

Augusta Independent Board of Education

April 10, 2014 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins
Mrs. Dionne Laycock
Mrs. Chasity Saunders

Absent Board Members:

Gene Groves

I. Call to Order

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 #14-146 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

II. Student/Faculty Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers of the Month!

10th grade: Kaylee Barrett, Owens Crawford, Shyana Gilbert, Max Hargett, Sam Kennard, Claire Litzinger, Thomas Purdon, Camryn Snapp, Marcus Spradlin, Logan White, Daniel Woodruff.

10th grade DDXE: Kelsey Hargett, Connor Maddox, Jacob Riggins, Danielle Shackelford and Brenna Wilson.

11th grade: Tristan Darnell, Mary Deiter, Jerica Kelsch, Paige McCord, Olivia Rolph, Lacy Schumacher, Nathan Shrader, LeAnn Tucker, Austin Whiteman, Nicholas Zeidler, Jessie Zornes.

11th grade DDXE: Clacie England and Emily Todd

1st place Region Academic Team (Social Studies): John Paul Cordle

Community Service: Destiny Whitehead

Campbellsville Excellence in Teaching Awards:

Mrs. Erin Barnett: High School Math
Mr. Christopher Mason: Middle School Science
Ms. Alison Scaggs: 4th Grade

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch reported a successful Operation Preparation as part of the district's college and career readiness initiatives and the senior trip to New York City was also a success. Mr. Kelsch informed the board of the upcoming testing schedule for End-Of-Course and KPREP Assessments taking place in April and May. He stated teachers were intensely reviewing content before the assessments.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane reported the 2014-2016 biennial budget was passed by the General Assembly with funding increases for K-12 education. She stated the SEEK funding per pupil amount would be increased from the current \$3,827 to \$3,911 in FY15 and \$3,981 in FY16. The SEEK funding increases will aid districts in providing both certified and classified salary increases of 1% in FY15 and 2% in FY16. In addition to the SEEK increases, Flexible Focus, Technology and Career and Technical Education all received funding increases.

Superintendent McCane reported a lag of \$17,000 in receipts compared to the same time last year but expected larger utility tax payments and SEEK funding for the last quarter of the fiscal year. Expenditures are down in the General Fund by \$26,000 compared to March 2013 indicating budget reduction efforts are still in place and working. Receipts exceeded expenditures by \$122,700 through March, compared to \$113,600 last year.

Superintendent reported that Fund 2 expenditures are on target with regards to budget with the cash balance for Fund 2 at \$35,527 compared to \$201,011 in March 2013. The cash balance deficit is due to the reimbursements not received for prior years grants therefore requiring an adjustment in February to accurately reflect the actual cash balance.

Food Service revenues exceed expenditures by \$6,780 through March. However, at the same time last year revenues exceeded expenditures by \$10,000. Costs have increased only \$3,400 through month nine, while revenues are nearly identical to last year through the same period. The current balance is \$11,898 with paid lunches down \$2,000.

Next fiscal year's SEEK increases will generate an additional \$32,000, covering the anticipated raises of \$16,000 for the district.

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

During February, the district had an increase in electricity consumption of 7,142 kWhs (12.7%) and an increase in natural gas consumption of 390 CCF (20.2%) which created an additional cost in energy of \$1,107, as compared to our three year baseline averages. However YTD, the district has still reduced our total electrical energy consumption through the February billing period by 28,894 kWhs (6%) which has created a savings in electrical energy cost of over \$2,600. Unfortunately through February, the district also had an increase in natural gas consumption of 823 CCF (10%), which has increased our natural gas cost by approximately \$979. Even with the increase in natural gas consumption this winter, we still have saved approximately \$1,621 (\$2,600 - \$979) in total energy cost, as compared to our 3-year average baselines.

The 5-year history of energy consumption and cost indicates the district has used more total energy (kBtu) this year than we did in the past two, but less than the amount in FY2010 or FY2011. So far, this winter has been approximately 18% colder (November-February) than the previous winter.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired Dr. Dish shooting machine
- Repaired toilets in basement girls restroom
- Repaired ice machine in cafeteria
- Repaired milk cooler in cafeteria
- Repaired cafeteria door latch
- Repaired camera in Spanish room
- Replaced filters in heating and air units
- Repairing batting cage
- Purchased 10 preschool chairs for \$2 each

III.*. Insurance Update

Rationale:

The district received one proposal after advertising for insurance for the district. Jim Downing with Crawford Insurance has submitted a proposal (see attachment). He is seeking lower costs options for the district and will submit a new proposal for the board to approve at the May board meeting.

III.*. Community Eligibility Provision

Rationale:

Incoming food services director, Barry Caskey provided an overview to the board of the Community Eligibility Provision which is offered to schools with a high percentage of low income children to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. He stated the district does meet the requirements of the federal program at 45% of the students being directly certified and would be reimbursed at 72% for reimbursable meals. However, it is recommended to be closer to 50% directly certified to receive 80% reimbursement. The minimum requirement is 40% for districts to participate and they must remain in the program for four-years. Mr. Caskey stated districts have until June 30th to enter the program and board members requested more discussion next month.

III.*. Board Member Annual Training

Rationale:

KASA will conduct a 2-hour training session on Effectively Evaluating Your Superintendent on June 12th at 3:00 p.m. preceding the board meeting.

Superintendent McCane recommended additional training needed by board members to focus on the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System and board members were in favor of the plan.

III.*. Approve Second Reading of Substitute Teachers Policy-03.4 Addendum

Rationale:

The policy addendum will state individuals applying to be a substitute teacher will be responsible for background check expenses.

Order #14-147 - Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading of Substitute Teachers Policy-03.4 passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

III.*. Approve Auditor's Contract for 2014-2015

Rationale:

Kelley, Galloway & Company, PSC proposed to complete the required district audit for \$13,000, the same fee as 2013.

Order #14-148 - Motion Passed: Approve the Auditor's Contract for 2014-2015. Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the district was awarded a \$48,500 Read to Achieve Grant for reading intervention at the elementary level and the recent submission of a Durr Foundation Grant for technology equipment. She stated planning is underway to submit a proposal for a Bluegrass Pipeline Grant in partnership with Clopay.

Board members were informed SB 211 will require districts to meet the minimum 1,062 instructional hours and the district will have approximately 100 additional hours than required.

Superintendent McCane stated that a substance abuse community action meeting is being planned and requested a board member to represent the board.

Attendance for March: 95.72%

Enrollment: P-12=310 and K-12=290

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-149 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

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

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Donations

V.*. Approve Summer Lunch Program

Rationale:

June 9th-July 24th

V.*. Approve Tuition Rates 2014-2015

Rationale:

Tuition will remain at \$2,500 for the 1st child and \$500 discount for each additional child

V.*. Approve Emergency Substitute Teachers for 2014-2015

V.*. Approve Technology Surplus

Rationale:

23 computers are 8-10 years old operating with Windows XP and not able to be upgraded to Windows 7, which was required to be done.

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Adjournment

Rationale:

Spring Break: April 14th-18th, 2014

Athletic Banquet: April 22nd, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Brent Bach, Bellarmine University Signing Ceremony: April 24th at 2:00 p.m. in the gym

Prom: May 3rd, 2014

Band/Choir Spring Concert: May 6th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 8th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Order #14-150 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent