

Augusta Independent Board of Education

April 09, 2015 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:

Congratulations to FCCLA and Mrs. McClanahan 2nd Place: Raised \$850 for Leukemia Research!

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 #15-214 - 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 on your Achievements!

Elementary Academic Team: Reagan Jett (5th place Art and Humanities), John Paul Cordle (1st place Social Studies), Zoey Tharp (5th place Math)

Middle School Academic Team: Nadia Cline, Emily Curtis, Chelsea Shields, Seth Fouts, Azalea Crull, Rebekah Lytle. (Sportsmanship Award).

High School Academic Team: Clacie England (2nd place Language Arts), Max Hargett (2nd place Art and Humanities), and Danielle Shackelford (3rd place Language Arts)

Varsity Girls' Basketball Team: Hannah Arthur, Isabelle Arthur, Kaylee Barrett, Madeline Darnell Dana Garrett, Kylee Harper, Felicia Hay, Jerica Kelsch, Madison Kelsch, Samantha Kennard, Paige McCord, Olivia Rolph, Alexis Shields, Kathlyn Stanton, Breanna Wilson (District Runner-Up)

II.*. *BREAK

III. Round Table Discussion

III.*. Principal's Report/Student Achievement

Rationale:

Principal, Robin Kelsch reported the senior trip to New York City was a success. He informed the board members of the upcoming spring testing schedules and stated preliminary ACT results indicated the highest overall composite in school history.

III.*. Budget

Rationale:

Finance Officer, Tim Litteral reported revenue receipts through March total nearly \$1,370,000. Over \$203,000 has been collected in general property taxes. He stated the district is making healthy progress in collecting PSC taxes this month, now having received \$20,700 YTD, which is about \$3,000 more from this time last year. Motor vehicle taxes have generated over \$18,000 year-to-date. Utility taxes have generated \$92,000. Tuition payments are nearly equal to this time last year, having collected \$13,350. SEEK revenue is approximately \$1,292,000. Expenditures through March were approximately \$1,225,000, which is \$108,000 less than last year. Receipts exceeded expenditures by approximately \$145,000 through March.

Furthermore, Mr. Litteral reported the school budget has expended \$17,300 through March. There were \$1,600 in expenses for the month, and another \$50 obligated. 54% of the budget has been used, with \$14,700 remaining in the school budget. Maintenance expenses through March were \$208,000, which includes the \$48,800 spent on playground replacement and installation, even though nearly all of that was reimbursed by the district's insurance company and community donations. He reported \$87,000 has been spent on utilities and insurance. \$8,100 has been expended on general maintenance and custodial supplies, with \$520 obligated. Nearly \$55,000 of the expense costs are for salaries and benefits. 69% of the maintenance budget has been utilized, not taking into account the playground expenses. Through the end of March, transportation costs are at \$59,000, with 61% of the transportation budget being utilized. Nearly \$36,000 has been spent on salaries and benefits. \$10,000 has been expended on fuel year-to-date, with \$6,600 being spent on repairs, parts, and bus maintenance and nearly \$1,000 obligated.

The special revenue fund is currently well under-budget in the first year of the Read to Achieve grant. The Neediest Kids of All grant operated out of FRYSC has about \$400 remaining for welfare items for students. All other grants are on target in regards to the budget.

The food service income through March was \$145,600. This year's receipts currently exceed 2014 by \$7,000. Federal reimbursements from the NSLP are currently \$6,000 more than last year. Expenditures sit at \$126,000 year-to-date, which is \$6,000 less than through this period last year. The current food service balance is \$19,700.

III.*. Approve Wireless Internet Network Upgrade

Rationale:

Vendor: Aruba
Total Cost: \$32,726
E-Rate Coverage: \$25,676
Technology Funds: \$3,300
District General Fund: \$3,300

The upgrade will include common areas such as the gym, cafeteria, and fitness center for guest Wi-Fi.

Order #15-215 - Motion Passed: Approve Wireless Internet Network Upgrade 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

III.*. Facilities Update

Rationale:

The Energy Management Report for the February billing period indicated the district had an increase in total energy consumption of 42,343 kBTU (10.8%), which created an additional energy cost of \$1,329. Through February-YTD, the district used 16,316 (\$1,468) fewer kilowatt-hours (kWhs), but 987 (\$938) more CCF (hundreds of cubic feet) of natural gas, as compared to the 3-year (FY2010-FY2012) baseline averages. Therefore, YTD, the district has saved approximately \$530 (\$1,468-\$938) in total energy dollars due to a reduction in electricity consumption.

As indicated by the Augusta weather data shows, this past February was 15% colder than last February, and the average daily temperature at 22 degrees and was colder than it had been in the last fifteen years.

Monthly Maintenance:

- Playground completed
- Gracie Hurst memorial plaque
- Outside light repaired on boiler room to improve playground lighting
- Camera installed on principal's closed circuit television
- Replaced batteries in servers in server room
- Installed batting cage for baseball and softball teams
- Repaired thermostat in band room
- Collaborated with the architect on specifications for the renovation project

III.*. Approve Tuition Policy 2015-2016

Rationale:

The following criteria has been added to the 2015-2016 Tuition Policy: "It is understood that a non-resident student must maintain good financial standing with the district and all outstanding balances must be paid in full within 30 days.

Order #15-216 - Motion Passed: Approve Tuition Policy 2015-2016 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

III.*. Approve 2014-2015 Amended Calendar

Rationale:

The last day of school is May 29th for a total of 172 instructional days
Minimum hours required is 1,062 and will have 1,117 hours.
Spring break is scheduled for April 13th-17th.
Make-up days are May 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29
Missed 9 days (8 weather days and 1 funeral service)

Order #15-217 - Motion Passed: Approve the 2014-2015 Amended Calendar 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

IV. Communications

IV.*. Superintendent's Report

Rationale:

Superintendent, Lisa McCane stated the 2015-2016 tentative budget is being developed and the mandatory 2% raises for faculty and staff will be factored into the new budget. She stated the new budget would be presented during the May board meeting. Ms. McCane informed board members she, the principal and assistant principal would discontinue the business rate cell phone plan after June 30th. She explained the district will be losing E-Rate benefits and did not want the district to incur additional expenses.

Ms. McCane informed board members the district hosted the state-wide Technology Education webcast for the monthly meeting and stated the meeting highlighted the district's technology initiatives.

In addition, board members learned the Community Eligibility Provision looks favorable starting for the upcoming school year and is a four-year commitment. The program would provide free lunch for all students. She indicated the district exceeds the 40% minimum for students on the Direct Certification list at approximately 47%. The NSLP will reimburse the district at 70% when the district is at the 50% threshold and should be able to break even. However, she did inform the board there is always the possibility the board could have to fund the difference from the general fund but did not see that likely.

Ms. McCane reported attending several meetings and collaboration with the Mason County Area Technical Center to develop an action plan to ensure the center is viable for the future. She indicated the center's enrollment and career readiness results were down last year. A committee has put forth effort to assist them with improvement strategies but without improvement within the next couple of years, the center could close.

Ms. McCane provided each board member the KSBA record of board member in-service training report and discussed options for completing mandated training in ethics, finance, and superintendent evaluation. Board members agreed to attend the Fall Regional KSBA Conference and opted to have the superintendent evaluation training conducted in the district during the summer.

March Attendance was 93.95% and enrollment P-12 was 294 and K-12 was 277.

IV.*. Citizens
IV.*. Board Members

V. Business and Consent

Order #15-218 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Business and Consent items as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Jacqueline Hopkins 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

V.*. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
V.*. Approve Non-Public Transportation Contract 2015-2016
V.*. Approve Community Education Continuation Grant Assurances 2015-2016

Rationale:

The Community Education Grant is \$20,000 and requires the district to provide a 25% cash match to be applied to the director's salary. This is no change from the past grants.

V.*. Approve District Technology Plan 2015-2016
V.*. Approve Technology Surplus Items

Rationale:

Recycle/surplus the following desktop computers, which have reached end-of-life.

10604
10668
10553
10421
10499
10309

V.*. Approve Bills
V.*. Approve Treasurer's Report

VI. Personnel

Rationale:

Resignation:

Rebecca Arnold- Lady Panthers Head Coach (Coach Arnold will remain in the positions of P.E. teacher and athletic director)

VII. Adjournment

Rationale:

Sports/Club Pictures: April 10th
Spring Break: April 13th-17th - Board Office Hours: Closed M, T, F Open W, TH 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
State-Wide Technology Meeting Hosted by A.I.S.D.: April 20th at 10:00 a.m.
End of Course Test English 10: April 28th
End of Course Test US History: April 30th

Prom: May 2nd
End of Course Biology: May 5th
End of Course Algebra II: May 6th
K-PREP Testing: May 11th-15th
Next Board Meeting: May 9th at 6:00 p.m.
Spring Concert: May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Order #15-219 - Motion Passed: Approve to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Chasity Saunders 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

Laura Bach, Chairperson

Lisa McCane, Superintendent