

**Augusta Independent Board of Education**

November 09, 2017 6:00 PM  
207 Bracken Street  
Augusta, KY

**Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:**

Present Board Members:

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

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Dionne Laycock was updated to present at: 6:15 PM

**1. Call to Order**

Rationale:

Happy Thanksgiving from Our Augusta Independent Family to Yours!

**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 #17-404 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore 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

**2. Student Recognition**

Rationale:

Congratulations to our Academic & Athletic Achievers!

3rd Grade KPrep Proficient/Distinguished: Aleah Appelman, Keith Borgman, Jaylen Brooks, Kyler Burton, Colton Carpenter, Peyton Dwenger, Nora Gill, Allie Gordley, John Hamm, Robert Harding, Robert Hatcher, Emily Hiles, Spencer Plummer, Trent Potts, Jameson Quinlin, Irvin Velazquez, Christopher Wachter, Harley Wilson, and Makayla Woodruff.

Cross Country Team (State Qualifiers): Stephen Cordle, Seth Fouts, Clayton Jamison, David Reed, Adam Sallee, Conner Snapp, Emma Young.

Girls' Junior High Basketball (7th & 8th grade ORVC Champions): Katherine Archibald, Lexy Brooks, Kaylee Browning, Olivia Caudill, Addison Cooper, Ryann Cooper, Ciara Crager, Cloie Groves, Reagan Jett, Ava Kiskaden, Bethany Kirk, Khloe Lippert, Elizabeth Mattingly, Mariah Niemeier, Caylin Sellers, Madison Wenz, Katelyn Wilson, Emma Young, and Manager Marlee England.

**2.1. \*BREAK**

**3. Communications**

**3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement**

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch reported to the board the school's participation in the state mandated ECERS-3 (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales) Preschool Program evaluation. The evaluation tool is used to report performance of preschools in Kentucky on 36 indicators and completed every five years. Principal Kelsch explained this is the school's second rotation of the evaluation process. Each indicator is assessed on a 1 to 7 rating scale. The indicators assess areas ranging from sanitation practices, educational materials, staff interaction, language, pre-literacy skills, classroom environment, discipline, scheduling, transition time between activities, whole group lesson, gross motor play and the playground. Mr. Kelsch said the school's preschool completed a practice evaluation in order to improve the final evaluation that will take place in the spring. A score of 5 or higher is required to meet the guidelines for the ECERS-3. The school scored a 5.7 for the practice evaluation. The playground lowered the overall score due to the hazard of being near the railroad tracks and unable to be corrected. The school was given recommendations to improve the score by adding more mulch to the playground and driving in the stakes in the barriers around the area. There were a few minor areas reported to work on such as labeling materials. The preschool team has analyzed the scores and identified areas for improvement before the spring evaluation. Principal Kelsch stated the evaluator was highly impressed with our program and preschool teacher, Anita Jefferson and stated that she would be a wonderful mentor for other preschool teachers throughout the state, noting she was most impressed with her interaction and classroom management. Further complimenting preschool paraprofessional, Kim Carpenter for her ability to encourage language development and conversation among preschool students.

**3.2. Superintendent's Report**

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane provided an update to the board on pension reform efforts, stating a Shared Responsibility Plan was presented to legislators that would have less impact on current teachers and retirees. She explained this plan would maintain the defined benefit plan and help to retain and recruit teachers in Kentucky. Furthermore, if the pension becomes underfunded, the employees and school district contributions increase. She said this plan is similar to the 2009-2010 retired teacher insurance fund that proved to work. Superintendent McCane reported the district is applying for a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for after school and summer programming and considering a Farm-to-School Program USDA Grant for FY19. Superintendent McCane informed the board she will represent Augusta Independent at the Education Forum for Independent Kentucky School Districts on November 14th with State Representative, John Carney who is Chairman of House Education Committee. Furthermore, Superintendent McCane stated the district's Growth Factor Report indicated 6.4 percent membership growth in comparison to the previous year and school officials met with the City of Augusta to discuss possible uses of the Neider building.

### **3.3. Superintendent's Professional Growth & Effectiveness System Update**

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane presented to the board, a quarterly summary of evidence for each of the seven standards as part of the continuous evaluation process.

### **3.4. Attendance/Enrollment**

Rationale:

Enrollment P-12: 300

Enrollment K-12: 283

October Attendance: 96.05 %

Overall Attendance: 96.75%

### **3.5. Citizens**

### **3.6. Board Members**

## **4. Business Action/Discussion Items**

### **4.1. Approve District Audit Report FY-2017**

Rationale:

Steve Roberson, CPA with Kelley, Galloway & Company, PSC presented the district's FY-2017 annual financial audit report. The Independent Auditor's Report expressed an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Augusta Independent School District. No significant deficiencies related to the audit of the financial statements were reported on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with government auditing standards. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Augusta Independent School district were disclosed during the audit and no significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs were reported.

**Order #17-405 - Motion Passed:** Approve District Audit Report FY-2017 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

### **4.2. Approve Monthly Budget Report**

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral provided the monthly budget report.

General Fund

Revenue receipts through October totaled \$470,300.

Local Revenue: Utility taxes generated nearly \$27,000. \$5,900 has been collected in motor vehicle taxes, while \$5,000 has been received from PSC taxes and \$2,200 in omitted property taxes. Almost \$5,700 has been collected for tuition. Over \$1,000 in miscellaneous revenue has been collected. The fitness center has collected over \$650 in dues.

State Revenue: SEEK funding accounted for nearly \$416,000, while over \$2,000 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: More than \$2,100 was received for Medicaid reimbursement.

Expenditures through the first four months totaled \$482,000

School Budget: The school's budget is \$19,750. Through October, \$9,100 was spent, with another \$1,300 obligated. \$1,700 was expended on assessment software, \$2,700 on copying and printing costs, \$2,500 on general supplies, \$875 on dues and fees, and \$825 on technology supplies.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled over \$86,000 through October. Expenses included \$31,000 for property insurance, \$22,200 on salaries and benefits, \$20,100 on utility services, \$5,000 on professional services, \$4,100 on repairs and maintenance, and \$3,100 on general supplies. 35% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through October, costs were at approximately \$25,000. \$13,600 was expended on salaries and benefits, \$5,500 on fleet insurance, \$2,700 on diesel fuel, \$2,600 in repair parts, and \$415 on supplies/services/fees. 24% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, expenditures exceeded receipts by approximately \$12,000.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report at this time.

Food Service Fund

Food service revenue through October totaled \$42,000. \$36,500 was received for federal reimbursement, while \$5,500 was local revenue. Expenses totaled about \$45,400, including \$26,300 on food and supplies, \$15,000 was for salaries and benefits, \$2,400 on dues and fees, and \$1,700 on equipment costs. The food service balance as of October 31 was -\$3,322.

**Order #17-406 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Julie Moore.

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

#### **4.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report**

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- HVAC repaired heating and cooling unit in library
- DW Fire inspected the heat sensors in cafeteria
- Cafeteria dishwasher repaired
- HVAC unit in board office repaired

**Order #17-407 - Motion Passed:** Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mr. Shawn Hennessey 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

#### **5. Business Consent Items**

**Order #17-408 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moore 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

**5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

**5.2. Approve Fundraisers**

**5.3. Approve Bills**

**5.4. Approve Treasurer's Report**

**6. Adjournment**

Rationale:

- Nov. 10th: Veteran's Day Program @ 10:00 a.m. and Orange and Black Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17th @ 6:30 p.m. & 18th @ 7:00 p.m.: AHS Drama Club Presents, "Parents Just Don't Understand"
- Nov. 20th: Fall-Winter Band & Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 22nd-24th: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
- Dec. 1st: Homecoming
- Dec. 14th @ 5:00 p.m.: Board Meeting

**Order #17-409 - Motion Passed:** Approve to adjourn the meeting. 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

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Laura Bach, Chairperson

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Lisa McCane, Superintendent