

Augusta Independent Board of Education

June 12, 2014 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

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 #14-155 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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. Round Table Discussion

II.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed board members, plans for the \$10,000 Drop-Out Prevention Grant awarded to the district for raising the compulsory attendance age to 18 and stated teachers' participated in two days of professional development. The topics were the new Professional Growth and Effectiveness System being implemented during the 2014-2015 school year and math strategies and differentiation.

II.*. Budget

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane reported the general fund receipts exceeded last year by \$20,000 due to the SEEK increase and utility tax increases and year-to-date expenditures are \$35,000 less than last year. The receipts exceed expenditures by \$160,000 through May and better than the \$104,000 at the same time last year. The transportation and maintenance combined are anticipated to be approximately \$25,000 under budget. Superintendent McCane stated with the current savings that's been achieved, the district's ending fund balance may exceed \$100,000.

Superintendent McCane provided board members a KSBIT litigation update, stating the Commissioner of Insurance and KSBIT disagree on how to calculate actuarial differences regarding assessment amounts. The court ordered the parties to resolve their differences and find an agreement. Mike Owsley, the attorney

representing the Kentucky School Boards including Augusta Ind. has filed a complaint on behalf of the school districts. Superintendent McCane stated, undoubtedly the previous assessment amount will change.

Preliminary audit work will begin on July 15th and 16th by Kelley, Galloway, & Company, PSC.

II.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report indicates during April, we had a reduction in electricity consumption of 9,165 kWhs (19.1%) and an increase in natural gas consumption of 11 CCF (5.1%), which created a reduction in total energy cost of \$812 for the month, as compared to our three year baseline averages (FY2009-FY2011). We have reduced our total electrical energy consumption, YTD, through the April billing period, by 39,352 kWhs (6.8%), which has created a savings in electrical energy cost of over \$3,542. Unfortunately through April, we have also had an increase in natural gas consumption of 2,380 CCF (26.7%) which increased our natural gas cost by approximately \$2,832. Our reduction in electricity consumption has helped us offset the added cost in natural gas this year due to the harsh winter. So far this year, we have saved approximately \$710 in total energy cost (\$3,542-\$2,832).

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired light on outside pole by library
- Replaced the thermostat control on one bay on cafeteria steam table
- Purchased play gym for preschool playground (receive in September)
- Purchased air conditioner for server room in Library (install in June)

Summer Maintenance:

- Wax gym floor (begin June 25th)

II.*. Approve Spanish Teacher Contract with Robertson County Board of Education

Rationale:

Robertson County and Augusta Independent will split a Spanish teacher to provide instruction in both districts daily. The teacher will be employed full-time by Robertson County and Augusta will enter a contract to split the teacher 50%. The teacher will be at Augusta in the mornings and work .5 and in the afternoons at Robertson County and work .5. The contract is a regular 185-day contract. Attached is the draft contract but a few revisions are still needed.

Order #14-156 - Motion Passed: Approve Spanish Teacher Contract with Robertson County Board of Education. 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

II.*. Board Policy Updates 2014 (First Reading)

Order #14-157 - Motion Passed: Approve the First Reading of the 2014 Board Policy Updates. 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

II.*. Preschool Eligibility Requirements Update

Rationale:

Special education teacher, Kendra Cline reported to the board upcoming changes to preschool eligibility requirements beginning July 15th, 2014. She stated the new minimum age requirement for state-funded preschool students requires an August 1st birthday instead of October 1st and will take effect July 15th, 2014. She stated if a student is eligible and enrolled in preschool by July 15th, 2014, he/she is eligible to attend preschool this year. All other children turning four after August 1st will not be eligible to enroll for preschool in the 2014-2015 school year. Exiting practices regarding incoming three year old students will not change. Starting during the 2017-2018 school year, this requirement will take effect for age five students entering kindergarten.

III. Communications

III.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane updated board members on expected personnel changes and plans to implement a comprehensive substance abuse and prevention curriculum at all levels during the 2014-2015 school year.

Enrollment: P-12 -310 and K-12 -289

May Attendance: 95.1%

III.*. Citizens

III.*. Board Members

IV. Business and Consent

Order #14-158 - 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	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

IV.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

IV.*. Approve Trip Request

IV.*. Approve Donation

IV.*. Approve Technology Surplus Items

Rationale:

The following computers are too old to be upgraded from Windows XP to a newer operating system:

- 10602
- 10554
- 10451
- 10493
- 10512
- 10603
- 10589
- 10680

IV.*. Approve Bills

IV.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

V. Personnel

Rationale:

Retirements:

Mary Alice Thornbury, Finance Officer and Food Services Director

Ronnie Fern, Director of Student Services

Tammi Denham, Special Education and Preschool Director

Non-Renewals:

April Estep, 6th Grade

Larry Hafer, Bus Driver

Resignations:

Lisa Tucker, School Nurse

New Hires:

Rebecca "Packy" Hargett, School Nurse

Transfers:

Tim Litteral: Finance Officer

Barry Caskey: Food Service Director

VI. Adjournment

Rationale:

Summer Lunch: June 9th-July 24th from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 a.m. DAILY

Auditors from Kelley, Galloway, & Co. in district July 15th & 16th

Next Board Meeting: July 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Order #14-159 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent