

Augusta Independent Board of Education

October 20, 2016 6:00 PM

207 Bracken Street

Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Mrs. Chasity Saunders

Absent Board Members:

Gene Groves

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Chasity Saunders was updated to present at: 6:20 PM

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

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 #16-316 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations to our Preschool Student Achievers!

Preschool: Quinn Barnett, Isabelle Brooks, Nathan Combs, Benjamin Gill, Emma Goebel, Kylie Hargett, Alexis Hughes, Lily Hughes, Kyra Johnson, Kenyon Peed, Cyrus Pick, Kyston Purcell, Zoey Purcell, Lukas Roberts, Jack Ross, Hannah Saunders, Javen Singleton, Bella Tharp, Kambree Thornton, and Josiah Waddell. Preschool teacher, Anita Jefferson and community partner, Allison Parker shared information on a new program, NeuroNet being implemented in preschool-2nd grades. The learning through movement program combines cognitive and bodily kinesthetics using an online program. Additionally, Ms. Parker explained a secondary outcome of the program is increased self-confidence and independence. The preschool students demonstrated the program for board members and guests.

2.1. *BREAK

3. Round Table Discussion

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch reported the district decreased from 68.8 to 68 but was considered proficient on the K-PREP state assessment results. The elementary was classified as proficient/progressing and achieved an overall increase from 65.4 to 72.6. The high school was also proficient with an overall score of 73.6. The middle school declined from 64.6 to 57.9 being classified as needs improvement. Principal Kelsch stated improvements were made to reduce novices and increase college/career readiness. He stated the tasks were already underway to analyze the results, develop improvement plans and monitor progress.

3.2. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported the general fund revenue receipts through September totaled almost \$340,000. SEEK funding accounted for \$311,500. The district has collected over \$14,000 in utility taxes, \$3,500 in motor vehicle taxes, \$1,500 in PSC taxes, and \$1,300 in delinquent property taxes. Tuition has generated \$1,300, while \$3,300 has been received in Medicaid reimbursement. Expenditures through the first three months were approximately \$314,000, about \$28,000 less than through the same period last year. Receipts exceed expenditures by over \$25,000 after three months.

He stated this year's school budget is \$19,750. Approximately \$4,700 has been spent, with another \$900 obligated. Copying and printing costs total \$2,100, dues and fees account for \$875, general supply expenses total \$815, while technology supplies total \$780.

Maintenance budget indicated expenses totaled \$68,000 after the first quarter. Expenses included \$29,400 for property insurance, nearly \$19,300 on salaries and benefits, \$14,000 on utilities and services, \$2,700 on general supplies, \$1,500 on repairs and professional services, and \$1,100 on equipment.

The transportation budget through September, indicated costs are approximately \$18,000. \$9,800 has been expended on salaries and benefits, \$5,200 was expended on fleet insurance, \$1,600 on diesel fuel, and \$900 on supplies/services/fees.

The special revenue fund indicated all 2015-2016 state and federal grants have been zeroed out and the district has submitted reimbursement requests for those federal grants. Grant funding is on target with regards to the budget for current year grants.

Food service receipts total nearly \$22,000 through September. \$16,500 was received for federal program reimbursement, while \$5,300 was from local revenue sources. Expenditures through September totaled \$25,600. \$13,500 were for salaries and benefits, while \$12,000 has been expended on food and supplies. Expenditures are about \$12,400 less than through the same period last year. The current food service balance is -\$3,703.13. (Last month ended at -\$4,630.)

Furthermore, Mr. Litteral stated once all receipts and expenditures for food and supplies are processed the food service fund balance will be approximately \$600. He stated this will be reflected on next month's report.

Superintendent McCane reported the bond sale to refinance the 2004, 2006, and 2008 bonds was very favorable to the district. She said there were three bids and the winning net interest rate was 2.01%, equating to a net savings of \$190,343 which was considerably more than what was initially projected to the board. Furthermore, the district would receive final schedules within the next few days and the issue would close on November 14th.

Order #16-317 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.3. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report on energy consumption through the August billing period indicated, the district had a decrease in energy consumption of 6,210 kBTU (2.5%) or 1,820 kWh, which avoided approximately \$162 in energy charges. Through August-YTD, the district has used 13,956 (\$1,242) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWh) and no natural gas.

The weather data for Bracken County helps to explain why utility bills are higher or lower in some months as compared to the same months in previous years. This August, the district actually used less energy than used in the past, even though the average daily temperature was hotter than any of the previous years, except 2007 and 2010. Most school districts in Kentucky saw increases in their electricity consumption during August of this year.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Library water fountain plate installed
- Repaired AC unit for preschool
- Doors repaired by Trace Creek Construction
- Fence on grounds repaired by RJ Construction
- New DVR installed for cameras

Energy Efficient Lighting Update:

Installation of LED lights is underway (48 light kits installed in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, Science Classrooms and Community Ed. Office and 57 light kits remaining in Consumer Science, 3rd and Reading Resource Classrooms)

Order #16-318 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.4. Approve G. Scott & Associates, Architects for District Facilities Planning Process

Rationale:

The district is in the process of establishing the Local Planning Committee for the purpose of adopting a four year District Facilities Plan. Superintendent McCane recommended G. Scott & Associates, Architects stating Craig Aossey and Gary Scott know the district's facilities and has always provided excellent service.

Order #16-319 - Motion Passed: Approve G. Scott & Associates, Architects for District Facilities Planning Process passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

3.5. Board Member Selection for Local Planning Committee

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated it is a requirement for one board member to serve on the Local Planning Committee which is responsible for updating the four year District Facilities Plan.

After discussion, board member, Dionne Laycock volunteered to serve on the LPC.

3.6. Approve Second Reading Tobacco Free Policies for School Employees

Rationale:

Board Policies: 03.1327, 03.2327, 06.221

Order #16-320 - Motion Passed: Approve Second Reading Tobacco Free Policies for School Employees passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

4. Communications

4.1. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reported the fitness center has reopened and being operated by volunteers. Furthermore, the district is in the process of purchasing signage for the outside of the center.

The board learned the district is reapplying for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant which is due November 17th. Superintendent McCane stated she and assistant principal, Mrs. Brewer attended the technical assistance meeting and in the process of making revisions to the grant. Furthermore, the district considered applying for a math achievement grant but learned \$20,000 in addition to the \$50,000 grant would be required. Superintendent McCane stated the district would consider applying at a later time.

Superintendent McCane stated the district is collaborating with area school districts to explore expanding Mason County Area Technical Center. She stated the fiscal agent would be Mason County Schools.

In other information, the board was informed the district was undergoing a food service audit on October 25th-27th and Medicaid audit on October 25th.

The current enrollment is P-12: 289 and K-12: 270 and September attendance is 97.25% and the first two months is 96.93.

4.2. Citizens

4.3. Board Members

5. Business and Consent

Order #16-321 - 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	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Donations

5.3. Approve Fundraiser(s)

5.4. Approve Bills

5.5. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Personnel

Rationale:

Certified Substitute

- Khrysten Childers

7. Adjournment

Rationale:

Nov. 4th: Halloween Social 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Nov. 8th: Election Day - No School

Nov. 10th: Board Team Training: 4:00-6:00 p.m. & Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day Program 10:00 a.m. & Orange and Black Night 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 23rd-25th: Thanksgiving Break - No School

Order #16-322 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

Mrs. Laura Bach	Yes
Gene Groves	Absent
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent