

Augusta Independent Board of Education
March 12, 2020 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

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 #20-605 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. 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

2. Student/Staff Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers!

2ND GRADE: Benjamin Gill, Gaven Herald, William Hildebrand, Abigail Lathem, Cyrus Pick, Lukas Roberts, Javen Singleton, Bethany Smith, Bella Tharp, and Melayna Workman.

MSU Craft Academy: Jonathan Rose

Poetry Out Loud: Aubree Ruf

AARP Grandparent Essay Winner: Claire Elliott

Head Basketball Coach Service Recognition: Coach Robin Kelsch

2.1. *BREAK

3. Communications

3.1. Health Update

Rationale:

The Bracken County Health Department Director, Tony Cox addressed the board on COVID-19. The information presented highlighted; Coronavirus symptoms, testing, treatment, at risk populations, Health Department and Center for Disease Control actions and recommendations.

3.2. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal Robin Kelsch informed board members the senior trip to Orlando, Florida was underway and going well with 18 seniors and four chaperones. Augusta Independent participated in field tests conducted by the Kentucky Department of Education that assessed the current, newly adopted content area standards. Grades 3-8 and grades 10 tested in both reading and mathematics and grades 5, 8 and 11 field tested in editing, mechanics and on-demand writing, according to Principal Kelsch. He stated testing preparations for the ACT, End of Programs, Civics and K-Prep assessments are the focus of instruction as the end of the year and assessment windows nears. Numerous summer camps are being planned for students to participate in the summer. Principal Kelsch expressed the importance for students having organized, educational and fun opportunities because of a later August start date for the new school year.

3.3. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent Lisa McCane informed the board the district was awarded a youth employment program grant in the amount of \$109,000 to operate the 8-week program during the summer. Superintendent McCane reported the district is planning updates to the library, seeking grant opportunities and local partnerships for the library building and program improvements. Furthermore, she provided a legislative and state budget update to the board.

3.4. Personnel

Rationale:

Resignations

Mel Winchester: Head Girls' Softball Coach

Hires

Robin Kelsch: Head Boys' Baseball Coach

3.5. Attendance/Enrollment

Rationale:

February Attendance: 92.05%

YTD Attendance: 94.40%

Enrollment P-12: 299

Enrollment K-12: 280

3.6. Citizens

3.7. Board Members

4. Business Action/Discussion Items

4.1. Approve Monthly Budget Report

Rationale:

February 2020 Budget Report

General Fund

Revenue receipts though February totaled over \$1,312,000.

Local Revenue: Over \$246,000 was received for property taxes. Over \$90,000 has been received in utility tax. PSC tax revenue was \$21,000. \$16,000 was received in motor vehicle taxes, while \$8,800 was collected in tuition payments. \$4,000 has been received in donations, \$2,100 was received for transportation reimbursement, and \$1,500 was received for delinquent taxes. Over \$700 has been collected in fitness center dues. Nearly \$2,600 has been earned in interest.

State Revenue: \$909,000 was received in SEEK funding, while approximately \$4,300 was received for revenue in lieu of taxes from the state.

Federal Revenue: Medicaid reimbursement accounted for \$3,300.

Expenditures through February totaled approximately \$1,281,000.

School Budget: The school budget is \$19,569. Through February, \$16,200 was expended. Expenses included \$5,800 on supplemental curriculum resources/technology resources, \$4,500 on copying costs, \$3,000 on general supplies, \$1,900 on dues and fees, and \$500 for both postage and travel.

Maintenance Budget: Expenses totaled \$226,000 through February. Expenses included \$61,000 on utility services, \$54,000 on salaries and benefits, \$40,000 on property insurance, \$27,000 on tech-related hardware (video camera system/phone equipment), \$18,000 on general supplies, \$10,400 on building repairs and maintenance/plumbing, \$8,500 on professional services, \$3,500 on machinery/fixtures, and \$3,000 on equipment and machinery repair. 76% of the maintenance budget has been utilized.

Transportation Budget: Through February, costs totaled \$67,000. \$26,000 was expended on salary and benefits. The annual Suburban payment was \$11,000. \$9,400 was spent on diesel fuel, while fleet insurance costs totaled \$7,700. \$7,000 was expended on repair parts/tires. \$4,000 was expended on vehicle repair/maintenance, and \$1,600 in gasoline has been purchased. 57% of the transportation budget has been utilized.

For the general fund, receipts exceeded expenditures by \$31,600.

Special Revenue Fund

Nothing to report.

Food Service Fund

Food service receipts through February totaled \$118,000. \$106,000 was received from federal reimbursement, \$11,000 from local revenue, and \$800 from state revenue. Expenditures totaled \$111,000 including \$59,000 on food, \$44,000 on salaries and benefits, \$4,300 on equipment repair, \$1,400 on general supplies, \$800 on dues and fees, and \$600 on equipment. The food service balance as of February 29 was approximately \$56,000.

Order #20-606 - Motion Passed: Approve Monthly Budget Report 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

4.2. Approve Monthly Facilities Report

Rationale:

Monthly Maintenance:

- Buffed floors in preparation of senior night
- Repaired stage lights
- Repaired volleyball net
- Repaired toilet in library boys' restroom
- Replaced ceiling tile in upstairs hallway
- Replaced belts on HVAC units for gym

Order #20-607 - 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

4.3. Approve Renewal of Non-Traditional Instructional Program for 2020-2021

Order #20-608 - Motion Passed: Approve Renewal of Non-Traditional Instructional Program for 2020-2021 passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach 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

4.4. Approve Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed the board the TENCO Workforce Development Board has awarded the district a Youth Employment Program Grant in the amount of \$109,661.16. The program will operate for 8-weeks during the summer.

She stated the grant will provide employment preparation, work experience, career exploration post-secondary guidance and follow-up services to assist in-school and out-of-school youth ages 17-24.

Superintendent McCane requested Augusta Independent Board of Education authorize the district to act as the fiscal agent and operator of the program. All funding is provided through the TENCO Workforce Development Board.

Order #20-609 - Motion Passed: Approve Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program 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

4.5. Approve 2020-2021 Non-Public School Transportation

Order #20-610 - Motion Passed: Approve 2019-2020 Non-Public School Transportation 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

4.6. Approve 2020-2021 School Calendar

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane recommended to the board Draft Calendar 3 based on overwhelming input received from parents and staff surveys.

Parent/Open Survey (133 votes)

Preferred - Calendar 3 (84.5%)
2nd Choice - Calendar 2 (43.3%)

Staff Survey (29 votes)

Preferred - Calendar 3 (96.6%)
2nd Choice - Calendar 1 & Calendar 2 tied at 48.3% each

Refer to the attached staff work calendar for the tentative contract days staff would be working prior to school starting with students.

Order #20-611 - Motion Passed: Approve 2020-2021 School Calendar 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

4.7. Approve First Reading of Board Policy 03.115 Amendment

Rational:

Transfer of Tenure Board Policy 03.115: Change the word "shall" with "may" to make the policy less restrictive.

According to KRS 161.740, if a teacher with tenure transfers to another district that the receiving district "may" require a one year probationary status. The current board policy is more restrictive than state law requires and is recommended that the policy be changed to replace the word "shall" with "may" so that in all cases the Board has this option.

Order #20-612 - Motion Passed: Approve First Reading of Board Policy 03.115 Amendment 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

4.8. 2019-2020 Amended Calendar

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane said a state of emergency had been declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended the board approve the following: additional NTI days offered by KDE for the school closure, suspended all events, extracurricular and athletic activities, field trips, travel for professional development, food service program to continue to provide breakfast and lunch for pick-up and delivery and move the last day of school to Friday, May 15. She explained the way the calendar stands, students will be in school an additional full week and only attending 1.5 days. Students go Monday, May 18 and off for Election Day on Tuesday, May 19 and return for the last half day on Wednesday, May 20. There is no school on Thursday and graduation is set for Friday, May 22. She stated the district is required to attend 170 days and that would be 173.5 student attendance days and well exceeds the hourly requirement of 1,062.

Order #20-613 - Motion Passed: 2019-2020 Amended Calendar 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

5. Business Consent Items

Order #20-614 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

5.1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5.2. Approve Use of District Property

5.3. Approve Bills

5.4. Approve Treasurer's Report

6. Adjournment

Rationale:

March 11th-13th: Senior Trip
March 19th & 20th: PD Days-No School
March 30th: Spring Sports & Club Pictures
March 30th-April 3rd: Book Fair Week in Library
April 2nd: Literacy Night in Gym from 5-6:30pm
April 6th-10th: Spring Break-No School
April 16th: Board Meeting @ 6 in Library
May 2nd: Prom
May 14th: Board Meeting @ 6 in Library

Order #20-615 - Motion Passed: Approve to Adjournment 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



Julie Moore, Chairperson



Lisa McCane, Superintendent