

Augusta Independent Board of Education
March 12, 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:

Welcome Spring! Happy Birthday Board Team Members! 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 build a culture of high academic achievement where students develop confidence, character and perseverance for lifelong success.

1.4. Approve Agenda

Order #26-1304 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

2. Student/Board Member Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers!

Proficient/Distinguished 9th Grade Students:

9th Grade

Ethan Bradford Social Studies: Proficient

Carlee Courts Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Editing: Distinguished, and Writing: Proficient

Aryanna Davis Math: Proficient

Jadah Farrell Math: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient

Alex Gill Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient

Bryanna Hatcher Social Studies: Proficient and Editing: Proficient

Will Hildebrand Reading: Distinguished, Math: Distinguished, Editing: Distinguished, On-Demand Writing: Distinguished, and Writing: Proficient

Kahghan Hinson On-Demand Writing: Proficient and Writing: Proficient

Mya Howell Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient

Kayley McDowell Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, and On-Demand Writing: Distinguished

Griffin Miller Math: Proficient and On-Demand Writing: Proficient

Riley Saunders Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, and Editing: Proficient

JoBeth Schmidt Reading: Distinguished, Math: Distinguished, Editing: Distinguished, On-Demand Writing: Distinguished, and Writing: Proficient

Camden Shoemaker Reading: Proficient, Math: Distinguished, Editing: Proficient, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient

Mico Snapp Reading: Proficient, Math: Distinguished, Editing: Proficient, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient
Lillyanna Steele Math: Proficient and On-Demand Writing: Proficient
Faith Taylor Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Editing: Distinguished, and Writing: Proficient
Dominic Weir On-Demand Writing: Proficient
Sammie Young Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient

Congratulations to Mr. Mike Taylor on being inducted into the Tenth Region Hall of Fame 2026

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3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported that the first round of the Amazing Shake competition was held and the top 25 will move onto the second round scheduled on March 27th and that seven high school students completed the ASVAB military entrance exam. Principal Kelsch provided updates on the playground alternatives for K-6 while the gymnasium is under construction and that Augusta Independent will be hosting the 10th Region Hall of Fame Banquet on April 12th at 2:00 P.M.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane confirmed Mrs. Millie Bush will be the 2026 graduation speaker and on provided legislative updates related to gap funding for the remaining \$2.679M needed to complete the interior of the gymnasium, HB827, HB900, the State Budget and the Pre-K for ALL initiative.

3.3. Enrollment

Rationale:

Enrolment:

P-12: 297

K-12: 282

9-12: 88

New Horizon Academy: 10

Attendance:

Month: 90.02%

YTD: 95.52%

Calendar update as of 3/9/2026:

- 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
- 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:

February 2026 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through February totaled approximately \$1,857,000.

Local Revenue: Nearly \$396,000 was collected from property taxes. \$97,000 was collected in utilities tax. \$49,000 was collected in PSC taxes. \$24,000 was disbursed in motor vehicle taxes, while \$17,000 in donations was received. \$4,100 was received in reimbursements. \$3,600 was received for delinquent taxes. \$1,300 was collected in transportation reimbursement. \$1,100 has been earned in interest.

State Revenue: \$1,255,000 was received in SEEK funding. \$4,400 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

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

Expenditures through February totaled approximately \$1,554,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$28,000. \$14,000 was expended through February, with another \$1,500 obligated. Expenses included \$3,900 on technology supplies and subscriptions, \$3,400 on copier rental, \$2,500 on general supplies, \$1,400 on registration fees, \$1,100 on instructional materials, and \$900 on travel reimbursement.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled nearly \$263,000 through February. Expenses included \$78,000 on property insurance, \$69,000 on salaries and benefits, \$69,000 on utility services, \$25,000 on building and equipment repairs, \$12,00 on general supplies, and \$9,200 on professional services. 63% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through February, costs totaled nearly \$63,000. Salaries and benefits accounted for \$44,000. Diesel fuel and gasoline expenses totaled \$5,600, while annual fleet insurance was \$5,000. Vehicle repair and maintenance costs were at \$3,200. Professional services/drug testing expenses totaled \$1,100. 45% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, year-to-date receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$302,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Revenue: Food service began the year with a balance of \$3,581. \$148,000 was received in federal revenue, \$1,000 was received in state revenue, while \$8,800 was collected in local revenue. Revenue year-to-date totaled approximately \$162,000.

Expenditures: Expenses totaled nearly \$141,000 through February. \$92,000 has been spent on food supplies. Salary expenses totaled \$46,000. \$1,200 has been expended on professional services and equipment repair. \$800 has been disbursed for travel, as well as for hauling of commodities.

The food service balance as of February 28 was approximately \$20,000.

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 - \$132,00 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 #26-1305 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget report passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

4.2. Approve We Lead Computer Science MOU 2026-2027

Rationale:

We Lead CS is a Kentucky-funded public school program designed to expand access to high-quality computer science instruction for Kentucky students. Through the program, districts are able to offer rigorous computer science coursework, including dual credit opportunities, even when local staffing or enrollment limitations make it difficult to sustain those courses independently.

Instruction is delivered by Kentucky-certified teachers through live synchronous virtual classes, with built-in academic tutoring and support. Students may also participate in online work-based learning experiences with employers and pursue industry certifications relevant to Kentucky's growing technology workforce.

Participation in We Lead CS would allow Augusta Independent students to access multiple computer science career pathway courses, including the new Introduction to Artificial Intelligence course being offered during the 2026-2027 school year.

The Memorandum of Understanding establishes the framework for Augusta Independent to partner with We Lead CS and request course sections for students. There is no obligation to enroll a specific number of students, and course participation is determined by student interest and scheduling availability.

Under the current program structure, We Lead CS covers the cost of dual credit textbooks, course fees, and industry certification exams for participating students. In addition, up to five (5) Augusta Independent students may enroll in the Introduction to Artificial Intelligence course at no cost during the 2026-2027 school year.

District participation requires approval of the MOU prior to submitting course scheduling requests.

Course participation operates on a per-seat fee structure. The district may receive program discounts based on the timing of the approved MOU and course scheduling submissions. The cost per student for the year taking two computer science career pathways is \$275 per student. After meeting with the We Lead CS, Chief Operating Officer, Kelley Fern Ransdell, the district will offer two computer science career pathways: Computer Science and Cybersecurity

Order #26-1306 - Motion Passed: Approve We Lead Computer Science MOU 2026-2027 passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

4.3. Approve 4-Year District Strategic Plan 2025-2029

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane provided an overview of the strategic plan.

Order #26-1307 - Motion Passed: Approve 4-Year District Strategic Plan 2025-2029 passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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

4.4. Approve Second Reading Board Policy 07.1 Meal Charges

Rationale:

The revised policy aligns with the district's practices and updates the board policy to accurately reflect current operations.

Current Policy:

Students shall not be permitted to charge a la carte items, nor shall adults be permitted to charge meals or a la carte items.

Revised Policy:

Students shall not be permitted to charge more than \$10 for a la carte items. Adults shall not be permitted to charge more than \$125 for meals or a la carte items. Any adult balance that exists on June 01 of each year shall be payroll deducted in June.

Order #26-1308 - Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading Board Policy 07.1 Meal Charges passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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| 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 and DPOs Payment Applications

Rationale:

Attached is Momentum Construction's Pay App #2 verified by G. Scott & Associates, Architects in the amount of \$17,640.00 and 10DPO Ferguson Enterprises in the amount of \$7,546.77.

Order #26-1309 - Motion Passed: Approve Momentum Construction and DPOs Payment Applications passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

4.6. Approve G. Scott & Associates, Architects, PLC Gymnasium Project Payment

Rationale:

With the bond sale having been completed and the project under contract, the Board now pays 80% of the fee for architectural services to G. Scott & Associates, Architects, PLC for work that has been completed in the amount of \$270,215.96. The remaining 20% is invoiced incrementally as the project progresses.

Order #26-1310 - Motion Passed: Approve G. Scott & Associates, Architects, PLC Gymnasium Project Payment passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

4.7. Approve Riverside Technologies, Inc. as Networking Vendor for the Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Addition

Rationale:

Augusta Independent accepted bids for cabling and networking equipment, and installation of both, for the new addition. Only one vendor submitted a bid: RTI (Riverside Technologies, Inc.). This bid includes all network cabling and fiber, access points (WiFi), network routing switches, and battery back-up systems. Our district has a prior positive experience with RTI. The total amount for the equipment and installation services is \$50,880.41. Providing this project is approved by E-Rate, we have an 85% discount rate, so the federal E-Rate program would pay \$43,248, leaving our local portion to be \$7,632 using construction funds.

Order #26-1311 - Motion Passed: Approve Riverside Technologies, Inc. as the networking vendor for the Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Addition passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew McCane and a second by Mr. Bob Snapp.

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| 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:

Facility Report:

- Added amp voltage system for the bells
- Purchased LED lights for the front foyer and upstairs hallway
- Purchased new floor scrubber
- Repaired air leak in Bus 1020
- Repaired gymnasium toilet
- Repaired leak in urinal in hallway restroom
- Repaired lock in gymnasium double doors
- Repaired office HVAC system
- Repaired water leak in fire escape doorway
- Replaced flat tire on Suburban
- Removed furnace register in 3rd grade classroom to be replaced
- City of Augusta will take the surplus white chairs

Order #26-1312 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Ms. Chasity Saunders.

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

4.9. Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update

Rationale:

- Project sign installed
- Subcontractors shop drawings reviewed
- Coordination of city utilities relocation

- Temporary construction office in old boiler building to be relocate prior to demolition
- Roadway closed to through traffic
- Street excavation for utilities (water and gas) relocation begins week of March 9
- Revised structure plan between gym/locker rooms and future admin office on north side from a 1-hour fire rated wall to a 2-hour firewall
- The deadline for the city's utilities relocation is before spring break to allow Momentum to switch on the new gas and water connections while students are not in school. Afterwards, the boiler building demolition will begin.

5. **Business Consent Items**

Order #26-1313 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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| 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:

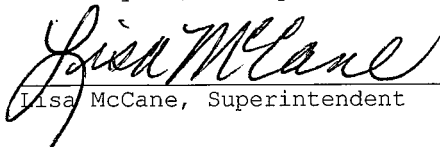
March 20th: School will be in session as a make-up day for January 30
 March 22nd-26th: Senior Trip to Washington, D.C.
 March 30th - April 3rd: No School - Spring Break
 April 9th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
 May 2nd: Prom
 May 12th: Senior Awards Night at 6:00 P.M.
 May 14th: Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
 May 19th: No School but will be a Staff work day
 May 22nd: Graduation

Order #26-1314 - Motion Passed: Approve Adjournment passed with a motion by Ms. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Matthew McCane.

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| 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