

Augusta Independent Board of Education

October 09, 2014 6:00 PM

207 Bracken Street

Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

Gene Groves

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Mrs. Chasity Saunders

I. Call to Order

II.

Rationale:

PANTHER DYNASTY:

PRIDE, PASSION, AND PROGRESS

Congratulations to the Students, Faculty, Staff, School Board and Community on Improved Test Scores!

I.*. Roll Call

I.*. Pledge of Allegiance

I.*. Mission Statement

Rationale:

The mission of Augusta Independent Schools is to enable all students to become self-sufficient, responsible, ever-learning members of society while sustaining our unique Augusta community and school.

I.*. Approval of Agenda

Order #14-177 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Gene Groves.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes

Gene Groves Yes

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins Yes

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

II. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers of the Month!

Kindergarten: Indigo Crull, Seth Dean, Claire Elliott, Adalen Gilliam, Matthew Kober, Zane Napier, Emily Newton, Owintin Purvis, Natalee Roberts.

DDXE Award: Jason Kearns

1st grade: Peyton Dwenger, Nora Gill, Carleigh McElfresh, Colbie Nickoson, Trent Potts, Makayla Woodruff.

DDXE Award: Spencer Plummer & Irvin Velazquez

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch provided an overview of the released K-PREP scores indicating the district is making progress. The district goal of 62 was exceeded with an overall score of 64. The most significant improvements were at the middle and high school levels with the high school achieving 69.7 which is three-tenths from being proficient level. The elementary scores declined and teachers are in the process of analyzing test data and developing actions plans. Emphasis will be placed in the area of reading at the elementary level and student progress is already being seen with the primary reading intervention program.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Finance officer, Tim Litteral reported to the board through September, receipts continue to lag from last year by a deficit of \$41,000. Utility taxes are the primary reason, having received only \$3,000 this year compared to nearly \$40,000 by the same time last year. Mr. Litteral stated the district received \$22,000 today to be recorded. The district has received about \$1,800 less in taxes so far this fiscal year and have collected \$1,000 less in tuition payments. SEEK has produced about \$1,000 more to-date, while miscellaneous revenue is up about \$900. Expenditures through the third month were approximately \$322,000, which is down about \$4,500 from last year. Receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$15,000 in our first quarter. Once the \$22,000 is recorded, receipts will exceed expenditures by approximately \$37,000 for the fiscal year. The school budget has expended \$7,100 through the first quarter of the year, with \$2,000 being spent on the copy machine lease and printer contracts. Only \$1,700 was expended in September. 25% of the budget has been expended, which is on track for funds to sustain the school through the fiscal year. Maintenance costs through September stand at approximately \$70,000. \$38,500 is comprised of insurance and basic utilities, with approximately \$19,000 being expended on salaries and benefits. Approximately \$13,000 has been expended on supplies and repairs. 28% of the maintenance budget has been expended. Through the end of August, transportation costs are at \$24,000. Approximately \$13,700 of that amount has been expended on salaries, while \$3,000 has been used for fuel and \$5,000 to fleet insurance. Approximately \$2,300 has been spent on other expenditures, such as repairs and parts. 22% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

All 2014 projects and grants have been closed out with funds either expended or transferred to the new-year projects. Preschool has been able to purchase instructional supplies and assessments out of the some accumulated funds from the KERA pre-school grant. All projects are on target with regards to the budget.

Food service had receipts of \$27,000 through September. That is a decrease of approximately \$14,000 from last year as our federal funding is trailing about \$16,000 from last year. Local revenues (receipts collected from student/adult meals) are increased by \$2,000 from this point last year. Expenditures sit at \$31,500 year-to-date, which is a \$2,400 decrease from last year's first quarter. Food service currently has a reported negative balance of \$4,537; however, the

adjustment has not yet been made for the lifting of a food service department penalty.

Mr. Litteral explained the necessity to pay bills as needed from the newly established District Athletic Activity Fund (Fund 21). Most of the bills are not reoccurring or once-a-month. The revenue is not from the general fund; it is generated from the athletic department.

Order #14-178 - Motion Passed: Approve payment of bills as needed for the District Athletic Activity Fund (Fund 21). Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

III.*. Approve to Create Kindergarten Paraprofessional Position

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane recommended creating an additional full-time kindergarten paraprofessional position for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at \$9 per hour. There is a need for additional personnel in the kindergarten class due to increasing enrollment (currently 29 students) and several students with special needs.

Order #14-179 - Motion Passed: Approve to create an additional kindergarten paraprofessional position for the 2014-2015 school year. Passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for the August billing period indicates a reduction in electricity consumption of 1,473 kWhs (2%), which created a savings in energy cost of \$133. For the first two months, through August, we have reduced our total electrical energy consumption by 19,090 kWhs (14.3%), which has created a savings in electrical energy cost of over \$1,718, as compared to our 3 year (FY2010-FY2012) baseline averages. So far, we haven't used any natural gas. The weather comparison report indicates July was much milder than the previous four years with a daily average temperature of 71 degrees, while August was about normal.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired sink in girls' locker room
- Repaired drain for washer and ice machine
- Elevator repaired
- Steam table repaired in cafeteria
- Fire alarm system repaired
- Repaired preschool play gym
- Ordered new ice machine
- Installed television to review security cameras in asst. principal's office

Chimney by boiler room was examined by architect, Craig Aossey for safety and Jim Downing, the district insurance agent has been contacted. An insurance adjuster will be examining the chimney this week. The courtyard is barricaded and doors to the courtyard are off limits until the chimney issue is resolved.

III.*. Community Education Plan

Rationale:

Phyllis Reed, Community Education Director reported to the board the Community Education State Plan: 2014 and Beyond. She stated funding has been reduced over the past several years and the state plan was prepared to assist the Kentucky Department of Education and the local school districts to fully implement comprehensive community education programs across the state.

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane informed the board of a new communication initiative to email a monthly community stakeholder newsletter and the first newsletter was sent out last month with a positive response. Superintendent McCane stated the district hosted a Bracken County Citizens Working Together Meeting for the purpose of substance abuse prevention county-wide and the district's plans to collaborate with county officials who are initiating obtaining status as a Kentucky Work Ready Community. The Augusta Independent Educational Foundation has been delayed, according to Superintendent McCane due to application errors on the 501 (c) 3 application and she recommended the board invest in professional assistance to complete the application process.

September Attendance: 96.11% and Enrollment: P-12 is 288 and K-12 is 274.

Order #14-180 - Motion Passed: Approve obtaining professional assistance for completing the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation 501 (c) 3 application process. Passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-181 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Donations
V.*. Approve KETS Offer of Assistance

Rationale:

The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is making a KETS offer of assistance in the amount of \$2,401 and must be equally matched by the Board of Education.

V.*. Approve Bills
V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Adjournment

Rationale:

Ron Cole Show: October 9th at 8:00 p.m.

Celebration Parade: October 10th at 1:15 p.m.

KSBA Finance Training: October 10th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Chasity, Dionne, & Jackie)

FALL BREAK: October 13th-17th

A.I.S. Haunted House: October 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Order #14-182 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Gene Groves.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent