

Augusta Independent Board of Education

February 09, 2017 6:00 PM

207 Bracken Street

Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Mrs. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy Birthday Board Member, Chasity Saunders! January 21st

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 #17-340 - 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

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

2. Student/Staff Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations to our Academic Achievers!

2nd grade: Kaleb Basford, Indigo Crull, Claire Elliott, James Gaines, Everette Gill, Adalen Gilliam, Mason Goebel, Jason Kearns, Zane Napier, Colbie Nickoson, Turner Potts, Seth Purcell, Qwintin Purvis, Gabriel Richey, Natalee Roberts, Abigail Sallee.

Middle School Academic Governor's Cup: John Paul Cordle (2nd place SS), Chelsea Shields (3rd place Math).

High School Academic Governor's Cup: Stephen Cordle (5th place SS), Angelica Murphy (4th place Arts Humanities), Adam Sallee (2nd place SS).

Bracken Co. Conservation Essay Winners: Nadia Cline (Honorable Mention), Aubree Ruf (Honorable Mention), Chelsea Shields (2nd Place).

2017 Spelling Bee Winner: Zoe Tharp

2017 Spelling Bee Runner Up: Alexander Scudder

Staff Recognition

Mrs. Kathy Fryman was recognized and presented a plaque from the board of education for her dedication and service as a custodian to the district for 29 years. The district announced February 14th has been declared, "We Love Kathy Fryman" Day with a special luncheon and assembly planned in Mrs. Fryman's honor.

2.1. *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Mr. Robin Kelsch, Principal of Augusta Independent School reported results from the 2016 Kindergarten Readiness Screener showed significant improvement compared to the previous year's results on the Brigance readiness assessment. In 2015, the percentage of incoming kindergarten students' ready for kindergarten was 27.8% and the 2016 results indicated 91.7% were ready. He stated a committee developed a Kindergarten Readiness Action Plan the previous year and those efforts resulted in significant gains. Mr. Kelsch informed the board members of College/Career Readiness progress and stated almost half of the seniors will be taking a KOSSA or Industry Certificate exam in the spring to determine career readiness.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane stated the district submitted Read to Achieve and 21st Century Learning Community Century grants and will be given award notifications sometime in the spring.

The board learned several education bills are being considered during the General Assembly's spring session with particular interests in the Inter-District Student Transfer or open enrollment proposal presented by the Education Secretary, Hal Heiner. Superintendent McCane stated charter school legislation was being considered, but favored the open enrollment option which would end nonresident rules and allow SEEK and federal funding to follow students. She stated this would greatly benefit the district and efforts were being made to advocate for such legislation.

The district is participating in a state-wide campaign, #loveKYschools initiated by KEDC to promote the accomplishments of Kentucky school districts.

Superintendent McCane presented pictures of Cradle School, a Drama Club Performance of, "Robin Hood....Sort of," and the Senior to Sophomore Program that were submitted on behalf of the district for the campaign.

Superintendent McCane stated that in accordance with board policy, a K-9 search was conducted on 01/18/17 in collaboration with the City of Augusta Police Dept. and Maysville Police Dept. She stated the purpose was not to be punitive, but proactive and preventative to ensure our school was safe and a drug free environment.

Board members were informed of a collaborative effort between the A.I.S.D. & City of Augusta to develop a Train Derailment Emergency Plan. Superintendent McCane stated the district's current Emergency Plans do not include a train derailment emergency plan and this was vital planning for both the district and city. She stated they had met with city officials already and planning was underway.

Superintendent McCane stated the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation Inc. were meeting on 2/15/17, board seat interviews would be conducted by KDE on 2/21/17 and the board anticipates two new members in place before the March meeting, and the KSBA winter conference was set for 2/24-2/26. Furthermore, board members will participate in required training in-district in June and September (Recallable Nickel, Superintendent Evaluation, and Ethics).

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Classified Hire

Lacy Johnson: Custodial/Food Service Departments (Full-time)

Classified Resignation

Cecilia Fite: Food Service Staff (Effective last day of school)

Certified Substitute Hire

Jaimee Sallee

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

Enrollment P-12: 302

Enrollment K-12: 281

December Attendance: 94.5 %

Overall Attendance: 95.75%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

General Fund

Finance Director, Tim Litteral reported General Fund Revenue receipts through January totaled over \$1,034,000. SEEK funding accounted for over \$720,000. The district generated approximately \$214,000 in property taxes, over \$65,000 in utility taxes, \$12,400 in motor vehicle taxes, \$1,500 in PSC taxes, and \$1,300 in delinquent property taxes. Tuition generated \$2,500, while \$6,300 has been received in Medicaid reimbursement. The Fitness Center has collected over \$1,600 in dues, while \$2,100 in miscellaneous revenue has been received and \$2,600 has been received for bus rental. Expenditures through seven months were \$903,000, about \$27,000 less than through the same period last year. Receipts exceeded expenditures by about \$131,000 through January.

School Budget: The school's budget is \$19,750. Approximately \$10,500 has been spent, with another \$500 obligated. Copying and printing costs totaled \$4,800, general supply expenses totaled \$2,300, and technology supplies totaled \$1,300, while dues and fees accounted for \$1,300.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$136,000 through January. Expenses included nearly \$42,000 on salaries and benefits, \$41,500 on utilities and services, \$29,400 for property insurance, \$15,000 on repairs and professional services, \$6,600 on general supplies, and \$1,500 on equipment. 54% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through January, costs were at approximately \$48,400. \$26,600 was expended on salaries and benefits, \$5,200 was expended on fleet insurance, \$6,600 on repair parts, and \$5,100 on diesel fuel, \$4,000 on repairs and maintenance, and \$800 on supplies/services/fees. 48% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

Special Revenue Fund

Grant funding is on target with regards to the budget for current year grants.

Food Service Fund

Food service receipts totaled approximately \$93,300 through January. \$80,600 was received for federal program reimbursement, while \$12,700 was from local revenue sources. Expenditures through January totaled \$98,000. \$56,200 was expended on food and supplies, \$40,600 was for salaries and benefits, and \$1,300 for rental

equipment. Through January, expenditures were about \$4,300 more than through the same period last year. The food service balance was -\$4,884. Superintendent McCane stated the district is monitoring the food service fund closely and taking steps to break even by the end of the fiscal year. Furthermore, the current CEP reimbursement is based on last year's enrollment at 78% and estimated at 90% for the next school year. She stated this should stabilize the food service fund.

Order #17-341 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4.2. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report on energy consumption through the December billing period compares the district's current monthly usage to the 3-year (FY10-FY12) historical average baseline usage for the same month. During December, the district had a decrease in energy consumption of 58,918 kBTU (13.7%) which avoided approximately \$1,418 in energy charges. Through December-YTD, the district used 51,482 (\$4,582) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWh) and 804 (\$764) ccf less of natural gas for an estimated total energy savings of approximately \$5,346. For the first six months of FY2017, the district reduced total energy consumption by 262,093 kBTU (16.7%).

The Energy Comparison Report shows energy consumption and cost data for the past several years. The Weather Comparison Report shows Bracken County weather patterns and helps to explain why utility bills are higher or lower in some months as compared to the same months in previous years. Visit the website for more information at <http://www.weatherdatadepot.com/>.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired classroom door hinge (Middle school math room)
- Repaired exterior door hinge (Second Street side of building by Consumer Science room)
- Repaired boiler steam pipe leak
- Repaired library HVAC unit
- Installed heating unit in Fitness Center
- Repaired restroom sprayer/cleaning system

District Facilities Plan Progress: Architect, Gary Scott facilitated the Local Planning Committee orientation meeting on January 24th, February 1st was the public forum and LPC meeting with Dr. Bob Tarvin from the district's fiscal agent, Ross-Sinclair presenting on facilities financing and Augusta Independent's financing plan, and Gary Scott presented the Draft District Facilities Plan during public forum and the LPC meeting on February 8th. The next public forum and LPC meeting is scheduled for March 7th.

Extra Nickel Proposal: Superintendent McCane stated the district has a unique opportunity in 2018 for an additional local nickel only allowable for facilities projects while tax rates will still be significantly lowered once Clipay Plastics, Inc. returns to the property tax rolls. She stated by adding the extra 5 cents per \$100 assessed property value, tax rates will still be lowered from 69.2 cents to 57.6 cents.

Order #17-342 - 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.3. Approve 2017-2018 School Calendar

Order #17-343 - Motion Passed: Approve 2017-2018 School Calendar passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.
Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.4. Approve Amended 2016-2017 Classified Salary Schedule

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane explained the current classified salary schedule has different salaries for custodial and food service staff and with the hire of a split position, it was necessary for payroll to have one uniform schedule. This was the only recommended amendment to the 2016-2017 classified salary schedule.

Order #17-344 - Motion Passed: Approve Amended 2016-2017 Classified Salary Schedule passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.5. Approve Kindergarten Early Enrollment

Rationale:

Approve kindergarten early enrollment for a preschool student scoring above the 75th percentile on kindergarten reading and math assessments. Attached is the Petition for Early Enrollment Form, Parent Consent Form, and Data Measures.

Order #17-345 - Motion Passed: Approve Kindergarten Early Enrollment passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

5. Business Consent Items

Order #17-346 - 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
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Use of Building Request

5.3. Approve Bills

5.4. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Adjournment

Rationale:

Feb. 14th @ 12:00 p.m. Luncheon/1:00 p.m. Recognition Assembly: We Love Kathy Fryman Day

Feb. 15th @ 5:00 p.m.: Augusta Independent Educational Foundation, Inc. Meeting

Feb. 20th: Presidents' Day - No School

Feb. 20th @ 6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m.: District Tournament GV/BV vs. Mason Co. @ MCHS

Feb. 21st: Board Seats Interviews

Feb. 24th-26th: KSBA Winter Conference

Feb. 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Family Literacy Night

Mar. 4th: Rotary Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 7th @ 5:30 p.m.: Public Forum/LPC Meeting

Mar. 9th @ 6:00 p.m.: Board Meeting

Order #17-347 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent