

Augusta Independent Board of Education

August 13, 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. Dionne Laycock
Mrs. Chasity Saunders

I. Call to Order

II.

Rationale:

Welcome Back Students, Faculty, Staff, Parents and Community to the 2015-2016 School Year!

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 #15-227 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda 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	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

II. Faculty Recognition

Rationale:

Welcome New Faculty to A.I.S.D.!
Natalie Insko
Brian Kirk
Scott Thacker

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed the board the K-3 Program Review would be conducted this year. He explained the program review was a self-review of the instructional program and factored into the accountability system. The district has performed at a proficient level on prior program reviews in the areas of

arts and humanities, writing, practical living and career studies with improvement needed in world languages. The district has received individual KPREP results and the district anticipates improvement based on the preliminary results. Principal Kelsch reviewed the 2015-2016 Attendance Incentive Plan and stated the overall attendance goal was 95%.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral provided the monthly budget report and a PowerPoint presentation on Fiscal Year 2015 based on the unaudited financial report to the board. He stated July revenue receipts for the first month total \$152,800. Currently, no taxes have been collected for the new fiscal year, other than the monthly installment of \$520 from the state in lieu of taxes. \$152,000 was received in SEEK funding, which is an increase of \$10,000 from last year. Expenditures for the first month were approximately \$249,315. Expenditures exceeded receipts by approximately \$96,500 through July due to a large payment made to R.J. Construction that will be reimbursed to the general fund. The school budget began the year with a budget of \$39,700 and expended \$6,100 during the first month. \$1,900 was for general office supplies for the year, \$2,240 on new lockers for the boys' locker room, \$925 on dues and fees, and \$807 on printer/copy machine payments. Maintenance expenses the first month are \$173,000, but \$135,000 of that is construction costs the district had to front, so the actual expenses were \$37,559. Over \$28,000 was expended for property taxes, \$6,240 on salaries and benefits, and \$2,240 on the new lockers. Through the first month, transportation costs are at \$7,400. \$5,200 was expended on fleet insurance, while \$2,000 has been spent on salaries and benefits. The district is currently working to expend all 2015 state and federal funding before utilizing 2016 funds. Grants for 2015 were either on target or had carry-over funds. Food service began the year with approximately \$17,000. Expenditures are nearly \$4,000 after the first month. The current food service balance is \$13,100.

III.*. Construction Renovation Update

Rationale:

G. Scott & Associates, Architect, Craig Aossey updated board members on the construction renovation progress and stated the gym lights were scheduled to be installed the week of August 17th and roof replacement on the library and boiler buildings was underway. Mr. Aossey recommended the board approve a change order for the sidewalk replacement at the board office and to proceed with a change order to install the flush mounted interior doors of the building to accomplish improved security, fire safety, and maintenance, be in ADA compliance and be more aesthetic.

Order #15-228 - Motion Passed: Approve to accept R.J. Construction change order proposal of \$2,500 to replace 358sf deteriorated concrete walk based on contract unit price of \$7/sf, and to pay for this from contingency funds. Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins 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

Order #15-229 - Motion Passed: Approve to accept Bid Package 2, Alternate, to replace specified doors, hardware, and frames at the facility, completing the door/hardware work at a cost of \$22,000, and to pay for this from contingency funds. 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

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for the June billing period indicated a decrease in total energy consumption of 29,278 kBTU, which created a reduction in energy cost of \$707. Through June-YTD, the district used 28,592 (\$2,573) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWhs), but 1,674 (\$1,590) more CCF (hundreds of cubic feet) of natural gas, as compared to the 3-year (FY2010-FY2012) baseline averages. Therefore, June-YTD, the district saved approximately \$983 (\$2,573 - \$1,590) in total energy dollars.

The weather data for Bracken County indicated unusual colder months of November and February which played a major role to the increase in natural gas consumption this year.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Set pole for Gracie memorial plaque
- Prepared school for opening day (painting, cleaning, and floors)
- Prepared gym for Read-I-Fest activities
- Changed A/C filter units for gym, new addition, and band building
- Repaired door in kindergarten classroom

III.*. Approve Power Service Rate for Kentucky Utilities

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the district Energy Manager, Terry Anderson, recommended the board change from the current, General Service rate to Power Service rate based on rate comparisons the past five years.

The Kentucky Utilities rate comparison indicated the district would have saved \$2,016.07 this past fiscal year and similarly the previous years had the district been charged for usage based on the Power Service rate.

She stated the General Service rate is for small commercial accounts while Power Service is for larger commercial accounts. However, board members were informed once the change is made; the district cannot switch back to the General Service rate.

Order #15-230 - Motion Passed: Approve Power Service Rate for Kentucky Utilities. 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

III.*. Approve Property Tax Rates

Rationale:

Due to decreased enrollment, cuts to budgets and increases to expenses, the board opted to take the 4% tax increase. By doing so, the current tax rate will increase to 65.0 producing approximately \$10,000 more in real estate taxes and \$2,600 in personal property taxes.

The board is required to hold a public hearing and advertise the hearing for at least two consecutive weeks in the newspaper, explained Superintendent McCane. She stated the 4% tax increase was not subject to recall.

Order #15-231 - Motion Passed: Approve 4% Increase to Real Estate and Property Tax Rates passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

III.*. Approve Second Reading of 2015 Board Policy Updates

Order #15-232 - Motion Passed: Approve the Second Reading of 2015 Board Policy Updates 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

III.*. Approve 2015-2016 Fitness Center Guidelines

Order #15-233 - Motion Passed: Approve 2015-2016 Fitness Center Guidelines 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

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board the district purchased two 2003 buses from Fayette County for \$7,000 and launched a new and improved district website. Board members were provided with an overview of the Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning (TELL) Survey taken by teachers and administrators in the spring. Superintendent McCane stated there was 100% participation by district staff and the survey was designed to gather information on the working conditions in the school. She stated the results were used for school and district improvement and the administrative team recently analyzed the data and developed an improvement strategies.

Superintendent McCane stated concern for funding due to the current enrollment and reported K-12th: 255 and PS-12th:272. She stated circumstances of large

graduating senior classes with smaller incoming kindergarten classes and several families moving have contributed to the decline.

IV.*. Superintendent Leadership Plan

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane presented her Superintendent Leadership Plan for July and August to the board members. She indicated this was part of the new Superintendent's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System and this would be presented every other month to the board.

The seven standards with evidence for each standard was presented and discussed with the board members.

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #15-234 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items 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	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Use of Building

Rationale:

Swing Time on the River, Sept. 12th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the gym (Only in case of rain)

V.*. Approve Fundraisers

Rationale:

Attached is a revised list of the 2015-2016 fundraisers

V.*. Approve Emergency Substitute Teachers for 2015-2016

V.*. Approve 2015-2016 Spanish Teacher Contract

Rationale:

Robertson County and Augusta Independent again are splitting a Spanish teacher to provide instruction in both districts daily. The teacher is employed full-time by Robertson County and Augusta will again enter a contract to split the teacher 50%. The teacher will be at Augusta in the afternoons and work .5 and in the mornings at Robertson County and work .5. The contract is a regular 185-day contract like the prior years.

V.*. Approve to Surplus Buses

Rationale:

Bus 969 (1996 Model)
Buses 928 and 39 (1992 Models)

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Personnel

Rationale:

Hire:

Natalie Insko: Middle School Language Arts

VII. Adjournment

Rationale:

August 14th: Gracie Memorial Playground Dedication at 2:00 p.m.

August 18th: Fall Picture Day

September 5th: Alumni Dinner

September 7th: Labor Day - No School

September 10th: Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Order #15-235 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins 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