

Augusta Independent Board of Education

February 08, 2018 6:00 PM

207 Bracken Street

Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

Mr. Shawn Hennessey

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Mrs. Julie Moore

Mrs. Chasity Saunders

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy Valentine's Day!

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 #18-420 - 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

Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Julie Moore Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations to our Academic Achievers!

Kindergarten: Quinn Barnett, Madison Conner, Benjamin Gill, Epiphany Hammons, Kylie Hargett, Cyrus Pick, Kyston Purcell, Lukas Roberts, Javen Singleton, Bethany Smith, Keilei Tarter, Bella Tharp, Melayna Workman, and Bella Young.

FRYSC Legislator Page Winner: Hannah Arthur

Spelling Bee Champion: Faith Kiskaden

2.1. *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed the board the school received a \$150 Poetry Out Loud Grant from the Kentucky Arts Council, donations for a sensory pea pod and rug from DonorsChoose.org and several donations for two AED machines. Mr.

Kelsch said the school has two AED machines and the additional machines will be for athletic events.

Principal Kelsch reviewed the school safety plans with board members and stated plans for emergency response training with local agencies is being planned for the summer.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane provided a legislative update stating no pension reform bill has yet to be filed and if passed, the Governor's budget proposal would be difficult to sustain more deep cuts and increases to the budget. Other legislative education bills introduced this session is HB242 to consolidate districts, HB247 to allow use of KEES funds for dual credit courses, HB3 to require essential skills curriculum, and HB132 for financial literacy to be a required high school graduation course.

Superintendent McCane stated the district will possibly host a Rural Regional Job Fair with the tentative date of March 29th, 2018.

Superintendent McCane stated the district has missed 6 days of school due to weather and that it is still too early to amend the school calendar until the bad weather subsides. She said March 15th and 16th will be used as make-up days and if more days are missed, it would be necessary to go the week of May 21st. The board learned Mason County Schools is attempting to pass a nickel tax and its importance for the students of Augusta Independent because that is the only option for technical career education. She stated if passed, \$5 million will be invested in the Area Technical Center for building and equipment upgrades.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Classified Resignation

Michael Linville (Effective February 2nd, 2018)

Certified Substitute Hire

(Pending completion of paperwork)

James Pope

Anthony Felice

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

Enrollment P-12: 302

Enrollment K-12: 282

January Attendance: 93.49%

Overall Attendance: 95.52%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

General Fund

Revenue receipts through January totaled nearly \$1,100,000.

Local Revenue: Property tax revenue accounted for over \$211,000. Utility taxes generated nearly \$63,000. \$11,500 has been collected in motor vehicle taxes, while \$5,000 has been received from PSC taxes, \$2,300 in delinquent property taxes, and \$2,200 in omitted property taxes. \$7,800 has been collected for

tuition. \$2,600 was received for bus rental, while a \$2,400 worker's comp refund was received. Over \$1,100 in miscellaneous revenue has been collected. The fitness center has collected over \$1,000 in dues.

State Revenue: SEEK funding accounted for \$773,000, while over \$3,600 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: \$11,600 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through seven months of the year totaled \$937,000.

School Budget: The school's budget is \$19,750. Through January, \$13,500 was spent. \$4,800 was expended on copying and printing, \$2,900 on general supplies, \$1,700 was expended on assessment software, \$1,400 on dues and fees, \$1,300 on supplemental curriculum materials, and \$900 on technology supplies.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled over \$136,000 through January. Expenses included \$42,000 on utility services, \$39,000 on salaries and benefits, \$31,000 for property insurance, \$10,300 on repairs and maintenance, \$7,000 on general supplies, and \$6,500 on professional services. 53% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through January, costs were at approximately \$45,000, with \$2,000 obligated. \$25,000 was expended on salaries and benefits, \$6,700 on diesel fuel, \$5,500 on fleet insurance, \$4,000 on vehicle repair and maintenance, \$2,900 in repair parts, and \$800 on supplies/services/fees. 45% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$163,000.

Special Revenue Fund

We have received mid-year budget cuts for some state grants due to the state-wide budget reductions. FRYSC was reduced about \$2,700 in the current fiscal year. Even with that cut, however, the GF will not have to pick-up any expenses. We had about \$5,000 "extra" after salary and benefit expenditures for programs and supplies, which we had frozen until we knew the extent of the cut. Professional development funds were cut by \$1,725 and instructional resource funds were cut by \$3,021. Once again, because we froze those budgets when we knew there were potential cuts, we have not overspent on either of those grants, even after the reductions.

Food Service Fund

Food service revenue through January totaled over \$96,000. \$86,000 was received for federal reimbursement, while \$10,000 was local revenue. Expenses totaled approximately \$89,000, including \$52,000 on food and supplies, \$32,000 was for salaries and benefits, \$2,600 on dues and fees, and \$1,700 on equipment costs. The food service balance as of January 31 was approximately \$7,600.

Proposed Budget Implications:

Superintendent McCane presented implications for the district if the Governor's proposed budget were passed. Some areas of concern include a reduction of \$18,000 in transportation funding, elimination of professional development and instructional resources equating to over \$10,000, reductions to funding for preschool, Read to Achieve, FRYSC, Community Education, ESS, Gifted and Talented and Technology. Districts will also encumber a higher portion of the employee health insurance and increased CERS (Classified) Retirement expenses. Overall the district's general fund would likely have to pick up \$100,000 in additional operating expenses.

Superintendent McCane explained the current budget is comprised of approximately 5% for facilities, 85% personnel, and 10% operating expenses. She stated district's simply cannot sustain these cuts and increases to operating expenses, stating this is the sad reality of school funding for Kentucky's children.

Order #18-421 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes

Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.2. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Gym light replaced
- Breaker replaced in panel box in boiler room
- Replaced belt on heating unit in cafeteria
- Repaired urinal in boys restroom
- Repaired refrigerator in cafeteria

Order #18-422 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Julie Moore.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.3. Approve 2018-2019 School Calendar

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reported a calendar committee developed three 2018-2019 school calendar options and a survey was conducted to seek feedback from faculty/staff, students, parents and community members. The results indicated almost 40% preferred the draft calendar presented to the board for approval.

Order #18-423 - Motion Passed: Approve 2018-2019 School Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.4. Approve Amendment to 2017-2018 Classified Salary Schedule

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the current classified salary schedule has different salaries for custodial, maintenance, and bus driver positions. The district is seeking to fill the custodial position with a candidate who can also fulfill maintenance and bus driver duties. Therefore, an amendment is recommended to the 2017-2018 classified salary schedule to reflect a classified position with multi-duties.

Order #18-424 - Motion Passed: Approve Amendment to 2017-2018 Classified Salary Schedule passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Julie Moore Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

4.5. Approve 2018-2019 Tuition Rates

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane recommended the 2018-2019 tuition rates remain at the current price points citing affordability and that the rates are significantly lower than most school districts and private schools. Furthermore, she said tuition students have increased by over 25 students indicating affordability for most families.

Order #18-425 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Julie Moore.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

5. Business Consent Items

Order #18-426 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Julie Moore.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve FY-2018 KETS Offer of Assistance

Rationale:

The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is making an official offer of assistance in the amount of \$4,112. The technology funding must be matched equally by the Board of Education or can be escrowed for up to three (3) years.

5.3. Approve 2018-2019 District Technology Plan

5.4. Approve Surplus Computers

Rationale:

Surplus Computers:

10282
10454
10485
10416
10267
10582

5.5. Approve Bills

5.6. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Adjournment

Rationale:

Feb. 8th: Parent-Teacher Conference 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 10th: Elementary Governor's Cup Competition

February 15th: Senior Night JV & Varsity 6:00/7:30 p.m.

Feb. 19th: Presidents' Day - No School

Feb. 19th @ 6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m.: District Tournament GV/BV vs. Mason Co. @ MCHS

Mar. 2nd: Cradle School 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Mar. 2nd-4th: KSBA Winter Conference

Mar. 3rd: Rotary Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 7th: Health Fair for MS/HS

Mar. 8th @ 6:00 p.m.: Board Meeting

Order #18-427 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

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| Mrs. Laura Bach | Yes |
| Mr. Shawn Hennessey | Yes |
| Mrs. Dionne Laycock | Yes |
| Mrs. Julie Moore | Yes |
| Mrs. Chasity Saunders | Yes |

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent