

Augusta Independent Board of Education

March 10, 2016 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

1. Call to Order

Rationale:

Happy Birthday Board Members!

Laura Bach, March 7th

Dionne Laycock, March 22nd

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 #16-274 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda 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

2. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers of the Month!

4th grade: William Kelsch, Mariah Niemeier, Raylee Saunders, Noah Tharp, Joshua Tucker, and Madison Wenz.

Elementary Academic Quick Recall Team: (3rd place) Keeton Bach, Joshua Bex, Olivia Campbell, Eli Cline, Jackson Gaunce, Mallory Jett, Elijah Johnson, Jesse Johnson, Amy Kearns, Will Kelsch, Ava Kiskaden, Paige Mattingly, Mariah Niemeier, Addyson Scudder, Gage Scudder, Noah Tharp, Kaitlyn Wilson.

Academic Team Awards: Joshua Bex- 2nd place Social Studies and 4th place Arts & Humanities, Olivia Campbell- 5th place Arts & Humanities, Gage Scudder- 4th place Social Studies.

2.1. *BREAK

3. Round Table Discussion

3.1. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed the board of several success stories including; Participation in CAPS for Kids, a fundraiser for pediatric cancer. He stated the organization provides autographed caps to children from celebrities and an A.I.S. student received an autographed cap from John Cena. The school raised over \$100 and Paul Smith donated \$200. Furthermore, Read Across America Week was a success with Family Literacy Night having approximately 100 participants; A.I.S. high school students were trained using the GREEN DOT strategy as a comprehensive approach to violence prevention that capitalizes on the power of peers and cultural influence and a classroom set of 24 desks were donated from DonorsChoose.org to the Spanish classroom.

The board learned district's Early Childhood Committee developed an action plan to address Kindergarten Readiness improvement areas. Mr. Kelsch stated the plan will be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year. Furthermore, the Neuro Net Program is being studied for possible implementation in Preschool-2nd grades for the upcoming school year.

The senior trip is set for April 3rd-7th to New Year City and 21/24 seniors are confirmed to participate. Principal Kelsch stated 80% of the funds have been raised with several more fundraisers scheduled.

3.2. Budget

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane reported the general fund revenue receipts through February total 1,191,000. \$213,000 has been received in property taxes. Utility taxes have generated \$77,000. Nearly \$16,000 has been collected in motor vehicle taxes and \$2,700 in delinquent property taxes. \$10,900 has been received in Medicaid reimbursement, while \$8,700 has been collected for tuition through February. Over \$852,000 has been received in SEEK funding. The fitness center collected \$360 during the month, and has now collected \$1,245 for the year. Expenditures through the month of February were approximately \$1,070,000, about \$38,500 more than through the same period last year.

Receipts exceed expenditures by approximately \$120,000 through February.

The school budget has expended approximately \$20,000, with four months remaining in the year. Copy machine and printing costs account for \$6,300. Professional services expenses total \$3,000. The school has expended \$4,600 in general supplies, \$2,200 in furniture and fixtures, \$1,800 in dues and fees, and \$905 on technology equipment.

Maintenance expenses totaled \$147,000 through the first eight months. Expenses include \$49,900 for salaries and benefits, \$48,800 in utility and service expenses, \$28,000 for property insurance, \$7,300 in general supplies, \$5,300 in maintenance repairs, \$3,500 in professional services, \$3,300 on machinery/furniture, and \$580 on snow removal. 60% of the maintenance budget has been expended.

The transportation budget through February indicate costs are at \$54,900.

\$29,500 has been expended on salaries and benefits, \$7,000 on two buses, \$6,200 on repair parts and maintenance, \$5,900 has been spent on diesel fuel, \$5,200 on fleet insurance, and \$975 on professional services/drug testing/rental fees. Grant funding is on target with regards to the budget. The district will be monitoring immediate 4.5% budget cuts to see what effect they might have on our Fund 2 budget and grant funding for the remainder of this year.

Food service receipts total \$100,200 through February. \$17,300 was generated locally, while \$82,350 has been received from the NSLP. Receipts are down \$29,300 from the same period last year. Expenditures YTD total \$111,000, with \$42,162 towards salaries and benefits and \$68,900 on supplies and services. Expenditures are currently \$1,700 less than through the same period last year, but expenditures currently exceed revenues for the year by \$10,800. The current food service balance is \$6,200, a decrease of \$2,000 from last month.

Superintendent McCane stated breakfast reimbursements from the NSLP had more than tripled but food expenses were up significantly in January. She stated the district is closely monitoring the food services budget in hopes to break even for the fiscal year. However, the issue is CEP reimburses the district 78% based on last year's enrollment and due to losing 20+ students it has made operating with a balanced budget monthly difficult. She stated next year's CEP would be more manageable once the enrollment figures were readjusted.

Order #16-275 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report 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

3.3. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report through the January billing period compares the current monthly usage to the 3-year average baseline usage for the same month. During January, the district had a reduction in energy consumption of 63,563 kBTU (34.6%) and avoided approximately \$799 in energy charges. Through January-YTD, the district reduced energy consumption by 369,079 kBTU (18%), avoiding approximately \$6,726 in energy charges. Through January, the district has used 57,716 (\$5,137) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWh) and 1,673 (\$1,589) fewer hundreds of cubic feet (CCF) of natural gas.

Renovation Update: Metal work is being fabricated for the porch and bell tower with shipment expected around April 18th. The new interior doors color selection has been made and installation is expected in June.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Timer placed on boiler to improve efficiency
- Belt and filters replaced on AC units
- Toilet repaired in girls' restroom
- Toilet repaired in boys' restroom
- Milk cooler repaired in cafeteria

Order #16-276 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Facilities Report passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

3.4. Approve Bracken County Non-Resident Agreement Revisions 2015-2016

Order #16-277 - Motion Passed: 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

3.5. Approve FRYSC Evaluation Instrument

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane stated the FRYSC evaluation instrument was not specific enough and based on former classified evaluations.

Order #16-278 - Motion Passed: 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

4. Communications

4.1. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board of efforts to create a district brand and upcoming marketing campaign in the spring. Additionally, the Augusta Independent Educational Foundation, Inc. has a webpage now on the district website and setting up capabilities for online donations. She said an alumni registration link has been added to the district website to create an alumni database. Furthermore, the foundation is planning a marketing campaign in the spring as well.

Board members learned the district was awarded a Read to Achieve Continuation grant for the 2016-2017 school year and expects to be notified regarding the 21st CLCC grant on March 28th.

The district is advertising and accepting sealed bids for three surplus buses from March 21st through April 21st. The sealed bids will be opened at the board office at 2:00 p.m. on April 22nd.

Superintendent McCane informed board members Bracken County officials approached the district regarding seeding and profit sharing for the athletic department. She stated early discussions indicate seeding would not benefit the district but the athletic department is open to have a meeting with Bracken County to listen to their ideas.

The last day of school is currently May 25th and graduation May 27th.

Superintendent McCane stated the amended calendar would be approved during the April board meeting.

Attendance for Feb: 93.14% and enrollment: PS-12 is 278 and K-12 is 265.

4.2. Citizens

4.3. Board Members

Rationale:

Board Member Dionne Laycock shared information and interest in the school safety model and training being utilized in Boone County School District after attending a session at the KSBA Conference.

Chairwoman, Laura Bach suggested a picnic and patio area be created outside the cafeteria on the 2nd Street side of the building. She suggested picnic tables with black and orange umbrellas and a bench in memory of former superintendent John Cordle be added. She stated Miller Lumber has offered to donate a picnic table.

5. Business and Consent

Order #16-279 - 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

- 5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- 5.2. Approve Substitute Teacher 2016-2017
- 5.3. Approve Fundraisers
- 5.4. Approve Bills
- 5.5. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Personnel

Rationale:

Certified Substitute Hire
Rebecca Machen

7. Adjournment

Rationale:

No School: March 17th-18th

Spring Break: April 11th-15th

Next Board Meeting: Special Called on April 21st at 6:00 P.M.

Order #16-280 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent