

Augusta Independent Board of Education
April 13th, 2023 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

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

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Welcome Spring!

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 #23-938 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers!

2nd Grade i-Ready Reading Scores:

Jensen Brewer, Edward Schmidt, Khylin Brooks, Hudson Tackett, Braelyn Hudson, Jayvian Vancleve, Colton Wilson, Bristol Tucker, and Mackenzie Sparks.

2nd grade i-Ready Math Scores:

Wyatt Gerhard, Jay Bryant, and Malia Rickett

Elementary Academic Team:

JoBeth Schmidt - 1st Place Science

Hailey Clark - 1st Place Composition

Melayna Workman - 1st Place Arts & Humanities

Will Hildebrand 2nd Place Math, 3rd Place Language Arts

Oliver Miller - 3rd Place Science

Kenyon Peed - 4th Place Arts & Humanities

Liam White - 5th Place Social Studies

2.1. *Break

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rational:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed board members State Testing is May 8-12th, provided an end-of-year schedule of events, and that the 2023 Graduation Speaker will be Mr. Barry Caskey.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported the Augusta Independent School District was awarded a \$15,000 RC Durr Foundation grant for virtual reality equipment, the district's KDE attendance audit follow-up was complete and met all compliancy standards, and the district is seeking contract proposals from Coca Cola and Pepsi once the Pepsi contract expires in August 2023. Superintendent McCane informed board members legislation was passed and HB553 was signed into law for "growth districts" to receive SEEK funding for increased enrollment while districts were funded using the 2018-2019 data during the pandemic. Augusta Independent will receive \$63,616 in SEEK funding.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Substitute Bus Driver:

Tyler Sparks

Substitute Teacher Hires:

Julie Gallenstein

Isabella Gilvin

Substitute Custodian Hire:

Tina Kiskaden

Retirement:

Barry Caskey effective June 30, 2023

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

March 2023

Enrollment

P-12: 320

K-12: 300

Virtual: 7

Attendance

February: 92.98%

YTD: 92.90%

3.5. Citizens

Rationale:

Two citizens shared concerns related to a school safety concern. Superintendent McCane, Principal Kelsch, and Assistant Police Chief Jones clarified misinformation that circulated the school community and stated changes were made to the school safety communication protocol moving forward.

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve BG-1 Boiler System Replacement

Rationale:

Craig Aossey, Architect at G. Scott & Associates and Trace Creek Construction finalized the BG-1 for the boiler system replacement. Ridge Bentley, Chief Operating Officer at Trace Creek Construction reviewed the BG-1 and answered questions.

Order #23-939 - Motion Passed: Approve BG-1 Boiler System Replacement passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

4.2. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

March 2023 Budget Report

- Audit fee proposal is \$13,000 for FY23, FY24, and FY25.

General Fund

Revenue receipts through March totaled nearly \$1,683,000.

Local Revenue: \$285,000 was received in property tax collections. \$124,000 has been received in both PSC taxes and utilities tax, while nearly \$27,000 was received in motor vehicle taxes. \$6,200 was received for reimbursement of expenses. \$4,800 was collected for transportation reimbursement, while \$4,300 was received in refunds of prior year expenditures. \$3,300 was received for delinquent property taxes. \$3,000 was received in donations.

State Revenue: \$1,086,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$4,900 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Nearly \$14,000 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through March totaled \$1,473,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$27,413. \$17,300 was expended through March. Expenses included \$5,100 on copier fees, \$4,500 for technology resources, \$4,300 on general supplies, \$1,100 on travel, \$1,000 on dues and fees, and \$600 on instructional resources.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$232,000 through March. Expenses included \$80,000 on utility services, \$60,000 on salaries and benefits, \$44,000 on property insurance, \$23,000 on general supplies, \$15,000 on repairs and maintenance, \$11,000 on professional services, and \$600 machinery. 69% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through March, costs totaled \$93,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$34,000. \$17,000 has been expended on repair parts and tires. Nearly \$16,000 has been spent on diesel fuel/gasoline, while \$11,000 has been spent on vehicles (Suburban payment). \$7,000 has been spent on vehicle repair. Annual fleet insurance was \$6,300. Professional services/drug testing accounted for \$1,200. 75% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by \$209,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service started with a balance of \$89,000. \$11,000 was received in local revenue. \$183,000 was received for federal reimbursement.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled \$195,000 through March including \$90,000 on food supplies, \$87,000 on salaries and benefits, \$9,000 on machinery, \$2,500 on equipment repair, \$1,800 on fixtures, \$1,500 on dues and fees, and \$900 on technology supplies.

The food service balance as of March 31 was approximately \$88,000.

CDs

\$250,000 was placed in a CD for 18 months on March 30, 2023, with a 5.25% interest rate and will mature September 30, 2024. \$124,000 was placed into a 12 month CD with a 5% interest rate and will mature on April 04, 2024. The estimated interest income from the two CDs is estimated to be approximately \$19,000.

Order #23-940 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

4.3. Approve Funding Commitment for Augusta Ballfield Project

Rationale:

The Cincinnati Reds Community Fund and St. Elizabeth Healthcare have committed to fund \$300,000 to reconstruct the Augusta Ballfield to a new state of the art field. In order to begin, they need a match funding commitment of \$300,000. So far, the Bracken Fiscal Court and the City of Augusta are discussing substantial funding commitments for the project. The Augusta Board of Education has a healthy general fund and can safely commitment \$30,000 in funding to the project. Superintendent McCane stated these funds would only be used if enough funding was raised to begin the project. The school district and city are seeking donations and have sent letters of request to the Clooney Foundation in L.A. and N.Y.C. The project is estimated to be complete by March 2024.

Order #23-941 - Motion Passed: Approve Funding Commitment for Augusta Ballfield Project passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Julie Moore.

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

4.4. Approve Amended 2022-2023 Extra Duty Salary Schedule

Rationale:

The amended extra duty salary schedule increases the substitute custodian hourly rate to \$10 per hour and adds \$2,000 for summer learning staff.

Order #23-942 - Motion Passed: Approve Amended 2022-2023 Extra Duty Salary Schedule passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

4.5. Approve 2023-2024 Technology Plan

Rationale:

The technology plan is required to be approved annually by the Board and highlights technology improvements and needs for the district. Mr. Litteral, Technology Director and CIO, provided a brief presentation to the Board reviewing the highlights of the plan.

Under the previous plan, successes included continuing our success in transitioning from the older BrightLink projection systems in classrooms to flat screen interactive panels. We also continued to allocate staff and time to implement more purposeful technology instruction at the elementary and middle school levels. We've also began implementing an accountability system for teachers to report when activities covering the technology standards have been completed.

Major activities slated for implementation in the 2023-2024 plan include continuing to focus on students receiving technology instruction at the middle school and elementary levels. We plan to develop a process in which students can submit technology artifacts so that school and district leaders can see evidence of technology standards proficiency. In terms of operations, collaborating with Education Networks of America and KDE as we transition to a new state-wide Internet Service Provider for K-12 will be important. Also, as we implement a new copy and managed print contract, it will be important that we are efficient in that process and see no gap in services.

Order #23-943 - Motion Passed: Approve 2023-2024 Technology Plan passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

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

4.6. Approve 2023 Summer Feeding Program

Rationale:

The Maysville Housing Authority will operate a Summer Feeding Program site at Augusta Independent School June 5 - August 11, 2023.

The program will operate Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for children 18-years-old and younger.

Order #23-944 - Motion Passed: Approve 2023 Summer Feeding Program passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Mr. Shawn Hennessey | Yes |

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| Mrs. Dionne Laycock | Yes |
| Mrs. Julie Moore | Yes |
| Ms. Chasity Saunders | Yes |

4.7. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired gym AC units
- Replaced plug and receptacle cafeteria warmer
- Installed new stove in cafeteria
- Repaired band building door lock
- Repaired floor buffer
- Purchasing two (new) used buses
- Obtaining quotes from Protex Sports to replace orange gym padding

Order #23-945 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Julie Moore.

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

5. Business Consent Items

Order #23-946 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve 2023-2024 FRYSC Contract

Rationale:

FY24 FRYSC Contract allocation for the upcoming fiscal year is \$41,133.82.

5.3. Approve Acceptance of Donation

5.4. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

Computers: 10773, 10829, 10774, 10726, and 10760

Chromebook: 11452

5.5. Approve Bills

5.6. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Approve Adjournment

Rationale:

April 20th: Athletic Banquet 6 P.M.

April 27th: Breakfast Club 9 A.M.

May 6th: Prom 8 P.M.-Midnight (Walk-In 7:00 P.M.)

May 11th: Board Meeting 6 P.M.

May 16th: No School - Election Day

May 17th: Spring Band Concert 6:00 P.M.

May 18th: Senior Awards Program 6:30 P.M.


May 23rd: Awards Program: Elem. 8:30 A.M. MS/HS 10 A.M. & Kindergarten
Graduation 6 P.M.
May 25th: Breakfast Club 9 A.M.
May 26th: Last Day of School & Graduation 7 P.M.
June 8th: Board Meeting 6 P.M.

Order #23-947 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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



Laura Bach, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent