

Augusta Independent Board of Education

August 17, 2017 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:

Welcome Back Students, Faculty, Staff, and Parents to the 2017-2018 School Year!
Happy Birthday (August 6th) to Board Member, Julie Moore!

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 #17-385 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey 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

2. Faculty & Staff Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Kathy Fryman for being named the 2017 state-wide FRED Winner!
Welcome to the Augusta Independent School District Family!
Kim Carpenter: Instructional Assistant
Trish Caudill: School-Based Therapist
Justin Miller: Middle School Math Teacher
Carmen White: Food Service Department Co-Manager

2.1. *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch gave a back to school update and stated enrollment had increased, attendance was high and overall operations were running smooth. Furthermore, he demonstrated Google Classrooms and Google Documents being implemented to improve teaching, learning, and overall efficiency.

Mr. Kelsch stated preliminary test results are promising and the district would know more once they are released later in the fall.

3.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane informed board members Augusta Independent won a \$1,000 Scholarship for a senior at the KEDC golf scramble. She also reported the district would be in session on August 21st for the solar eclipse. She stated the school day would be extended to 4:00 p.m. after the eclipse ends and that students would participate in guided educational activities. Superintendent McCane stated the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation, Inc. intends to apply for a Hayswood Foundation Grant for Chromebooks. Furthermore, Board members were interested in learning more about public charter schools and requested Superintendent McCane research and report findings throughout the year.

3.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Certified Hire

Justin Miller: Middle School Math Teacher

Classified Resignation

Tera Reed: Instructional Assistant

Classified Hires

Erica Archibald: Instructional Assistant

Certified Substitute Hires

Marie Kelsch, Carol Norris, Tracey Mann, Rebecca Machen, Becky Clark, Nancy Fritz, Levi Gallagher, Warren Lukens, Jennifer Deiter, Mike Appleman, Molly Hargett, Lena Ross

3.4. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

Enrollment K-12: 293

Attendance YTD: 98.22%

3.5. Citizens

3.6. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

July 2017 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts during the first month totaled \$99,600.

Local Revenue: The fitness center has collected \$170 in dues, while \$41 in miscellaneous revenue was received.

State Revenue: SEEK funding accounted for \$98,800, while \$520 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: No federal revenue was received.

Expenditures through the first month were \$131,000

School Budget: The school's budget is \$19,750. After one month, \$4,500 was spent, with another \$200 obligated. \$1,700 was expended on assessment software, \$875 on dues and fees, \$725 on copying and printing costs, \$700 on technology supplies, and \$575 on general supplies.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$38,500 after one month. Expenses included \$31,000 for property insurance, \$5,500 on salaries and benefits,

\$1,000 on utility services, and \$600 on professional services. 15% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through July, costs were at approximately \$8,000. \$5,500 was expended on fleet insurance, \$2,100 on salaries and benefits, and \$225 on supplies/services/fees. 8% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, expenditures exceeded receipts by approximately \$31,600.

Special Revenue Fund

State grants with some funds remaining from last year include Instructional Resources, RTA, and Safe Schools, so current-year expenses will be transferred to those grants in August to finish expending those funds. The same is the case for federal grants including IDEA, Perkins, RLIS, and Title 2.

Food Service Fund

No food service revenue was received in July. Expenses totaled about \$1,000, including \$600 on food and supplies, \$300 on dues and fees, and \$100 was for salaries. The food service balance as of July 31 was -\$982.

Order #17-386 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report 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

4.2. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Replaced school main office door handle
- Disabled water heater in old nurse's office
- Repaired water fountains in basement and upstairs
- Repaired boys sink in main lobby (Greg Taylor)
- Resealed and striped school parking lot (T&K Asphalt)
- Repaired band building fire system after storm (DW Fire)
- Installed new food service dept. point of service computer and software program
- Installed new blinds at board office
- Replaced washer in consumer science classroom
- Repair parapet wall flashing covering coming loose over gym roof (R.J. Construction)

Order #17-387 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report 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

4.3. Approve District Goals 2017-2018

Order #17-388 - Motion Passed: Approve District Goals 2017-2018 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

4.4. Approve Tax Rates for 2017-2018

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated due to budget cuts, increases to expenses, and on-going building maintenance, she recommended the board opt to take the 4% tax increase with allowable exonerations. By doing so, the current tax rate will increase to \$0.703 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate, generating \$10,776, \$0.703 cents of assessed personal property, generating \$2,645 in personal property taxes. Remaining the same are motor vehicle and water craft at \$0.576 cents and \$0.3 cents for utility taxes. Superintendent McCane stated property growth was only 1/2 of 1% and that was the reason for the larger rate increase. However, the district anticipates over a 30% assessment growth next year. Superintendent McCane stated the district's tax rates will significantly decrease next year once Clopay Plastics, Inc. returns to the property tax rolls. The district will have a unique opportunity in 2018 for an additional local nickel only allowable for facilities projects while tax rates will still be significantly lowered. She stated by adding the extra \$0.5 cents per \$100 assessed property value, tax rates will still be lowered from \$0.703 cents to approximately \$0.576 cents.

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

Real Estate: \$0.703 cents

Personal Property: \$0.703 cents

Motor Vehicle/Watercraft: \$0.576 cents

Utility: \$0.3 cents

Order #17-389 - Motion Passed: Approve Tax Rate for 2017-2018 passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey 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

4.5. Approve District Funding Assurances FY18

Rationale:

The board is annually required to approve the funding assurances for the new fiscal year to verify the school and district is in compliance for all funding sources granted to the district.

Order #17-390 - Motion Passed: Approve District Funding Assurances FY18 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

4.6. Approve Special Education Teacher Position for 2017-2018

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reported due to increased special needs students and caseloads, the district needs another special education teacher to properly implement IEP's. She recommended the board approve a special education teacher position.

District Special Education Caseloads:

72 - K-12 IEP Students (includes Speech-Language)

8 - PS IEP Students

- 2 - Special Education Teachers
- 1 - Speech Language Pathologist
- 3 - Instructional Assistants

Order #17-391 - Motion Passed: Approve Special Education Teacher Position for 2017-2018 passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore 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

4.7. Approve Data Security and Data Breach Awareness Report

Rationale:

Director of Technology, Tim Litteral presented a Data Security and Data Breach Awareness Report as required by Aug. 31st annually.

Order #17-392 - Motion Passed: Approve Data Security and Data Breach Awareness Report 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

4.8. Approve Second Reading of 2017 Board Policies

Rationale:

Proposed changes reflect new legal requirements, as well as "best practice" recommendations from KSBA.

Please note the following:

KRS 160.340 requires that board policies be kept up to date by filing annual amendments thereto by August 15.

HB 520 provides for charter school authorization, application, and evaluation of applications and contracts with a charter school Board of Directors.

However, this process won't be officially defined until the Kentucky Board of Education promulgates formal regulations.

At the top of each draft is the legal and/or recommended rationale for the proposed change. In the body of each draft, new language is underlined.

Language with strike through is recommended for deletion.

Order #17-393 - Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading of 2017 Board Policies 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

4.9. Approve Second Reading of Board Policy 03.121

Rationale:

The current board policy on certified salaries does not include the definition of "experience" as outlined in KRS 157.310 to 157.440. In recent years, this has been applicable to certified employees not able to perform duties. This would clarify questions that may arise in the future by adding the statute definition to board policy.

"Experience" means employment as a teacher, other than as a substitute or nursery school teacher, for a minimum of one hundred forty (140) days during a school year in a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school or college or university that is approved by the public accrediting authority in the state in which the teaching duties were performed. A teacher who is employed by the board for at least one hundred forty (140) days of a school year and who performs teaching duties for the equivalent of at least seventy (70) full school days during that school year, regardless of the schedule on which those duties were performed, shall be credited with one (1) year experience. A teacher who is employed by a board for at least one hundred forty (140) days during each of two (2) school years and who performs teaching duties for the equivalent of at least seventy (70) full school days during those years shall be credited with one (1) year of experience. No more than one (1) year of experience shall be credited for the performance of teaching duties during a single school year.

Order #17-394 - Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading of Board Policy 03.121 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

5. Business Consent Items

Order #17-395 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented 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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Trip Request

5.3. Approve Use of Building Request

5.4. Approve Bills

5.5. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Adjournment

Rationale:

August 21st: Solar Eclipse
August 25th: Fall Picture Day
September 1st: Fall Sports Pictures
September 2nd: Annual Alumni & Friends Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
September 4th: Labor Day - No School
September 11th: Patriot Day
September 14th: Board Team Training; "Recallable Nickel" 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Order #17-396 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent