

Augusta Independent Board of Education

December 11, 2014 5:00 PM

207 Bracken Street

Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 5:06 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

Gene Groves

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Mrs. Chasity Saunders

I. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy Holidays from the Augusta Independent School District!

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 #14-187 - 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. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations to the Academic Achievers of the Month!

4th grade: Joshua Bex, Lexy Brooks, Olivia Campbell, Gabrielle Harding, Dylan Mattingly, Cater Plummer, Hannah Rayburn, Chase Scott, Gage Scudder, Zoey Tharp

5th grade: Brayden Appelman, Marlee England, Cloie Groves, Breanna Haas, Kason Hinson, Reagan Jett, John Kiskaden, Makenzie Purdon, Noah Teegarden, Joshua Wachter.

1500 Point Club: Jerica Kelsch

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch reported the goals and activities developed by the faculty on the Comprehensive School and District Improvement Plans.

Order #14-188 - Motion Passed: Approve 2014-2015 CSIP/CDIP 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.*. Budget

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported the General Fund 2015 fiscal year receipts surpassed 2014 receipts for the same time period. The district has generated \$784,640 in revenue through November which is \$40,000 more than the same time last year. Property taxes received in November, generated \$178,750, an increase of \$40,000 from last year. Utility taxes have generated \$40,500, a \$1,000 increase over the same period last year. Tuition payments have continued to lag. Fitness Center revenues have increased \$200. SEEK has produced approximately \$8,000 more during the current fiscal year, while miscellaneous revenue is up about \$1,000. Expenditures through October were approximately \$590,000, which is down about \$7,400 from last year. Receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$194,500 through November.

The school budget has expended \$11,320 through November, with only \$765 being spent this past month. 35.3% of the budget has been used, while the district is more than 40% complete with the fiscal year. About \$20,770 in the school budget remains. Maintenance expenses through November total approximately \$91,800. About \$6,800 was spent during the month, with another \$500 obligated in purchase orders. 38.4% of the maintenance budget has been utilized. Through the end of November, transportation costs are at \$34,800, with 34% of the transportation budget being utilized. \$6,250 has been expended on fuel year-to-date, with just over \$1,500 being spent on repairs and parts.

All projects in the Special Revenue Fund are on target with regards to the budget. November's budget reflects an increase in the Rural and Low Income School grant by approximately \$2,000 from what was originally budgeted. The Title II Teacher quality amount also increased about \$900 over what had been budgeted.

Food service income through October was \$79,600. This year's receipts currently exceed 2014 by \$10,500. Local revenues (receipts collected from student/adult meals) are up \$1,000 from last year. Expenditures sit at \$55,350 year-to-date, which is about \$13,000 less than this period last year. Food service currently reports a balance of \$24,280, but with outstanding purchase orders and checks that haven't cleared; the true balance is closer to \$14,000.

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for the October billing period indicates a reduction in energy consumption of 38,942 kBTU (19.1%), which created a savings in energy cost of \$783. Through October-YTD, we have reduced our total energy consumption by 140,216 kBTU (16.4%), which has created a total savings in energy cost of over \$2,997, as compared to our 3 year (FY2010-FY2012) baseline averages. Year-to-Date, we have used 27,222 fewer kilowatt-hours (kWh) and 460 CCF less of natural gas.

Also, attached is the weather data for Augusta and a comparison chart showing energy consumption and cost for the current and five previous years.

Monthly Maintenance:

Ordered Multiplexer for cameras in the gym

Repaired urinals in Boys' Restroom

Installed frame in gym lobby for sports pictures

Pfizer inspected boilers

Repaired floor scrubber for gym floor

III.*. Approve 2015-2016 Non-Resident Contracts

Rationale:

Bracken County-One-for-One

Mason County-One-for-One

Lewis County-Any and All

Order #14-189 - Motion Passed: Approve 2015-2016 Non-Resident Contracts 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

III.*. Approve Establishment of Track and Field Team

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane informed the board that the success of the cross country team has prompted the interest in establishing a track and field team to be offered to both boys and girls. She stated track and field is a spring sport that would begin in March 2015 and recommended the establishment of a team to the board for approval.

Order #14-190 - Motion Passed: Approve Establishment of Track and Field Team 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

III.*. Approve Extra-curricular Stipends' Amendment

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane recommended to the board to restructure the extra-curricular salary stipends. Currently, the district is only using \$500 of the drama stipend, even though \$1,000 is budgeted. She recommended reducing that stipend to \$500 and moving the other \$500 to a track coach salary stipend. She further explained the drama stipend is separate from the funds still available in an activity account for drama club expenses.

Order #14-191 - Motion Passed: Approve Extra-Curricular Stipends' Amendment passed with a motion by Gene Groves 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

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board, KU and LGE have notified the PSC they will be filing a rate increase application on or after November 26th. The proposed overall increase will be as follows: LGE: electric - 2.7%, gas - 4.2% and KU: electric - 9.6 %. The request will be suspended for five months and go through a lengthy process at the PSC.

Superintendent McCane reported district calculations of the cost impact of KU's rate increase request with the Public Service Commission (PSC) for Augusta Independent School District. If the request is granted, it will increase the district's electrical energy cost by over \$5,379 annually. This estimate is based on the energy consumption of the district in FY2014, and does not include costs for fuel adjustments, or other fees and surcharges.

Furthermore, Ron Willhite of KSBA, discussed their potential intervention. The estimated cost to do this is around \$35,000, which would be shared by the participating school districts. Before KSBA moves forward, they are discussing this with Fayette and Jefferson County School Districts, because they would carry most of the cost burden. After they receive commitments from them, districts' will be contacted for participation, and to inform them of their share of the cost. The tentative cost calculations range from \$100-\$400 per district.

Superintendent McCane stated Augusta Independent School District's share would be approximately \$83. She also informed the board if they did not participate, interventions would be conducted by the Attorney General's office according to district school board attorney, Don Ruberg.

Superintendent McCane stated the fitness center now has Wifi available for community members utilizing the facility. Also, November Attendance was 93.34% and enrollment P-12 was 292 and K-12 was 277.

Order #14-192 - Motion Passed: Approve Participation in LGE-KU Case Intervention 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

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-193 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented 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

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Adjournment

Rationale:

White Christmas Parade: Dec. 13th

Fall Sports Banquet at Clooney Center: Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert: Dec. 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Break: Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd

Christmas Break Board Office Hours:

Dec. 22: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Dec. 23-26: Closed

Dec. 29 & 30: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Dec. 31 - 8:00am to Noon

Jan. 01 & 02: Closed

Board Meeting: January 8th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Order #14-194 - 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent