

Augusta Independent Board of Education  
April 9, 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:**

Congratulations Principal Kelsch on receiving the KABC Court of Honor 2026 Recipient!

**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 #26-1315 - 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/Staff Recognition**

**Rationale:**

**Congratulations Principal Kelsch and Academic Achievers!**

KABC Court of Honor 2026 Recipient: Principal Kelsch

Congratulations to Mia Rupe on being the STATE winner of the 2026 AARP Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest!

**11th Grade**

Abbey Bradford: Math: Proficient  
Claire Elliott: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient  
Masen Kirk: Math: Proficient  
Jasper Miller: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Distinguished  
Turner Potts: Math: Proficient  
Chris Ritchey: Reading: Proficient  
Natalee Roberts: Math: Proficient  
Andrew Russell: Math: Proficient  
Rudee Teegarden: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient  
Kennede Tucker: Math: Proficient  
Joe Zummo: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient

**12th Grade**

Aleah Appleman: On-Demand Writing: Proficient  
Emma Carl: On-Demand Writing: Proficient  
Nora Gill: Science: Proficient, Social Studies: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient  
John Murphy: Science: Proficient  
Maddox Jett: Science: Distinguished and Social Studies: Proficient  
Addison Jones: Science: Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient  
Korbyn Kelsch: On-Demand Writing: Proficient and Writing: Proficient  
Jerra Ruf: On-Demand Writing: Proficient and Writing: Proficient

Timmy Russell: Science: Proficient, Social Studies: Distinguished, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient  
Izzy Schweitzer: Science: Proficient, Social Studies: Distinguished, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient  
Maleah Torres: Science: Proficient  
Makayla Woodruff: Science: Proficient and Social Studies: Proficient

2.1 \*BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported that assessment preparations are underway for the Kentucky Summative Assessment May 4-15 and stated the SAT exam was administered to the juniors for the first time with positive feedback.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported the district will participate in the School Nutrition Pilot Cohort through a KEDC grant for the food service department to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables, and meat from local sources. The district did not receive the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant or the Math Achievement Fund Mini-Grant, but will apply again next year for both according to Superintendent McCane. Superintendent McCane also stated the district did not receive gap funding in HB900, but continuing to advocate with the remaining 6 gap funding districts for the \$2.679M still needed to complete the interior of the gymnasium during the last two days of the legislative session.

3.3. Enrollment

Rationale:

March 2026 Enrolment:

P-12: 302

K-12: 285

9-12: 89

New Horizon Academy: 10

Attendance:

Month: 92.93%

YTD: 94.41%

**Calendar update as of 4/9/2026:**

- 10 NTI days have been used for health/safety
- 6 snow days (students will not have to make up/Staff will have to make up to meet contract)
- 2 Make up days (Feb 16/March 20)
- Faculty & staff required make up work day on Election Day, May 19
- Any student days missed going forward will have to be made up
- Last day of school will be full-day-no early dismissal (To meet minimum hour requirement)
- Graduation still scheduled for May 22

3.4. Citizens

3.5. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

**March 2026 Budget Report**

**General Fund**

Revenue receipts through March totaled nearly \$2,100,000.

**Local Revenue:** \$397,000 was collected from property taxes. \$111,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$71,000 was collected in PSC taxes. \$27,000 was disbursed for motor vehicle taxes, while \$17,000 in donations was received. \$4,300 was received in reimbursements. \$3,600 was received for delinquent taxes. \$3,300 was collected in transportation reimbursement. \$1,300 has been earned in interest.

**State Revenue:** Nearly \$1,414,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$4,900 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

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

Expenditures through March totaled approximately \$1,782,000.

**School Budget:** The school budget is \$28,000. \$17,000 was expended through March, with another \$1,000 obligated. Expenses included \$3,900 on technology supplies and subscriptions and \$3,900 on copier rental, \$2,700 on general supplies, \$2,600 on registration fees, \$1,600 on travel reimbursement, and \$1,100 on instructional materials.

**Maintenance Budget:** Expenses totaled nearly \$282,000 through March. Expenses included \$84,000 on utility services, \$79,000 on salaries and benefits, \$78,000 on property insurance, \$17,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$13,000 on general supplies, \$9,600 on professional services, and \$1,400 on snow removal. 67% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

**Transportation Budget:** Through March, costs totaled nearly \$70,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$50,000. Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$6,500, while annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$3,200. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$1,100. 50% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

*For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$277,000.*

**Special Revenue Fund**

Nothing to report.

**Food Service Fund**

**Revenue:** Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$165,000 was received in federal revenue, \$1,000 was received in state revenue, while \$10,000 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$180,000.

**Expenditures:** Expenses totaled nearly \$164,000 through March. \$105,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$53,000. \$2,300 has been expended on professional services and equipment repair. \$1,200 has been disbursed for hauling of commodities, while \$800 has been paid out for travel reimbursement.

The food service balance as of March 31 was approximately \$17,000.

**Investments**

General Fund - \$700,000 invested multiple CDs, which will mature in May and June.

Scholarship Fund - \$33,000 invested in a CD, which will mature in April.

Building Fund - \$132,000 invested in a CD, which will mature in April.

Construction Fund - \$6,289,990 is invested in CDs. CDs are capped at \$250,000 each, so there are 26 CDs, which will mature April-June.

**Order #26-1316 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget report passed 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

**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 \$98,235.60. 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 #26-1317 - Motion Passed:** Approve Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program 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

**4.3. Approve 2026 Summer Feeding Program**

**Rationale:**

The Maysville YMCA will operate a Summer Feeding Program site at Augusta Independent School tentatively set for June 1-August 7, 2026. The program will operate Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for children 18-years-old and younger.

**Order #26-1318 - Motion Passed:** Approve 2026 Summer Feeding Program 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

#### 4.4. Approve 2026-2027 Technology Plan

Rationale:

The technology plan is required to be approved annually by the Board and highlights technology improvements and needs for the district.

CUES was successfully implemented, with account creation becoming automated. 7 staff desktops computers were replaced. We moved from using federal funds for our Chromebook refresh cycle to being able to maintain the refresh with local funds. The district continued to utilize online registration and had its highest point of participation at 70%. The district implemented GoGuardian as our new Internet content management system with little trouble, as well as a new all-call system.

The major activity for this technology plan is the construction of a new multipurpose educational facility building addition and subsequently installing the necessary networking equipment for connectivity of the building. Otherwise, the district will also continue with a Chromebook replacement plan. This will be a substantial annual financial investment from the district. The technology plan will continue to advocate to utilize staff to be able to provide technology classes and technology instruction to students to ensure students are proficient in the technology standards, as well as offer a computer science pathway for students.

**Order #26-1319- Motion Passed:** Approve 2026-2027 Technology Plan passed 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

#### 4.5. Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application

Rationale:

Attached is Momentum Construction's Pay App #3 verified by G. Scott & Associates, Architects in the amount of \$72,697.50.

**Order #26-1320 - Motion Passed:** Approve Momentum Construction Pay Application 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 BG22-521 Change Order Proposal

Rationale:

- Attached is the cost breakdown from Momentum Construction and their response to the Department of Housing and Construction that requires fire code changes from the permit review that need to be addressed. G. Scott and Associates did not have their comments in time to make the revisions before the bid date. The Change Order Proposal has been verified by G. Scott & Associates, Architects in the amount of \$20,447.00. There is currently \$325,008.00 in contingency. Jim Blackburn from G. Scott & Associates, Architects reviewed the change order during the board meeting.

- The revisions required are changing a 1-hour fire rated wall into a 2-hour fire wall and adding some additional fire extinguishers. The definition of a fire wall in the code requires break away structural details on each side of the wall so that catastrophic failure from fire on one side of the wall doesn't cause the wall to fail and can allow the structure on the other side to remain.

The changes to the contract include:

- Structural steel revisions for mounting floor and roof joists and the north wall of the gym between the locker rooms/office space and the gym
- The structural steel over the gym space is being revised to rest on new masonry piers in the gym adjacent to the existing classrooms
- Doors and window openings in the firewall space are increased to a 2 hour rating with 2 hour fire rated hardware
- Additional fire extinguishers.

**Order #26-1321 - Motion Passed:** Approve BG22-521 Change Order Proposal passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders 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

#### 4.7. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

##### Monthly Facility Report:

- Cleaned out boiler building
- Installed new door lock on back side of office
- Painted arch in gymnasium
- Received bids for board office fence
- Received bids for boiler valve replacement
- Purchased new floor scrubber
- Purchased new lighting fixtures for old building
- Repaired air leak on bus
- Repaired leak in toilet
- Replaced filters in all HVAC units
- Replaced light bulbs in fitness room

**Order #26-1322 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities Report 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

#### 4.8. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

Demolition of the boiler building was completed on of 4/8/26. Attached is the Construction Project Meeting Minutes from 4/7/26 with work that occurred the last four weeks and upcoming work for the next four weeks.

#### 5. Business Consent Items

**Order #26-1323 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items passed 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

- 5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- 5.2. Approve Fundraisers
- 5.3. Approve Trip Request
- 5.4. Approve Bills
- 5.5. Approve Treasurer's Report
6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

April 18th: Ms. Ada 3 on 3 Basketball Scholarship Tournament with check-in starting at 7:30 A.M. and Middle School Spring Formal from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

May 2nd: Prom from 8:00 P.M. to Midnight

May 12th: Senior Awards Night at 6:00 P.M.

May 14th: Preschool's Last Day of School & Graduation at 1:00 P.M.

May 14th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

May 19th: No School/Staff Work Day

May 20th: Awards Day K-3 @8:30 A.M., 4-6 @9:30 A.M., and 7-12 @10:30 A.M. and

Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00 P.M.

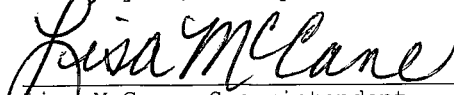
May 22nd: Last Day of School (No early dismissal) and Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 P.M.

June 11th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Order #26-1324 - Motion Passed:** Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mr. Bob Snapp and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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