

Augusta Independent Board of Education

January 09, 2014 6:00 PM

207 Bracken Street

Augusta, KY

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Bach

Gene Groves

Mrs. Dionne Laycock

Mrs. Chasity Saunders

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins

I. Call to Order

Rationale:

Augusta Independent Appreciates Our School Board Members!

In appreciation for the service to Augusta Independent School District students, staff, and community.

Laura Bach

Gene Groves

Jacqueline Hopkins

Dionne Laycock

Chasity Saunders

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 #14-126 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Bach and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

Mrs. Laura Bach Yes

Gene Groves Yes

Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins Absent

Mrs. Dionne Laycock Yes

Mrs. Chasity Saunders Yes

I.*. Oath of Office

Rationale:

The Oath of Office was administered to all board members by finance officer and notary-public, Mary Alice Thornbury.

I.*. Election of 2014 Officers

Rationale:

Board member, Eugene Groves nominated Laura Bach for board chairperson and Dionne Laycock for board vice-chairperson. All board members consented to the nomination.

II. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers of the Month!

2nd grade: Savannah Hurst, William Kelsch, Mariah Niemeier

3rd grade: Lexy Brooks, Ava Kiskaden, Dylan Mattingly, Micah Pennington, Chase Scott, Caylin Sellers.

4th grade: Braydon Appleman, Marlee England, Cody Frederick, Cloie Groves, Breanna Haas, Kason Hinson, Reagan Jett, Jonathan Kiskaden, Aiden Orme, Makenzie Purdon, Alexis Spradlin, Noah Teegarden, Joshua Wachter.

DDXE Award: John Paul Cordle

5th grade: Darrin Blevins, Nadia Cline, Kenton Gillespie, Kaiden Hopkins, Karlie McBride, Elijah Pennington.

DDXE Awards: Emily Curtis and Chelsea Shields

Congratulations to the MS Robotics Team:

First Place for "Best Robot Mechanical Design" in the Northern Kentucky Regional LEGO League Robotics Tournament

Team Members: Noah Blevins, Stephen Cordle, McKenzie Deatley, Katie Gilbert, Violet Hiles, Garrett Purdon, Adam Sallee, Becca Tabor and Coach Chris Mason

Congratulations to Leah Gibson for being the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic Scholarship Recipient!

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch provided an overview of the Comprehensive School and District Improvement Plans.

III.*. Approve 2014-2015 CSIP/CDIP

Order #14-127 - 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	Absent
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

III.*. Approve 2014 Board Calendar

Order #14-128 - Motion Passed: Approve the 2014 Board Calendar passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.

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

III.*. Approve First Reading of Regular Meetings Policy-01.42

Order #14-129 - Motion Passed: Approve First Reading of Regular Meeting Policy-01.42 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	Absent
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane reported general fund revenue compared to the same time last year indicate real estate property taxes are \$12,000 less and the amended budget did reflect the decrease but utility taxes have increased by 31%. She stated revenue has increased \$20,000 compared to December receipts a year ago despite the poor economy.

Furthermore, general fund expenditures have decreased \$26,000 compared to December 2012. Overall, receipts exceeded expenditures by \$158,000 through December compared to \$114,000 last year attributing for a \$44,000 increase for the first six months of the fiscal year.

Superintendent McCane stated the district was spending only basic operating expenses and the district's KSBIT unemployment rate increased to 4.15% from 2.05%. She stated the critical need for increased educational funding by the General Assembly during the current legislative session and informed the board of the district's participation in the "Our Kids Can't Wait Campaign" urging all stakeholders to contact their legislators.

Superintendent McCane reported food service fund revenue has shown an increase of 4% and expenses by 8% causing the fund balance to absorb \$2,000 for exceeded expenditures. The beginning balance was \$5,000 and the current balance is \$3,033 primarily due to a 60% increase in food costs. She stated the district is taking measures to reduce food service expenditures the remainder of the year. Food Service Director, Mary Alice Thornbury reported the district was not funded correctly by the USDA for severe needs from August-December and expects the district to receive additional food service funds.

Superintendent McCane stated meal price increases were postponed for the current school year but would take effect during the next school year. She stated the need for food services to be self-sustaining or the already hard hit general fund would have to absorb the costs.

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Reduction Report in November indicates the district had a reduction in electrical energy consumption of 3,945 kWhs (6.57%) and saved approximately \$355 in electricity charges. The total reduction of electrical energy consumption through November has produced a savings in energy cost of over \$2,970. The district has reduced electrical consumption by 32,995 kWhs or 11.5% as compared to the 3-year average baseline consumption. Unfortunately, through November, the district had an increase in natural gas consumption of 383 CCF for an added cost of approximately \$456. Even with that increase, the district has saved approximately \$2,514 in total energy cost through November, as compared to the 3-year average baseline. With the continuing increases of utility rates, the district has to use less energy just to stay even with our historical costs as shown in the attached 5-year comparison.

Monthly Maintenance

-Board Office Painting

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed board members the Community Education Director would begin providing services to Bracken County Schools one day per week the remainder of the semester. She stated a financial agreement was in place to remit payment to Augusta Independent for the time committed to Bracken County not covered by the Community Education Grant. Furthermore, it was possible that time may be increased next year but the district would not experience any adverse impact.

Superintendent McCane reported the district currently has missed five weather days and had one 1-hour delay but it was too early to determine the make-up schedule.

Furthermore, the district intends to apply for a Read to Achieve grant for a K-3 reading intervention program that would be in the amount of \$48,500 for up to three-years, if awarded.

December Attendance: 95.29%

Enrollment: P-12 is 314 and K-12 is 292

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-130 - 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	Absent
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Donations

Rationale:

Mains Foundation Donation \$1,700

V.*. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:

Surplus Items: 6 desktop computers; 1 laptop; 1 CRT monitor; 1 inkjet printer; 5 keyboards

V.*. Approve Trip Request

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Personnel

Rationale:

Certified Substitute Hire
Erica Carpenter

VII. Adjournment

Rationale:

MLK Day: January 20th, 2014- No School

Middle School Governor's Cup Competition: January 18th, 2014

Augusta Homecoming: January 18th, 2014 (Between JV and Varsity games)

High School Governor's Cup Competition: January 25th, 2014

Next Board Meeting: February 13th, 2014

Happy Birthday to Chasity Saunders, January 21st!

Order #14-131 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Chasity Saunders.

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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent