

Augusta Independent Board of Education

November 13, 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

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 #14-178 - Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented. 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

II. Student Recognition

Rationale:

Congratulations Academic Achievers of the Month!

2nd grade: Keeton Bach, Elizabeth Mattingly, Addison Scudder, Katelyn Wilson.

DDXE: Mallory Jett

3rd grade: Kylan Hinson, Savannah Hurst, Jesse Johnson, Amy Kearns, William Kelsch, Raylee Saunders, Owen Teegarden, Joshua Tucker

ACT 20 Point Club: Shelby Nickerson & LeAnn Tucker

ACT 25 Point Club: Stephen Cordle & Jerica Kelsch

Cross Country Winner: Camryn Snapp, 10 top ten finishes, with 8 being top five finishes, won the Buffalo Trace Conference Race and the Clark Co. Race, 1st Team Buffalo Trace All-Conference, 1st Team All-Area 7, Personal Record set at Mason County on Oct. 20 - 16:43, 3rd place finish at Region, 13th place at State Meet out of 210 runners, KTCCCA All-State Team.

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch informed the board of school-wide reading programs and initiatives being implemented including; Read to Achieve Intervention Program, Great Leaps, reading projects and a reading incentive program.

Mr. Kelsch stated the Continuous Instructional Improvement System was regularly utilized by faculty members for submitting lesson plans, assessments and self-reflections.

III.*. Approve 2015-2016 Certified Evaluation Plan

Order #14-179 - Motion Passed: Approve 2015-2016 Certified Evaluation Plan 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

III.*. Superintendent Assurances

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane stated the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) for all school districts is now the Superintendent Assurances component (formerly known as Superintendent Evaluation Report). She stated the new component is required as a part of the CDIP.

She stated the Superintendent Assurances makes up a report in ASSIST which captures evidence of Kentucky superintendents and boards of education conducting critical conversations in open board meetings on topics that affect student achievement. Furthermore, Superintendent McCane reviewed and discussed the three critical components with board members.

Three Critical Components:

1. Delivery Targets - Student Proficiency, College/Career Readiness, Graduation Rate, Achievement Gaps and implementation of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System in 2015-2016.

2. Resource/Support Systems - Effectiveness and efficiency of district operations including whether the superintendent has established a balanced operating budget for school programs and activities.

3. Facilities/Support Systems - Discuss whether the district has shown improvement on TELL KY Survey questions related to facilities and resources.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Steve Roberson, CPA with Kelley, Galloway & Company, PSC presented the annual financial audit for the district. The Independent Auditor's Report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Augusta Independent School District.

No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with government auditing standards. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Augusta Independent School district were disclosed during the audit and no significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs were reported.

District Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported on the General Fund gaps in receipts from last year to this year have closed considerably in October. Receipts through October were \$473,854, which is only \$1,500 less than at this time last year. Utility taxes had been the primary reason for the lag in receipts, and have caught up this month, having received \$25,435 year-to-date and now only down approximately \$300 from last year. Tuition payments are down \$1,700 from last year. SEEK has produced approximately \$4,500 more to-date, while miscellaneous revenue is up approximately \$1,000. Expenditures through October were approximately \$449,000, which is down about \$9,200 from last year. Receipts exceeded expenditures by nearly \$25,000 through October. The school budget has expended \$7,400 through October, with only \$300 being spent in October and another \$2,600 in obligated purchase orders. 31.5% of the budget has been used, which is on track for funds to sustain them through the fiscal year. About \$22,000 in the school budget remains. Maintenance costs expenses through October total approximately \$78,500. \$8,100 was spent in October, with another \$2,400 outstanding in purchase orders. 34% of the maintenance budget has been utilized. Through the end of October, transportation costs are at \$29,250, with 28% of the transportation budget being utilized. \$4,700 has been expended on fuel year-to-date, with just over \$1,000 being spent on repairs and parts.

The Special Revenue Funds indicates all projects are on target with regards to the budget. Not yet reflected in this month's budget, is an increase in the Rural and Low Income School grant, which will increase be approximately \$2,000 from what we have budgeted. The Title II Teacher quality amount is also expected to increase about \$900 over what is currently budgeted. Food service income through October was \$47,832, which after trailing considerably the last couple months is now only lagging about \$900 from last year. Local revenues (receipts collected from student/adult meals) is up \$2,500 from last year. Expenditures sit at \$50,150 year-to-date, which is about \$550 less than this period last year. Food service currently has a reported negative balance, which should be correct by next month once the correction for the food service penalty being lifted is applied.

Order #14-180 - Motion Passed: Approve Audit Report 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

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for September, indicates a reduction in energy consumption of 36,139 kBTU (18.6%), which created a savings in energy cost of \$496.

Through September-YTD, the district has reduced our total energy consumption by 101,274 kBTU (15.6%), which has created a total savings in energy cost of over \$2214, as compared to the 3-year (FY2010-FY2012) baseline averages. Year-to-Date, the district has used 20,634 fewer kilowatt-hours and 300 CCF less of natural gas.

According to Terry Anderson, District Energy Manager, KU and LGE have notified the PSC they will be filing a rate increase application on or after November 26. The proposed overall increase will be as follows: LGE: electric - 2.7%, gas - 4.2% and KU: electric - 9.6 %. The request will be suspended for five months and go through a lengthy process at the PSC.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Garland Company coated part of roof to repair leaks
- Fizer boiler repair and inspection
- Repaired new ice machine
- Repaired freezer in kitchen
- Installed television to monitor security cameras in principal's office
- Insurance denied smoke stack claim

Superintendent, Lisa McCane indicated the insurance claim for the chimney was denied because it was determined to be years of wear and tear rather than lightening damage. She stated the structural engineer indicated the chimney was not in immediate danger of collapsing or presenting a danger but should be addressed in the future. Superintendent McCane stated an estimate for removing the chimney was \$43,000 and recommended the board move forward with planning the next construction project and address the chimney at that time. The District Facilities Plan will be utilized for planning the project with a projected start time being the summer of 2015.

Order #14-181 - 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

III.*. Approve Finance Officer Job Class to Classified Employee

Rationale:

Mr. Litteral's position as Finance Officer Job class requires either superintendent certification or a bachelor's or advanced degree in Business. Mr. Litteral is able to serve in this capacity as a classified employee.

Order #14-182 - Motion Passed: Approve Finance Officer Job Class to Classified Employee. 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

III.*. Approve SPGES State Developed System

Rationale:

Superintendent's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Evaluation Instrument (Boards of Education must select and notify KDE by December 31st, 2014).

Information can be found at: KDE website, SPGES Homepage, Local District Board Resources

Order #14-183 - Motion Passed: Approve SPGES State Developed System passed with a motion by Mrs. Dionne Laycock and a second by Gene Groves.

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

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent McCane informed board members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council's community service initiative was underway to raise awareness and funds for Wounded Warriors. Superintendent McCane stated she and Principal Kelsch conducted customer service training with all classified staff and the Augusta Independent Education Foundation, Inc. 501 (c) 3 was receiving professional guidance on completing the application.

Board members learned the Growth Factor Projection for the 2015-2016 school year declined partially because of losing a large senior class and several students' moving out of the district. Superintendent McCane said the district has lost approximately 10 students compared to the same time last year and the need for the district to monitor enrollment closely.

October Attendance Percentage: 95.49% and Enrollment: K-12 is 279 and P-12 is 293.

IV.*. Citizens

IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #14-184 - 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	Yes
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins	Yes
Mrs. Dionne Laycock	Yes
Mrs. Chasity Saunders	Yes

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

V.*. Approve Donations

V.*. Approve Fundraisers

V.*. Approve Use of Building

Order #14-185 - Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Gene Groves and a second by Mrs. Dionne Laycock.
Mrs. Laura Bach No
Gene Groves No
Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins No
Mrs. Dionne Laycock No
Mrs. Chasity Saunders No

V.*. Approve Surplus Items

Rationale:
5 computers; 10583, 10665, 10244, 10587, 10581

V.*. Approve Bills

V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Personnel

Rationale:

Certified Substitute Hire
Casandra Tanner
Jarell Jones

VII. Adjournment

Rationale:

Orange and Black Night Nov. 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Ohio Valley Wrestling Nov. 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 26th-28th

Board Meeting Dec. 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Order #14-186 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent