

Augusta Independent Board of Education

September 11, 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 #14-171 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. 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

II. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations to A.I.S. College Ready Students!

College Ready:

12th grade: Tristan Darnell, Clacie England, Jerica Kelsch, Paige McCord,

11th grade: Jacob Riggins, Danielle Shackelford, Brenna Wilson

Spotlight on Learning!

Mr. Mason's Cell City Projects:

6th grade: Seth Fouts and Noah Rayburn

7th grade: Cassie Bacon, Caleb McGowan, Kristen Scott

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch shared with board members updates on the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System, Achievement Gap initiatives and School Safety measures for the new school year.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral explained the 2014-2015 Working Budget Proposal to board members stating it is the final projection for the current fiscal year. The budget reflects revenue increases in General Property Tax of \$6,438 and SEEK funding of \$3,226 and an increase in motor vehicle collections. Other increases to revenue are \$10,000 budgeted for athletic trip reimbursements and an increase of \$5,356 in Capital Outlay Fund transfers. Overall, the budgeted revenue increase is \$23,000 or 1.1%.

The working budget includes the 1% mandated salary increases plus experience and step increases for both classified and certified personnel. In addition, extracurricular salaries have been frozen and salaries are budgeted at \$35,000 less than salaries paid the prior fiscal year. Employer matching costs are also budgeted \$18,000 less than FY 2013-2014 due to personnel reductions and a decrease in the county retirement match. Additionally, student accident insurance has been eliminated for a savings of \$8,000 and 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. are budgeted at the approximate levels of last year expenditures. Budgeted receipts exceed budgeted expenditures by \$77,468 with a projected ending fund balance of \$234,380, equivalent to 11.2% of the General Fund expenditures. Superintendent McCane noted the working budgets reflects the first time in over a decade the district's contingency fund will have surplus.

Mr. Litteral provided a monthly budget report indicating, after two months, receipts are down from last year by approximately \$15,000 due to utility taxes trailing behind last year by over \$14,000. Tuition payments currently exceed last year by \$1,200 and SEEK funds are comparable to last year at this time. Expenditures through August were approximately \$181,000, up about \$6,000 from last year. However, that includes the KISBIT assessment 25% down payment in August, which was over \$2,000. Receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$54,000 in the first period.

With the carry-over, the school instructional allotment for the year began at \$32,100. \$4,600 has been expended thus far. Approximately half of that amount spent on general supplies and payments on the copy machine lease.

Maintenance costs through August stand at \$49,411. \$33,000 is comprised of insurance and basic utilities, with about \$11,000 going towards salaries and benefits. Through the end of August, transportation costs are at \$17,100. Approximately \$10,000 of that amount has gone towards salaries, so only about \$7,000 has been spent on other expenditures, such as repairs and parts. Food Services had receipts of \$7,200 in August, all from student/adult meal payments. That is up over \$2,000 from last August. Expenditures are currently at \$11,000, which is more than a \$1,000 decrease from last year. The district has not yet received reimbursement from the School Lunch Program, which accounts for \$15,000 in receipts last August.

Superintendent McCane reported an alternative educational setting was established for a student and recommended the board approve an alternative education stipend of \$400 to the certified teacher assigned the additional duties.

Mr. Litteral recommended the board approve a district athletic account for expenses not permitted from the student activity account. He stated district funds would not be used for the account and funds would be transferred from the school account.

Order #14-172 - Motion Passed: Approve the Working Budget for FY15. Approve Alternative Education Stipend \$400. Approve to Open a District Athletic Account. 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

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for July indicated a reduction in energy consumption by 28.8% as compared to our three year baseline average (FY2010-FY2012). This reduction of 17,617 kWh saved approximately \$1,586, so the district is off to a good start.

Monthly Maintenance:

- New washer and dryer installed in Family and Consumer Science Classroom
- Repaired Frosty Fruit Machine
- New window air conditioner for the 6th grade class room
- Preschool playground equipment installed
- Repaired fence around preschool playground
- Greg Taylor repaired toilet in the board office

III.*. Board Member Fall KSBA Regional Training

Rationale:

Board members attended the Fall KSBA Regional Meeting at Morehead State University on Tuesday, September 9th, 2014. Board members earned training credit on the mandated topic of finance.

All remaining required training hours for board members will be completed in October and November.

Order #14-173 - Motion Passed: Approve Board Member KSBA Finance Training. 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

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reported the Superintendents' Summit was held on September 11th, 2014 in Frankfort. Board members adopted the KSBA evaluation instrument for the 2014-2015 school year but must use the KDE instrument aligned to the Superintendent's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System beginning during the 2015-2016 school year.

Board members learned the district will not have food service fiscal penalties previously issued by the KDE's School and Community Nutrition branch related to the administrative review in February 2014. She stated the district is working closely with KDE to complete corrective actions and be in compliance on all regulations.

The superintendent's contract was reviewed by each board member, noting the only change was the mandated 1% and step salary increases which all employees received for the school year.

Enrollment: 275-K-12 and 286-P-12 and August Attendance: 97.94%

Order #14-174 - Motion Passed: Approve Superintendent's Contract 2014-2015. 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

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

Rationale:

Board member, Jacqueline Hopkins praised new finance officer, Tim Litteral for his exceptional work so far in the new position.

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-175 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented 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

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Fundraisers

V.*. Approve Use of District Property Request

V.*. Approve KDE Funding Assurances 2014-2015

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Personnel

Rationale:
Certified Substitute Hire
 Shane Hunt
 Jacob Hay

VII. Adjournment

Rationale:
High Attendance Day: September 18th, 2014

Explore Test: September 23rd, 2014

Plan Test: September 25th, 2014

Next Board Meeting: October 9th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Order #14-176 - 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