

**Augusta Independent Board of Education**

March 12, 2015 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. Chasity Saunders

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

**I. Call to Order**

Rationale:  
Happy Birthday Board Members!

Laura Bach, March 7th

Dionne Laycock, March 22nd

**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 #15-206 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the agenda as presented. 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	Absent
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

**II. Student Recognition**

Rationale:  
Congratulations Academic Achievers of the Month!  
8th Grade Explore Exam: Isabelle Arthur, Misty Boggs, Stephen Cordle, William Deatley, Brynn Dufrene, Kaitlynn Gilbert, Rebecca Tabor, Aliyah Thorpe, and Jaden Velazquez.

10th Grade Plan Exam: Reagan Gibson, Renee Jett, Lauran Kiskaden, Jack Laycock, Chase McElfresh, Cheyenne Sellers, Logan Tucker.

**II.\*. \*BREAK**

**III. Round Table Discussion**

**III.\*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement**

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch presented a fundraiser schedule for 6th-12th grades set to begin during the 2015-2016 school year. Each class will be conducting at least two annual fundraisers in an effort to ease the burden as juniors and seniors to raise adequate funds for the senior trip.

Mr. Kelsch reported the senior trip is scheduled for April 5th-9th with 27/29 seniors participating. He stated the senior trip was to New York City this year.

Mr. Kelsch stated 1972 Augusta graduate, Margie Hargett would be this year's graduation speaker.

**III.\*. Budget**

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported revenue receipts through February were \$1,212,400. \$200,000 has been collected in general property taxes. The district has begun collecting PSC (Public Service Commission) taxes for this year and currently has collected \$2,500. Motor vehicle taxes have generated over \$15,600 year-to-date. Utility taxes have generated \$76,400, up \$1,200 from last year. Tuition payments have now surpassed last year's payments, having collected \$13,100, an increase of \$1,100. SEEK revenue is approximately \$857,000. Expenditures through February were approximately \$1,032,000, which is more than a \$156,000 decrease from last year. Receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$180,000 through February.

The school budget has expended \$15,700 through February. There were \$675 in expenses for the month, and another \$515 obligated. 50.5% of the budget has been used, with \$15,900 remaining in the school budget. Maintenance expenses through February were \$140,000. \$78,000 has been spent on utilities and insurance. \$7,200 has been expended on general maintenance and custodial supplies, with \$550 obligated. Nearly \$49,000 of the expense costs are for salaries and benefits. 61.4% of the maintenance budget has been utilized, with \$90,000 remaining in the budget. Through the end of February, transportation costs are at \$54,100, with 55% of the transportation budget being utilized. Nearly \$15,000 has been spent on salaries and benefits. Over \$9,000 has been expended on fuel year-to-date, with \$6,500 being spent on repairs, parts, and bus maintenance.

All projects are on target with regards to the budget in the special revenue fund.

Food service income through February was \$129,500. This year's receipts currently exceed 2014 by \$12,500. Local revenues (receipts collected from student/adult meals) are up \$1,200 from last year, while federal reimbursements from the NSLP have increased \$11,300. Expenditures sit at \$113,000 year-to-date, which is \$2,700 less than through this period last year. 55% of the budget has been utilized. The current food service balance is \$16,700.

**III.\*. Facilities Update**

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane stated the Energy Management Report for the January indicates an increase in total energy consumption of 100,201 kBTU (20%), which created an additional energy cost of \$784. Through January, the district has

used 32,345 (\$2,911) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWhs), but 1,107 (\$1,052) more CCF (hundreds of cubic feet) of natural gas, as compared to our 3-year (FY2010-FY2012) baseline averages. Therefore, YTD, we have saved approximately \$1,859 (\$2,911-\$1,052) in total energy dollars due to our reduction in electricity consumption.

Also, attached is the weather data for Augusta and a comparison chart showing energy consumption and cost for the current and five previous years.

Architect, Craig Aossey representing G. Scott & Associates, Architects reviewed and discussed with the board members the proposed design development documents. Additional, the proposed renovation schedule was reviewed and discussed.

Proposed Renovation Project Schedule:

12 March - Design Development to Board

13 March - Design Development to KDE - 2 week review by KDE

26 March - Final Documents to Board (Proposed Special Called Meeting Date)

27 March - Final Documents to KDE and Building code Enforcement - 2 week review by KDE

Week of 8 April - Advertise/out to bid - (need to coordinate with local paper deadline)

Week of 15 April - Pre-bid meeting

Week of 29 Apr - Bid opening

Board Action to accept bids special call meeting needed after bid opening.

Interim Contract signing/pre-construction week of 13 May (after Board Action and KDE approval)

Week of 20 May - Bond Sale (three weeks after Board Action +/-)

Final Contract signed after bond sale.

Work begins around 1 June (after school lets out.)

Superintendent, Lisa McCane reviewed monthly maintenance and proposed naming the new playground in memory of Gracie Hurst. Board members were in agreement and requested a memorial plaque be constructed on the playground.

Monthly Maintenance:

Playground installed with expected completion by end of week

Repaired elliptical in fitness center

Snow removal and salt on numerous occasions

Replaced batteries for backup in server room

**Order #15-207 - Motion Passed:** Approve Design Development documents, BG-2 and BG-3 for KDE submittal as presented by G. Scott and Associates. Approve review of the impact of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design per KRS. 158.447 as they relate to the renovation project and design scope. Passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes

Gene Groves Yes

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins Yes

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Absent

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

**Order #15-208 - Motion Passed:** Approve review of the impact of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design per KRS. 158.447 as they relate to the renovation project and design scope. 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	Absent
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

#### **IV. Communications**

##### **IV.\*. Superintendent's Report**

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board the district was applying for a R.C. Durr Foundation Grant totaling \$25,000.

The district will be hosting the Bracken County Chamber of Commerce Meeting April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Superintendent McCane provided a legislative update on proposed education legislation and stated the school calendar would be amended in April. Currently, the last day of school is slated for May 29th.

Enrollment P-12: 296 and K-12: 279 and February Attendance: 94.62%

##### **IV.\*. Citizens**

##### **IV.\*. Board Members**

#### **V. Business and Consent**

**Order #15-209 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented 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	Absent
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

##### **V.\*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

##### **V.\*. Approve Substitute Teachers 2015-2016**

##### **V.\*. Approve Fundraisers**

##### **V.\*. Approve Bills**

##### **V.\*. Approve Treasurer's Report**

#### **VI. Personnel**

Rationale:

Certified Substitute Teacher Hire  
Dusty Schultz

**VII. Adjournment**

Rationale:

Spring Pictures (Class and individual): March 24th

No School: March 19th and 20th

Senior Basketball (Panthers/Lady Panthers) Game vs. Alumni March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. (Tentative date)

Winter Sports Banquet: March 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Bracken County Chamber of Commerce Meeting April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. (A.I.S. Library)

Senior Trip to NYC: April 5th-9th

Next Board Meeting: April 9th at 6:00 p.m.

**Order #15-210 - Motion Passed:** Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

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

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Laura Bach, Chairperson

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Lisa McCane, Superintendent