

Augusta Independent Board of Education

July 17, 2014 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

I. Call to Order

Rationale:
Happy Birthday Board Members!

Jacqueline Hopkins, July 8th

Eugene Groves, July 30th

- I.*. Roll Call**
- I.*. Pledge of Allegiance**
- I.*. Mission Statement**

Rationale:
The mission of Augusta Independent Schools is to enable all students to become self-sufficient, responsible, ever-learning members of society while sustaining our unique Augusta community and school.

I.*. Approval of Agenda

Order #14-157 - 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
Gene Groves	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

I.*. Approve Executive Session KRS 156.557(4) (d)

Rationale:
The board entered into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

Order #14-158 - Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock 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

I.*. Exit Executive Session

Rationale:

Exited executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Order #14-159 - Motion Passed: 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

II. Round Table Discussion

II.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed board members of plans to implement a Jump Start Program designed for students in 5th and 6th grade entering middle school for the 2014-2015 school year. He stated the purpose of the event was to assist students with transition before entering middle school. Mr. Kelsch informed board members of upcoming back-to-school events and stated the school year theme will be Panther Dynasty, a spin-off of the popular reality show, Duck Dynasty.

II.*. Budget

Rationale:

New finance officer, Tim Litteral reported general fund receipts exceed last year by approximately \$34,000 due to increased SEEK, omitted property taxes, and utility taxes. This is the second month that revenues have exceeded the previous year's collection.

Expenditures year-to-date are approximately \$55,000 less than last year.

The school instructional allotment had approximately \$5,000 remaining to end the year, so those funds will be added to the new year's instructional allotment of \$26,000. As of June 30, the maintenance budget was \$7,900 under budget, while transportation budget was \$9,600 under budget. Furthermore, there are still some invoices for 2014 that have to be accounted for before concrete figures will be known.

The special revenue fund expenditures continue to be on target with regards to the budget and the food services fund receipts continue to exceed last year by approximately \$14,500. Food Service expenditures are approximately \$500 less than last year.

Superintendent, Lisa McCane reported the district learned fiscal action was taken in the amount of \$13,544.58 due to the review findings noted on the March 18th, 2014 Administrative Review for the School Lunch and Breakfast Programs which is a requirement of the USDA federal regulations. She stated the findings indicated incomplete production records and menus for the review month of February, three meals disallowed on the day of the review and application errors. Superintendent McCane stated she requested KDE to reduce the penalties to a reasonable amount but because it is a federal regulation, KDE did not have the authority to make reductions. KDE stated the district can make payments and it is at the district's discretion on the payment amount and duration of time to pay off the penalties. Furthermore, Superintendent McCane stated after consultation with the school board attorney, he advised against filing an appeal, stating the district risked losing more money. Superintendent McCane stated the payments would be paid from the food service fund.

Board members were informed of the most recent KSBIT court ordered assessment was released in the amount of \$9,175. An increase of approximately \$600 compared to the Department of Insurances proposal. Superintendent McCane stated more information would be available before the next board meeting so the board could determine if they wanted to pay in full or make payments.

II.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for the May billing period indicated the district had a reduction in electricity consumption of 5,417 kWhs (11.1%) and an decrease in natural gas consumption of 45 CCF, which created a reduction in total energy cost of \$542 for the month, as compared to our three year baseline averages (FY2009-FY2011). The district has reduced our total electrical energy consumption, YTD, through the May billing period, by 44,769 kWhs (7.2%), which has created a savings in electrical energy cost of over \$4,029. Through May, the district has also had an increase in natural gas consumption of 2,335 CCF (26.1%) which increased our natural gas cost by approximately \$2,779. The district's reduction in electricity consumption has helped offset the added cost in natural gas this year due to the harsh winter. So far this year, the district has saved approximately \$1,250 in total energy cost (\$4,029-\$2,779). The five-year history of energy consumption and cost through May indicates the district has used less electricity this year than any of the previous four years, but electricity prices have increased by 9.5% during FY2014 as compared to FY2013 and 17.4% since FY2010.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Painting, waxing of floors, and shampooing carpets for next school year
- Waxed gym floor
- Replaced cafeteria cooler motor
- Repaired leak on roof over new hallway
- Installed new DVR for security cameras
- Removed tree by playground after branch fell
- Removed limb from tree by Library
- Installing window air conditioner for server room

II.*. Approve the Second Reading of the 2014 Board Policy Updates

Order #14-160 - Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins.

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

II.*. Approve Board Member Team Training

Rationale:

Board members participated in a 2-hour training on New Superintendent Evaluation conducted by Becky Burgett from the Kentucky School Boards Association.

Order #14-161 - Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Gene Groves 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

II.*. Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Summary

Rationale:

Board Chairwoman, Laura Bach read the superintendent's summative evaluation summary stating the past year has proven to be very challenging given the economic climate and funding cuts endured by the district. Superintendent McCane's performance was outstanding in pursuing and attaining the goals set by the board last August.

Superintendent McCane's performance was excellent in the areas of Communications and Community Relations, and Human Resources Management. In the areas of Leadership and District Culture, Policy Governance, Organizational Management, Curriculum Planning Development, Instructional Leadership, Values and Ethics Leadership, and Student Achievement and Learning, she was outstanding.

Superintendent McCane continues to perform her duties in an outstanding manner and new goals for the upcoming school year will be developed over the next several weeks.

III. Communications

III.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane reported a district initiative to implement a Substance Abuse Prevention Action Plan at all grade levels during the 2014-2015 jointly with Bracken County Schools.

Furthermore, the district has developed a three-year textbook replacement plan to purchase new middle and high school English textbooks (2014-2015-8th and 10th grades, 2015-2016-7th and 11th grades and 2017-2018-9th and 12th grades).

Superintendent McCane reported the district would be undergoing a food service summer review on July 18th, the auditors would begin the district FY14 audit on July 16th and 17th and a school calendar error of being out of school on March 12th and 13th was corrected to March 19th and 20th.

The district was pleased to end the 2013-2014 school year with overall attendance of 95.26%.

III.*. Citizens

III.*. Board Members

IV. Business and Consent

Order #14-162 - 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
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Gene Groves Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

- IV.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
- IV.*. Approve Fidelity Bond of Treasurer for 2014-2015**
- IV.*. Approve Fundraisers**
- IV.*. Approve Technology Surplus**

Rationale:
Surplus one computer: 10581

- IV.*. Approve Bills**
- IV.*. Approve Treasurer's Report**

V. Personnel

Rationale:
New Hires:

Tammi Denham: Reading Intervention Teacher
Dan Hildebrand: Part-time Spanish Teacher
Erin Neal: Part-time MS English Teacher

Resignations:

Deanna Landrum-MS Social Studies Teacher

VI. Adjournment

Rationale:
Jump Start Program (Incoming 6th and 7th Graders): July 22nd from 5-7
Kindergarten Screenings and Registration 9-5, New Student Registration 9-3, Bus Driver Training: July 23rd
Read-I-Fest and Open House 4-6: July 31st
First Day of School: August 6th
Next Board Meeting: August 14th at 6:00

Order #14-163 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent