for $11,700. Annual fleet insurance was $5,000. Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled $2,300. Vehicle repair costs totaled $1,700. Repair parts totaled $1,000, while $700 was expended on professional services. 42% of the transportation budget has been utilized.
For the general fund, year-to-date expenditures exceeded receipts by approximately $70,000.
Construction Fund
Revenue: The construction fund began the year with a balance of nearly $6,442,000.
Expenditures: Through September, $972,000 was expended for construction services.
The construction balance as of September 30 was $5,470,000.
Food Service Fund
Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of $44,747. $2,400 was collected in local revenue, while $1,100 was received in state funding. $11,500 was received for NSLP reimbursement.
Expenditures: Expenses totaled $30,000 through September. Salary and benefits totaled $17,000. Food costs totaled $12,000.
The food service balance as of September 30 was approximately $30,000.

Order #26-1384 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

4.4. Approve MOU for Kentucky Education Fund as the District's Scholarship Granting Organization

Rationale:
The SGO allows private donors to contribute money that can fund K-12 student scholarships, with the donor potentially receiving a federal tax credit, while the Kentucky Education Fund handles the scholarship administration and the district verifies eligibility and applies the funds.

Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

What is an SGO?

A Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) is a qualified nonprofit organization that receives private donations and uses those funds to provide scholarships to eligible K-12 students for approved educational expenses. The Kentucky Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving in this capacity. Under the proposed agreement, the Kentucky Education Fund would administer the scholarship process on behalf of the district.

What is the new law?

Beginning January 1, 2027, federal law provides a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit of up to $1,700 per individual taxpayer for qualifying cash contributions to approved Scholarship Granting Organizations. Kentucky has elected to participate in this program. This creates an opportunity for individuals to make charitable contributions that can ultimately support scholarships for eligible Kentucky students.

How would the Kentucky Education Fund help our district?

The Kentucky Education Fund would handle the administration of the scholarship program, including:

- Promoting scholarship opportunities and providing application materials.
- Reviewing applications and determining eligible scholarship recipients.
- Disbursing scholarship funds directly to the school on behalf of students.
- Ensuring funds are used only for approved educational expenses.
- Maintaining the required nonprofit and state certification.
- Providing the district with the necessary processes and reporting requirements.

Under the MOU, the SGO would spend at least 90% of generated income on scholarships and would provide the institution 1.5% of each gross donation for assistance with the application process.

What would the district do?

The district's role would primarily be to verify student enrollment and eligibility, recommend qualified students, apply scholarship funds to approved expenses, provide required reports, and help promote the Kentucky Education Fund's scholarship and donation opportunities.

In Summary:

This partnership would give the district an opportunity to attract private dollars for student scholarships without the district having to raise or administer the donated funds itself. The Kentucky Education Fund would provide the administrative structure for receiving donations, processing applications, selecting recipients, and distributing scholarship funds, while the district would verify eligibility and administer the funds for approved educational expenses.

Order #26-1385- Motion Passed: Approve MOU for Kentucky Education Fund as the District's Scholarship Granting Organization 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

4.5. Approve Five-Standard Superintendent Effectiveness Evaluation Forms

Rationale:
The Board approved in August, the new Five-Standard Superintendent Effectiveness Evaluation Framework beginning during the 2026-2027.
The district's Superintendent evaluation forms have been updated to align to the new Five-Standard Superintendent Evaluation process.

Order #26-1386 - Motion Passed: Approve Five-Standard Superintendent Effectiveness Evaluation Forms passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp 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

4.6. Approve Superintendent's Professional Growth Plan for 2026-2027

Order #26-1387 - Motion Passed: Approve Superintendent's Professional Growth Plan for 2026-2027 passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

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

4.7. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:
Please find attached Momentum's approved Pay App #9 in the amount of $198,405.00

- DPOs, in addition to the Pay App:
- Hilltop Co. $5,113.03
- The Wells Group $31,030.80
- MMI $255.00
- Lee Bldg $12,222.90
- Ferguson Ent. $13,098.08
- RL Craig $16,676.93
- Eckart Supply $1,211.09

Order #26-1388 - Motion Passed: Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application 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

4.8. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:
Facilities Report

- Repaired and replaced ballast lights in the hallway leading to the cafeteria.
- Repaired and replaced three gymnasium lights.
- Repaired riding mower
- Repaired the girls' bathroom ceiling leak.
- Repaired Preschool playground
- Repaired the Preschool rooftop HVAC fan motor.
- Repaired the Science Lab rooftop HVAC control board.
- Purchased and installed new dishwasher, warmer, and ice machine.
- Sink hole at Clooney Lot has been blocked off and currently being filled with dirt.
- Student stuck in the elevator was safely removed by Augusta Fire Department.

Order #26-1389 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities 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

4.9. Review Professional Duty Absence & Out of District Request Form

Rationale:
The Professional Duty Absence & Out of District Request Form has been streamlined for greater efficiency.
The updated form requires Board review before adding to the Board Procedures manual.

4.10. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

Notes from Site Visit: Last 4 weeks: masonry started on August 31st, back fill and insulation at interior of foundation, verified back fill stone size, and revised elevator pit size and started rebar and foundation.
Next 4 Weeks: concrete around boiler building, finish foundation walls by September 11th, conduit as masonry walls start, pour elevator pit and finish foundation, egress path to be finished from courtyard, continue masonry, and under-slab plumbing and electric begins.
Notes from Construction Update Meeting: The Contingency is $271,793.71. Additional security fence has been installed along the street, special inspections have been continuing as masonry is being installed, scaffolding is starting to be installed, sanitary plumbing in the front of the building has passed the first phase of plumbing inspections, electrical conduit installation in the masonry has started, and structural steel placement has started and will continue.

5. Business Consent Items

Order #26-1390 - 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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve FMLA Request

Rationale:
Family Medical Leave Act Request: Roy W. Machen, III (09/14/2026-09/11/2027)

5.3. Approve Fundraisers

5.4. Approve Trip Request

5.5. Approve Acceptance of Donations

5.6. Approve Bills

5.7. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:
October 12th-16th: Fall Break
October 21st: Family Math Night & Shoe Give Away Event (K-6) 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
October 29th: PTSA Halloween Social 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
November 3rd: No School - Election Day
November 25th-27th: No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 12th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
December 10th: Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Order #26-1391 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

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