

Augusta Independent Board of Education
March 13th, 2025 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Ms. Chasity Saunders
Mr. Bob Snapp
Mrs. Jodie Tackett
Mr. Mike Taylor

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Welcome Spring and Happy Birthday Board Team! Laura Bach, March 7th; Robin Kelsch, March 11th; and Lisa McCane, March 27th.

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 Agenda

Order #25-1173 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Amazing Shake Competition Top 25 Students (Round 1)

1. Alaina Gilliam (5th)
2. JoBeth Schmidt (8th)
3. Jadah Farrell (8th)
4. Kaine Moore (6th)
5. Cecilia Bauer (8th)
5. Carlee Courts (8th)
7. Kahghan Hinson (8th)
8. Bryanna Hatcher (8th)
9. Sammie Young (8th)
10. Kadee Bach (8th)
11. Will Hildebrand (8th)
12. Aubrie Renfrow (8th)
12. Riley Saunders (8th)
14. Sophie Miller (5th)
14. KK McDowell (8th)
14. Tanner Potts (8th)
17. Griffin Miller (8th)
18. Delaney Kelsch (7th)
19. Brooklyn Sizemore (6th)
19. Noah Zurface (7th)
21. Ryleigh Tanner (5th)

- 22. Jolene Feagan (5th)
- 22. Kenyon Peed (6th)
- 22. Aryanna Davis (8th)
- 25. Hudson Tackett (4th)
- 25. Quincy Fite (8th)

2.1 *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rational:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed the board members the school was awarded a Little Free Library Grant for a community library of books similar to the food blessing box. Mr. Kelsch also reported the school performed well on an announced school safety visit by the State Safety Marshall, the juniors completed state-wide ACT testing on March 11th, and he announced the 2025 Graduation Speaker will be Augusta Alumni, Mr. Brent Bach.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane informed board members the Numeracy Counts Grant and the R.C. Durr Foundation Grant was submitted on behalf of the district. Superintendent McCane stated she had met with many legislators in Frankfort doing legislative advocacy during the current legislative session in efforts to secure School Facilities Assistance Gap Funding to complete the new gymnasium project. The Local Planning Committee held the first meeting prior to the board meeting to update the District Facilities Plan which is updated every 4 years, according to Superintendent McCane.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Resignations:

Tiffany Thomas: Future Forward Program Tutor
Joey Crouch: Middle School Volleyball Coach
Torynce Nesbitt: Instructional Assistant (effective June 30)

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

February 2025

Enrollment

P-12: 333

K-12: 318

9-12: 110

New Horizons Academy: 6

Attendance

Month: 92.35%

YTD: 92.98%

Calendar update:

- 10 NTI days have been used for health/safety
- 1 snow day (students will not have to make up/Staff will have to make up to meet contract)
- Currently, 16 hours are banked
- Currently, no make-up days need to be scheduled
- Currently, no change to the current 24-25 calendar
- Graduation scheduled for May 23 at 7:00 P.M.

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

February 2025 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through February totaled nearly \$1,742,000.

Local Revenue: Nearly \$355,000 was received in property taxes. \$110,000 has been collected in utilities tax, while \$70,000 has been collected in PSC taxes. \$26,000 in interest has been earned. Motor vehicle taxes accounted for nearly \$20,000. \$15,000 in donations was received. \$5,500 was received in reimbursements. \$2,400 was received for delinquent property taxes, while \$1,500 was received for transportation reimbursement.

State Revenue: Nearly \$1,126,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$4,400 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$5,100 was received in Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through February totaled approximately \$1,654,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,000. \$14,600 has been expended, with another \$500 obligated. Expenses included \$5,600 on general supplies, \$3,900 on technology supplies/subscriptions, \$3,300 on copier-printer costs, \$900 on registration fees, and \$600 on travel.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$247,000 through February. Expenses included \$73,000 on salaries and benefits, \$69,000 on utility services, \$57,000 on property insurance, \$26,000 on building and equipment repairs/maintenance, \$16,000 on general supplies, \$5,500 on professional services/snow removal, and \$1,100 on equipment rental. 60% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through February, costs totaled \$145,000. Vehicles accounted for \$65,800. (This is for the two new buses, but we have submitted the tax forms to be reimbursed for this amount). Salaries and benefits accounted for \$46,000. \$12,000 has been expended on machinery. \$6,000 was expended for diesel fuel/gasoline. Repair parts and tires have totaled \$5,000. Annual fleet insurance was \$4,600. Vehicle repair accounted for \$4,000. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$900. 49% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$87,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$36,000. \$125,000 in federal revenue has been received, while nearly \$11,000 has been collected locally. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$172,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$177,000 through February. Food supplies totaled \$98,000. Salary expenses totaled \$75,000. \$2,000 has been expended on equipment repair, \$1,500 has been disbursed for travel, \$800 for hauling of commodities, and \$700 has been spent on general supplies.

The food service balance as of February 28 was approximately -\$6,000, an \$11,000 improvement from last month.

Order #25-1174 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Mrs. Jodie Tackett.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.2. Approve Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board the TENCO Workforce Development Board has awarded the district a Youth Employment Program Grant in the approximate amount of \$92,855.48. The program will operate for 8-weeks during the summer.

She stated the grant will provide employment preparation, work experience, career exploration post-secondary guidance and follow-up services to assist in-school and out-of-school youth ages 17-24.

Superintendent McCane requested Augusta Independent Board of Education authorize the district to act as the fiscal agent and operator of the program. All funding is provided through the TENCO Workforce Development Board.

Order #25-1175 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

4.3. Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Facilities Report:

- Repaired and replaced boiler solenoid valve
- Repaired elevator electric issue
- Repaired cafeteria HVAC unit
- New Gym HVAC Update:

The Lennox units are still being manufactured, with an estimated arrival at the end of April and installation beginning the first week of May. The custom curb for the units is expected to be completed this week.

There will be an upcoming safety meeting with the City of Augusta to discuss gas lines and gas flow before the HVAC unit installation begins. Additionally, the facilities director, Chad Bryant is working with Jefferson Heating & Cooling to coordinate the crane delivery date, ensuring the safety of both students and staff.

Order #25-1176 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Jodie Tackett and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

5. Business Consent Items

Order #25-1177 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Taylor and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Fundraisers

5.3. Approve Surplus

Rational:

Chromebooks: 11438, 11386
Dell Power Edge Server

5.4. Approve Bills

5.5. Approve Treasurer's Report

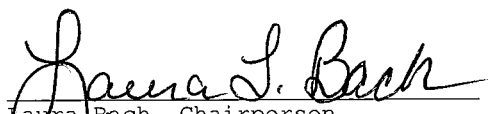
6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

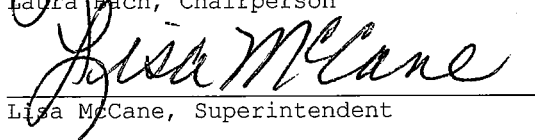
March 28th: No School - PD Day
March 31st - April 4th: No School - Spring Break
April 10th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
April 21st - 24th: Senior Trip
May 8th: Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
May 15th: Senior Awards 6:00 P.M.
May 23rd: Last Day of School & Graduation 7:00 P.M.
May 27th: Closing Day for Staff

Order #25-1178 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Jodie Tackett and a second by Mr. Mike Taylor.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Ms. Chasity Saunders	Yes
Mr. Bob Snapp	Yes
Mrs. Jodie Tackett	Yes
Mr. Mike Taylor	Yes



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent