

**Augusta Independent Board of Education**

September 01, 2016 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

**1. Call to Order**

Rationale:

**1.1. Roll Call**

**1.2. Approval of Agenda**

**Order #16-307 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the agenda as presented. 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

**2. Public Tax Hearing**

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane explained by opting to take the 4% tax increase, the current tax rate will increase to 67.9 producing approximately \$11,000 more in real estate taxes and \$2,800 in personal property taxes.

She said the board is required to hold a public hearing and has advertised the hearing as required two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing in the local newspaper. However, the 4% tax increase is not subject to recall.

Furthermore, she stated declining enrollment, SEEK funding below the 2008-2009 levels and increased operating expenses are driving factors for the need to take the 4% rate increase. She said enrollment during the 2015-2016 school year decreased by 20 students and was the lowest in more than a decade. She explained that equates to approximately \$80,000 in decreased funding to the district this fiscal year. She also stated 29 of the 53 independent school districts took the 4% rate in 2015-2016 and 82 of 172 districts reported taking the rate increase.

Real Estate: 67.9%

Personal Property: 67.9%

Motor Vehicle/Watercraft: 57.6%

Utility: 3%

**3. Approve Tax Rates**

**Order #16-308 - Motion Passed:** Approve Tax Rates 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

**4. Adjournment**

**Order #16-309 - Motion Passed:** Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Gene Groves 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

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Laura Bach, Chairperson

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Lisa McCane, Superintendent