

Augusta Independent Board of Education

June 09, 2016 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Gene Groves
Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins
Mrs. Chasity Saunders

1. Roll Call

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. 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.

1.3. Approval of the Agenda

Order #16-291 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

2. Round Table Discussion

2.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed the board of the faculty and staff participation in Active Shooter Training conducted by the Kentucky State Police. He stated the training consisted of a presentation followed by participation in mock scenarios and blank gun shots to simulate real crisis situations. Mr. Kelsch stated the lock-down drill procedures would be revised to incorporate the concepts presented by KSP.

2.2. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported the General Fund revenue receipts through May total \$1,615,000. Nearly \$245,000 has been received in property taxes. Utility taxes have generated over \$120,000. Over \$24,200 has been collected in motor vehicle taxes and \$2,850 in delinquent property taxes. The district has collected over \$18,000 in PSC taxes. Over \$14,000 has been received in Medicaid reimbursement, while \$14,750 has been collected for tuition through May. Over \$1,139,000 has been received in SEEK funding. Miscellaneous revenue has generated \$9,900, while bus rental (Athletic Dept. reimbursement) has generated \$6,200. Expenditures through the month of May were approximately \$1,490,000,

about \$18,000 less than through the same period last year. Receipts exceed expenditures by approximately \$125,000 through May. Through May, the fitness center has collected \$1,880 in revenue for the year. Expenses sit at \$3,515. Through May 31st, the fitness center has lost \$1,715. Board members were in agreement to close the fitness center effective July 1st, 2016 and seek volunteers to re-open the center. The school budget has expended approximately \$24,200 YTD, with one month remaining. Copy machine and printing costs account for \$8,200. General supply expenses total \$5,100. The school has expended \$3,000 on professional services, \$2,300 in furniture and fixtures, \$2,100 in dues and fees, and \$1,600 on technology equipment. Maintenance budget expenses totaled \$193,000 through May. Expenses include \$70,000 in utility and service expenses, \$68,600 for salaries and benefits, \$28,000 for property insurance, \$10,900 in general supplies, \$5,900 in maintenance repairs, \$5,300 in professional services, \$3,300 on machinery/furniture, and \$810 on snow removal. 79% of the maintenance budget has been expended. The transportation budget through May indicates costs are at \$69,700. \$39,100 has been expended on salaries and benefits, \$8,100 has been spent on diesel fuel, \$7,000 on two buses, \$6,600 on repair parts and maintenance, \$5,200 on fleet insurance, and \$1,250 on professional services/drug testing/rental fees. 66% of the transportation budget has been utilized. Special Revenue Grant funding is on target with regards to the budget. Food service receipts total \$152,000 through May. \$24,500 has been generated locally, \$2,200 has been received from state funding sources, while nearly \$125,500 has been received from the NSLP. Receipts are down \$33,000 from the same period last year. Expenditures YTD total \$160,500, with \$60,000 towards salaries and benefits and nearly \$101,000 on supplies and services. Expenditures are about \$4,000 higher through the same period last year, and expenditures currently exceed revenues for the year by \$8,000. The current food service balance is \$8,800.

Order #16-292 - Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Gene Groves.

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

2.3. Approve Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report on energy consumption through the April billing period indicated the district had a reduction in energy consumption of 24,973 kBTU (13.5%) and avoided approximately \$793 in energy charges. Through April-YTD, the district has reduced our energy consumption by 490,357 kBTU (17%), avoiding approximately \$9,070 in energy charges. So far through the April-YTD, the district has used 78,996 (\$7,031) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWh) and 2,146 (\$2,039) fewer hundreds of cubic feet (CCF) of natural gas, as compared to our historical averages.

Attached is a copy of the weather data for Bracken County. It helps to explain why utility bills are higher or lower in some months as compared to the same months in previous years.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Smoke alarms replaced in band room

- Steam table repaired in cafeteria
- Bell tower and clock tower cleaned of pigeon guano and pressure washed
- Floor in clock tower replaced (Refer to pictures)
- Tree removed on Bracken Street side of building

Maintenance Needs:

- Floor in bell tower needs replaced with rubber roof (Refer to picture of holes in red metal).
- Masonry work needed on the bell tower.
- Trees on Bracken Street side of building are dying from Ash borer. It's been recommended they be cut and replaced with Bradford Pear trees.
- Carpet needs replaced with tile in 3rd grade classroom

Principal Kelsch reviewed planned summer maintenance priorities.

Superintendent McCane stated the bell tower floor and masonry work were priorities and repairs were needed quickly according to architect, Craig Aossey. She stated the tree removal and classroom floor tile would be on hold until the district received an estimate for the costs of the bell tower floor and masonry work.

Construction Renovation Update:

Front porch and bell tower metal work nearing completion by R.J. Construction. They have been informed there is still leakage on the wall in the gymnasium. Trace Creek Construction is in the process of replacing the interior doors. Currently, most door frames have been removed and the new metal door frames installed.

Order #16-293 - Motion Passed: Approve Facilities Report passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

2.4. District Property (Bells and Interior Doors)

Rationale:

Board members discussed what to do with the two bells and old interior doors (Refer to pictures of two bells located in the bell tower) Superintendent McCane informed the board according to architect, Craig Aossey the bells are expensive and collectible. However, the difficulty would be getting them down from the bell tower without removing some of the brick. It would require opening up two arches into one large opening which would be dangerous and costly. Furthermore, this would require structural shoring three stories in the air and a restoration mason to rebuild the structural wall after the removal. Also, a very large crane would be required. The lifts currently being used for the renovations would tip over from the weight of the bell. The sale of the bell may be profitable, but the process of removal, engineering and the state surplus process of selling it would be a significant cost to consider in offsetting the profit.

Board members were in agreement for the bells to remain in the tower and authorized Superintendent McCane to proceed with selling the interior doors. Faculty members wanting their doors could do so and make a donation to the Augusta Independent Education Foundation, Inc.

2.5. Approve 2016-2017 Tuition Rates

Rationale:

\$700 per year for one student
\$500 for second student
\$300 for third student
\$1,500 for family of three or more children

Order #16-294 - Motion Passed: Approve 2016-2017 Tuition Rates passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Gene Groves.

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

2.6. Approve First Reading of Tobacco Free School Policy

Rationale:

STUDENTS
09.4232
Tobacco

Use of Tobacco Prohibited

Tobacco use, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product as defined in KRS 438.305 is prohibited twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, inside Board-owned buildings or vehicles, on school owned property, and during school-related student trips.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

10.5
Visitors to the Schools

Use of Tobacco Prohibited

Tobacco use is prohibited twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, inside Board-owned buildings or vehicles, on school owned property, and during school-related student trips.

Order #16-295 - Motion Passed: Approve First Reading of Tobacco Free School Policy passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

3. Communications

3.1. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the district was awarded \$19,000 in technology grant funds through the R.C. Durr Foundation, Inc. She stated competitive grants were awarded for \$15,000 to replace the computers in the new computer lab which are now eight years old, \$2,000 for a set of Kindle Fire tablet devices for an English classroom and \$2,000 awarded for Lego Robotics and Laptops for the science department.

Superintendent McCane informed the board the Augusta Alumni Association is in the process of joining the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation, Inc. Directors of both groups felt it mutually benefited both groups and the mission and goals were the same.

Augusta Independent and Bracken County officials met to discuss partial seeding. Superintendent McCane stated Bracken County proposed partial seeding for baseball, softball and volleyball only. Furthermore, she stated the majority was not in favor of partial seeding because it was not in our students' best interests. Board members unanimously favored remaining with a district draw. Superintendent McCane stated she would be a mentor to the new superintendent of Silver Grove Independent for the upcoming year.

3.2. Superintendent Professional Growth and Effectiveness System 2015-2016

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reviewed the 2015-2016 Superintendent Leadership Plan, Self-Assessment and Summary of Evidence with board members.

Chairman, Laura Bach stated board members would use that information to determine the Superintendent's Summative Evaluation which would be reviewed during the July board meeting.

3.3. Citizens

3.4. Board Members

4. Business and Consent

Order #16-296 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Gene Groves.

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

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Use of District Property

4.3. Approve 2016-2017 Spanish Teacher Contract

Rationale:

Robertson County and Augusta Independent again are splitting a Spanish teacher to provide instruction in both districts daily. The teacher is employed full-time by Robertson County and Augusta will again enter a contract to split the teacher 50%. The teacher will be at Augusta in the afternoons and work .5 and in the mornings at Robertson County and work .5. The contract is a regular 185-day contract like the prior years.

4.4. Approve Fidelity Bond of Treasurer for 2016-2017

4.5. Approve Bond of Depository for 2016-2017

4.6. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

Computers

10413

10518

10516

10505

10495

10606

10550

4.7. Approve Bills

4.8. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Adjournment

Order #16-297 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes

Gene Groves Yes

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins Absent

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Absent

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent