

Augusta Independent Board of Education

May 08, 2014 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins
Mrs. Dionne Laycock
Mrs. Chasity Saunders

Absent Board Members:

Gene Groves

I. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

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 #14-151 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

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

II. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations to our Academic Achievers!

ACT 20+ Club: Tristan Darnell, Kelsey Hargett, Max Hargett, Jerica Kelsch, Paige McCord, David Tucker, LeAnn Tucker,

ACT 25+ Club: Clacie England, Brenna Wilson

Governor's Scholar Program: Jerica Kelsch

KOSSA (Career Ready): Dylan Archibald, Cindy Blevins, Clacie England, Claire Laycock, Paige McCord, Shelby Nickerson, Olivia Rolph, Alexandria Thompson, Kaitlyn Whiteman, Olivia Wiseman.

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed the board members of upcoming accountability KPREP testing and stated End-of-Course testing concluded for high school and preliminary KOSSA results indicated improvement. He stated summer professional development for teachers would consist of math and literacy strategies, differentiation, PGES student growth goals and Next Generation Science Standards.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Kelley Gamble reported that April's receipts trail last year by \$15,600 with property tax revenues down \$9,000. However, public service taxes are anticipated at \$35,000 and utility taxes have increased by nearly \$12,000. Expenditures have decreased by \$33,800 compared to the same time last year, indicating budget reduction efforts are in place and working. Receipts exceeded expenditures by \$133,000 through April compared to \$115,000 last year. The school instructional allocation balance is \$5,488 to finish the fiscal year and transportation and maintenance are on track to finish with a surplus.

Food Service revenues exceed expenditures by \$5,307 through April. However, at the same time last year, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$11,000. Costs have decreased by \$400 through 10 months, but revenues are trailing last year's numbers by over \$6,000. The current balance is \$10,424.

Mr. Gamble presented the 2014-2015 Tentative Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Revenue increases were limited to projected SEEK increases, an increase in utility collections, revenue for athletic transportation and a slightly larger transfer from the Capital Outlay account. Overall, revenue increases are slightly over \$54,000 for 3.1%.

The budget includes the 1% mandated salary increase, plus experience and step for both certified and classified personnel. Personnel has been reduced in student services, special education, certified and classified positions and transportation. In addition, extracurricular salaries are frozen at this year's level. Salaries are budgeted at \$54,000 less than in 2013-2014, despite the mandated salary increases. Other increases factored into the budget are employer matching costs with unemployment costs quadrupling over two years and the KTRS health insurance match increasing 50%.

The school's instructional budget has been limited to \$26,800, down from \$31,000 this year and about \$40,000 in the prior fiscal year. Student accident insurance has also been eliminated for a savings of about \$8,000. Contract services for finance and counseling were eliminated for a savings of \$4,500. An additional allowance of \$6,500 was made for the purchase of a van to be used when transporting smaller numbers of students. Other operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. were only increased by 1/2 of 1%. Budgeted non-personnel expenditures have been decreased by \$17,000. Overall, budgeted receipts exceed budgeted expenditures by \$68,249 with a projected ending fund balance of \$129,019, equivalent to 6.8% of general fund expenditures.

Order #14-152 - Motion Passed: Approve the 2014-2015 Salary Schedules and Tentative Budget passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for the March billing period indicates a reduction in electricity consumption of 1,293 kWhs (2.8%) and an increase in natural gas consumption of 1,156 CCF, which created an additional cost in energy of \$1,260, as compared to our three year baseline averages. However, YTD, we still have reduced the total electrical energy consumption through the March billing period by 30,187 kWhs (5.7%) which has created a savings in electrical energy cost of over \$2,717. Unfortunately through March, we have also had an increase in natural gas consumption of 2,369 CCF (27.3%) which has increased our energy cost by approximately \$2,819. Our reduction in electric consumption has helped us offset the added cost in natural gas this year due to the harsh winter.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired the boiler after valve was closed
- Repaired A/C unit in library
- Installed new closer on gym door
- Repaired the preschool door closer
- Serviced mowers and weed eaters

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane informed the board members that the district had received \$6,000 in classroom technology grants from the Durr Foundation.

She stated plans to postpone implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision until next year. Currently, the district is at 45% and the program recommends being at 50% to be funded at 80% for food services.

Mrs. McCane reported 12 students were affected by eliminating the Dover bus route but most of the students would remain attending Augusta. She stated the four students whose parents indicated transportation was problematic were on the non-resident contract with Bracken County and students from the waiting list could replace those spots.

Mrs. McCane informed the board of the district's participation in the Bracken County Citizens Working Together: Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting and plans to develop a Comprehensive Substance Abuse Prevention Plan to be implemented in the schools.

Board members learned the auditors would begin preliminary audit work in July and the fitness center would have volunteers conducting a 10-week fitness boot camp in the summer. Superintendent McCane stated the Superintendent Student

Advisory Council completed a community service project by cleaning up the park for the City of Augusta.

April Attendance: 94% and Enrollment P-12 is 308 and K-12 is 287

IV.*. Citizens

Rationale:

Parent, Bill Gray asked board members if the decision was final to eliminate the Dover bus route. Superintendent McCane stated the bus route was out-of-district and costs \$15,000 per year to maintain. Mr. Gray asked if a transportation fee was possible but Mrs. McCane stated a fee would not be enough to cover the high expense of the route. She stated parents were planning to carpool and that might be an option.

IV.*. Board Members

Rationale:

Board member, Jackie Hopkins proposed the district seek options for After School Programs and board member, Dionne Laycock suggested the school use all 320 white chairs from the City of Augusta for graduation.

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-153 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Fiscal Court Agreement to Transport Non-Public Students

V.*. Approve Use of Building Requests

V.*. Approve Trip Request

V.*. Approve KEDC Membership for 2014-2015

Rationale:

Total Cooperative Membership Fees: \$1,215.10

V.*. Approve Ohio Casualty Insurance for 2014-2015

Rationale:

Insurance Renewal includes: Worker's Compensation, Property, Fleet and Umbrella totaling \$31,532.

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Adjournment

Rationale:

Baccalaureate May 18th at the Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m.
Election Day May 20th-No School, Staff Reports. Retirement Luncheon for Mary Alice and Kathy Dorn at 12:00 p.m.in the consumer science room.
Senior Awards Program May 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Day May 26th- No School
Elementary Awards Program May 27th at 9:00 a.m. and Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00 p.m.
MS/HS Awards Program May 28th at 9:00 a.m.
Graduation May 30th at 7:00 p.m.
Board Training June 12th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Order #14-154 - 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
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent