

Augusta Independent Board of Education

April 21, 2016 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

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Congratulations Augusta Panthers & Coaches on a Historical Basketball Season!

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 #16-281 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic & Athletic Achievers!

5th grade: Joshua Bex, Lexy Brooks, Olivia Campbell, Ryann Cooper, Gabrielle Harding, Jaden Jackson, Erica Kegley, Ava Kiskaden, Dylan Mattingly, Carter Plummer, Hannah Rayburn, Jason Reid, Jeannie Riley, Chase Scott, Alexander Scudder, Caylin Sellers, Ashley Smith, Zoel Tharp, and Chris Wills.

Boys' Basketball Team: Jonathan Barrett, Stephen Cordle, Owens Crawford, Jack Laycock, Connor Maddox, Thomas Mains, Tanner Pugh, Garrett Purdon, Thomas Purdon, David Reed, Jared Shoemaker, Camryn Snapp, Marcus Spradlin, Chris Staggs, Logan White, Daniel Woodruff.

Manager: Danielle Shackelford

Boys' Basketball Coaching Staff: Brian Kirk, Phil White, Jason Snapp, and Jeff Crawford

2.1. *BREAK

3. Round Table Discussion

3.1. Tobacco Free School Policy

Rationale:

The S.T.O.P. Coalition students with assistance from the Regional Prevention Center presented a 100% Tobacco Free School Policy for the Augusta Independent School Board to consider for the district.

S.T.O.P. Coalition Members: Brynn Dufrene, Renae Jett, Max Hargett, Brenna Wilson

Regional Prevention Center Attendees: Lauren Penrose and Sarah Teegarden

Order #16-282 - Motion Passed: Approve to Initiate a Tobacco Free School Policy passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock 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

3.2. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch reported College and Career Readiness results indicate 12 seniors are college ready, 13 are career ready and nine are both.

Furthermore, he stated the students were preparing for upcoming End-of-Course testing and K-PREP testing and informed the board of upcoming end-of-year events.

3.3. Budget Report

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported the general fund revenue receipts through March total 1,334,000. \$217,000 has been received in property taxes, with a budgeted amount of \$220,000. Utility taxes have generated \$90,500. Over \$18,000 has been collected in motor vehicle taxes and \$2,700 in delinquent property taxes. \$12,400 has been received in Medicaid reimbursement (\$8,500 is budgeted), while \$9,600 has been collected for tuition through March. Over \$1,232,000 has been received in SEEK funding. Bus rental (Athletic Dept. reimbursement) and miscellaneous revenue have each generated \$6,200. The fitness center has collected \$1,400 for the year. Expenditures through the month of March were approximately \$1,208,000, about \$45,000 less than through the same period last year. Receipts exceed expenditures by approximately \$126,000 through March.

The school budget has expended approximately \$21,300, with three months remaining in the year. Copy machine and printing costs account for \$7,000. Professional services expenses total \$3,000. The school has expended \$4,800 in general supplies, \$2,300 in furniture and fixtures, \$2,100 in dues and fees, and \$950 on technology equipment.

The maintenance budget expenses totaled \$163,000 through the first three-fourths of the year. Expenses include \$57,500 in utility and service expenses, \$56,100 for salaries and benefits, \$28,000 for property insurance, \$8,000 in general supplies, \$5,300 in maintenance repairs, \$3,900 in professional services, \$3,300 on machinery/furniture, and \$810 on snow removal. 67% of the maintenance budget has been expended.

The transportation budget through March indicates costs are at \$59,500. \$31,600 has been expended on salaries and benefits, \$7,000 on two buses, \$6,500 has been spent on diesel fuel, \$6,200 on repair parts and maintenance, \$5,200 on fleet insurance, and \$1,100 on professional services/drug testing/rental fees. 56.5% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

Special revenue fund grant funding is on target with regards to the budget.

Food service receipts total \$117,600 through March. 20,300 was generated locally, while \$96,700 has been received from the NSLP. Receipts are down \$28,000 from the same period last year. Expenditures YTD total \$124,500, with \$47,200 towards salaries and benefits and \$77,300 on supplies and services. Expenditures are currently \$10,800 less than through the same period last year, but expenditures currently exceed revenues for the year by \$7,000. The current food service balance rebounded some in March and has a cash balance of \$8,775, an increase of \$2,500 from last month. (The actual fund balance is listed at \$10,075, but there is \$1,200 in payments that haven't cleared the bank).

Order #16-283 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report 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

3.4. Facilities Report

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report indicates energy consumption through the February billing period and compares the current monthly usage to the 3-year average baseline usage for the same month. During February, the district had a reduction in energy consumption of 43,330 kBTU (11.1%) and avoided approximately \$478 energy charges. Through February-YTD, the district has reduced energy consumption by 412,409 kBTU (16.9%), avoiding approximately \$7,205 in energy charges. So far through February, the district has used 59,076 (\$5,258) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWh) and 2,049 (\$1,947) fewer hundreds of cubic feet (CCF) of natural gas.

Attached is a copy of the weather data for Bracken County. This helps to explain why utility bills are higher or lower in some months as compared to the same months in previous years. The weather conditions for February 2016 were much milder than those of the last three years.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Replaced lawn mower blades and serviced
- Repaired gym lights and switches
- Repaired gym door by fire escape
- Repaired switch on buffer
- Serviced weed eater
- Hung senior composite
- Striped and waxed old computer lab floor
- Touch up painting

Construction Renovation Update:

Front porch and bell tower metal work delivery from Campbellville Industries is expected on April 25th. Preparation work is currently underway by R.J. Construction. The new interior door installation work will begin the first week in June by Trace Creek Construction.

Rotary Club Clock Restoration Project:

Superintendent McCane reported the Rotary Club expressed interest in restoring the bell tower clock. She stated Verdin Clocks in Cincinnati did an estimate and the Rotary Club would be making a decision on the project.

Order #16-284 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

3.5. Approve Liberty Mutual Insurance Policy for 2016-2017

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane stated the district's insurance policy is currently with Liberty Mutual and includes property, fleet and an umbrella. Previously, Seneca provided the district's Worker's Compensation policy, but cancelled the district due to what they consider significant losses paid the last three years. She said the district's insurance representative, Jim Downing worked diligently on the district's behalf to find a reasonable replacement. Although, Liberty Mutual typically does not deal with Worker's Compensation policies they have agreed to carry the district. The rates are significantly increasing from \$11,702 to \$19,676. All Worker's Compensation markets were checked and the next closest quote was \$24,057 from KEMI.

Insurance Renewal Includes: Property, Fleet, Umbrella and Worker's Compensation totaling \$31,432.

Order #16-285 - Motion Passed: Approve Liberty Mutual Insurance Policy for 2016-2017 passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins 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

3.6. Approve Fire and Security Services

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the district's current fire and security provider, Ohio River Valley has gone out of business. Therefore, the board needed to contract a new provider. She recommended D.W. Fire and Security Services stating they offered the most comprehensive services and competitive price package.

Order #16-286 - Motion Passed: Approve D.W. Fire Safety for Fire and Security Services passed with a motion by Gene Groves 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

3.7. Kentucky Utilities Energy Project Funding

Rationale:

The district is eligible for funding through the Kentucky Utilities Energy Project. The district has two primary options:

- 1.) Base Option is \$3,000 and does not require the district to match funds.
- 2.) Match Option is \$6,000 and requires the district to match the funds.

Superintendent McCane recommended the board approve the matching option which would allow the district to complete \$12,000 in energy efficient upgrades. She stated the scope of the project would involve switching T-12 lights to LED lights in as many classrooms as funding would afford.

Order #16-287 - Motion Passed: Approve Kentucky Utilities Energy Project Funding Match Option 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

3.8. Approve FMLA and Extended Disability Leave

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board a teacher needed approved for Family Medical Leave Act which began January 27th and expires on April 27th. She stated employees are entitled to 12-weeks leave and the district maintains health insurance and KTRS contributions. She explained board approval is required and would be back dated since the district did not initially know how long the employee would be absent.

Superintendent McCane stated since the FMLA expires, board approval is required for the employee to receive extended disability leave through the end of the school year. She explained this allows the employee COBRA Rights to maintain health insurance coverage, but the employee will be responsible to pay the premiums.

Furthermore, Superintendent McCane explained due to the employee not having worked 1,250 hours this year, FMLA will not be allowable next school year. Therefore, it may be necessary for the board to approve a second extended disability leave later on. At this time, the employee is planning to return to work in August.

Order #16-288 - Motion Passed: Approve FMLA and Extended Disability Leave passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock 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

3.9. Bus Parking Proposal

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane said the district pays \$600 per year/\$50 per month to Delmar Nickoson to park two buses. Mayor Zeigler and City of Augusta has offered the district parking of our two buses at the sewer plant at no cost.

The buses would be locked inside the fence during non-operational hours of the sewer plant which would keep them secure.

Order #16-289 - Motion Passed: Approve Bus Parking at City Sewer Plant 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

4. Communications

4.1. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board of the new district logo and upcoming plans to publicize the district in local newspapers. In other business, the district plans to reapply for a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, State Representative, Mike Denham will be this year's graduation speaker and sealed bids for three surplus buses will be opened on April 22nd.

March Attendance: 94.7% and K-12 Enrollment: 266 and P-12 Enrollment: 281

4.2. Citizens

4.3. Board Members

5. Business and Consent

Order #16-290 - 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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Field Trips

5.3. Approve Non-Public Transportation Contract for 2015-2016

5.4. Approve 2015-2016 Amended School Calendar

Rationale:

Makeup days for 2015-2016 are: May 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 25 for students.

May 26 is Closing Day for faculty and staff

May 27 is Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

5.5. Approve Community Education Evaluation Form

5.6. Approve Bills

5.7. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Personnel

Rationale:

Certified Substitute Hire
Levi Gallagher

7. Adjournment

Rationale:

April 22nd: Community Wide Panther Celebration 6:30 p.m.

April 26th: Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.

April 29th @ 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Cincinnati Opera/Wizard of Oz sponsored by Art Guild

May 7th: Prom/After Prom at YMCA

May 16th: Field Day K-5th @ 11:00 a.m. City Ball Field

May 17th: Election Day - NO SCHOOL

May 19th: Special Called Board Meeting 5:00 p.m. and Senior Awards Night 6:30 p.m.

May 20th: Elementary Beach Day

May 22nd: Baccalaureate Service/Augusta Christian Church/Time TBA

May 23rd: Elementary Awards 8:30 a.m. and MS/HS Awards 10:00 a.m.

May 24th: Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 p.m.

May 25th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/Talent Show 8:30 a.m./Dismissal 11:30 a.m.

May 27th: Graduation 7:00 p.m.

Order #16-291 - 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	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent