

Augusta Independent Board of Education
June 11, 2020 6:00 PM
207 Bracken Street
Augusta, KY
by Via Video-Teleconference

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
- 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 #20-632 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Communications
- 2.1. Principal's Report / Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reported the Youth Employment Program was underway with 21 participants so far. He stated they are working up to 32 hours per week with local businesses, government and school agencies for up to eight weeks and can earn an additional \$600 in incentives for attendance to workshops and a positive work site evaluation. The school is upgrading its technology and online learning platforms for 2020-2021 for anticipated school closures that will require 100% online learning, according to Principal Kelsch. He stated the school will add Achieve 3000 for additional online programming for students, purchased Chromebooks to cover all grade levels, and mobile hot spots for families without home Internet.

- 2.2. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane stated the district participated in the Kentucky Good Day Project for the GVBAC Tuesday community service event and plans to continue to involving more students in the future. The district will participate in the J-1 Inbound Student Exchange Program for the 2020-2021 school year to bring international exchange students to the district if families are interested in hosting a student. The district established a Reopening Team that will have the first meeting on June 22 and

establish the Reopening guidelines to be presented at the July board meeting, according to Superintendent McCane. Board chairperson, Julie Moore and board member, Laura Bach volunteered to be board representatives on the Reopening Team.

The district will begin implementing the Infinite Campus Online Registration portal available at no charge to districts for two years starting during the 2020-2021 school year.

Afterwards, the fee will be approximately \$500 per year. Superintendent McCane stated the online registration portal will be convenient, efficient and safe for parents/guardians to complete enrollment forms.

2.3. Personnel

Rationale:

Resignation

Maria Hitt: Third Grade Teacher

Hire

Randy Bloomfield: Third Grade Teacher

2.4. Citizens

2.5. Board Members

3. Business Action/Discussion Items

3.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

May 2020 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts through May totaled over \$1,772,000.

Local Revenue: \$289,000 was received for property taxes. \$117,000 has been received in utility tax. PSC tax revenue was over \$54,000. Over \$25,000 was received in motor vehicle taxes, while \$12,000 was collected in tuition payments. \$5,300 was received for transportation reimbursement, \$4,000 has been received in donations, \$2,200 in miscellaneous revenue, and \$1,500 was received for delinquent taxes. \$1,100 has been received for refunds of prior expenditures, while over \$700 has been collected in fitness center dues. \$2,900 has been earned in interest.

State Revenue: \$1,242,000 was received in SEEK funding, while approximately \$5,900 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Medicaid reimbursement accounted for \$5,600.

Expenditures through May totaled approximately \$1,725,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$19,569. Through May, \$19,100 was expended. Expenses included \$6,300 on copying costs, \$5,900 on supplemental curriculum resources/technology resources, \$3,900 on general supplies, \$1,700 on dues and fees, \$700 for postage, and \$600 for travel.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$275,000 through May. Expenses included \$87,000 on utility services, \$66,000 on salaries and benefits, \$40,000 on property insurance, \$30,000 on tech-related hardware (video camera system/phone equipment), \$24,000 on general supplies, \$11,300 on building repairs and maintenance/plumbing, \$10,200 on professional services, \$3,600 on machinery/fixtures, and \$3,000 on equipment and machinery repair. 90% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through May, costs totaled \$82,000. \$38,000 was expended on salary and benefits. The annual Suburban payment was \$11,000. \$11,000 was spent on diesel fuel, while fleet insurance costs totaled \$7,700. \$7,500 was expended on repair parts/tires. \$4,300 was expended on vehicle repair/maintenance, and \$2,000 in gasoline has been purchased. 73% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$47,000.

Special Revenue Fund

We have received notification of our allotment of funds provided by the CARES ACT. We will receive \$85,600 for ESSER funds and \$14,600 for GEER funds. These funds can be used to pay for COVID-19 related expenditures, including technology supplies and programs to help with virtual learning.

Food Service Fund

Food service receipts through May totaled \$154,000. \$140,000 was received from federal reimbursement, \$12,000 from local revenue, and \$2,000 from state revenue. Expenditures totaled \$147,000 including \$75,000 on food, \$64,000 on salaries and benefits, \$4,400 on equipment repair, \$2,100 on general supplies, \$800 on dues and fees, and \$600 on equipment. The food service balance as of May 31 was approximately \$56,300.

Order #20-633 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mr. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.2. Approve Liberty Mutual Insurance Renewal for 2020 - 2021

Rationale:

The district's insurance policy includes property, fleet, umbrella, and workers compensation. The board's insurance agent with Assured Partners, Jim Downing reviewed the insurance renewal quote.

Order #20-634 - Motion Passed: Approve Liberty Mutual Insurance Renewal for 2020 - 2021 passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

3.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Repaired light on outside of library
- Replaced exit sign in library
- Waxed floors in classrooms
- Gym preparation for graduation
- Received new dumpsters from Rumpke
- Adding locks to the Rumpke dumpsters
- Cleaning and painting underway for the new school year

Miscellaneous Summer Projects:

- Repair Suburban
- Repair parking lot potholes with concrete at entrance
- Install engraved bricks
- Repair sink hole in parking lot
- Install Raptor System (Visitor Management System)
- Replace board office roof (Scheduled for August)

Order #20-635 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report Rates passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mr. Shawn Hennessey.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.4. Approve Athletic Activities Guidelines & Timelines

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch reviewed the new KHSAA COVID19 guidelines to return to participation for school districts. The Augusta Independent Athletic Department developed guidelines using that framework and consulted with the local health department.

Order #20-636 - Motion Passed: Approve Athletic Activities Guidelines & Timelines passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
M. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

3.5. Approve Calendar Options for 2020-2021

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane explained, the Kentucky Department of Education recommended all districts develop at least three school calendars reflective of an early, traditional and late start dates. It was recommended districts take advantage of the "variable instructional calendar" language in KRS 158.070 (2)(f) and build a 152 day school calendar with 7 hour days. These three school calendars will give the district options if needed based on COVID19 guidelines, restrictions and directives from local and state officials. The "traditional" school calendar was previously approved by the board for the 2020-2021 school year. The 152 day school calendar closely follows the "traditional" calendar.

Order #20-637 - Motion Passed: Approve Calendar Options for 2020-2021 passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

3.6. Approve First Reading Local Wellness Policy

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated, Augusta Independent School District completed a food service audit as required every five years with the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of School and Community Nutrition.

The superintendent and food service director participated in an exit conference and pleased to report two minor findings that have been addressed as noted in the closure letter, according to Superintendent McCane. One finding was the Local Wellness Policy needed a designee for school oversight and compliance. This is not considered a board policy, rather a school policy to meet the requirements of the corrective action plan explained Superintendent McCane.

Superintendent McCane commended the Food Service Department and Director, Mr. Barry Caskey for all their hard work the last 8 months. She witnessed firsthand the volume of extra administrative work required from observing Mr. Caskey day-to-day and found it noteworthy he responded/answered 2,200 questions and uploaded over 70 documents. Augusta Independent is fortunate to have dedicated, efficient and hardworking employees like Mr. Caskey said Superintendent McCane!

Order #20-638 - Motion Passed: Approve First Reading Local Wellness Policy passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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. Business Consent Items

Order #20-639 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items 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

4.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.2. Approve Use of District Property

4.3. Approve Fundraisers

4.4. Approve Renewal Application of District Participation in the Emergency Non-Certified School Personnel Program

4.5. Fidelity Bond of Treasurer for 2020-2021

Per KRS 160.560 and 702 KAR 3:080, it is the duty of each local board of education to bond their board treasurer and any other school employee who is responsible for board of education funds of \$100,000.

4.6. Approve Bond of Depository for 2020-2021

Per KRS 160.570 and 702 KAR 3:090, by July 1st of each year, it is the duty of each local board of education to bond their depository.

4.7. Approve Acceptance of Donations

4.8. Approve Bills

4.9. Approve Treasurer's Report

5. Adjournment

Rationale:

July 23rd: Board Meeting Online @ 6 p.m.

Order #20-640 - Motion Passed: Approve to Adjournment passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Laura Bach.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Mr. Shawn Hennessey	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Julie Moore	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes



Julie Moore, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent