## A Commitment to Augusta and Augusta Independent School

The Augusta Board of Education has demonstrated a commitment to educational leadership, community responsibility, and child advocacy. Today, members of the Augusta Board of Education are committed to maintaining and building on these ideals as Augusta Independent School continues to work for the success of our students and our community.

What are the board's responsibilities?

The overall responsibility is to oversee the development, operation, and improvement of Augusta Independent Schools. Specifically, the board's responsibilities include:

- Approving high-quality instructional programs Reviewing student progress
- Reviewing the educational program
- Appointing the superintendent
- Approving the annual operating budget
- Approving purchases and contracts
- Accepting contracts for new construction, renovations, and building additions
- Ensuring practices and policies are in agreement with the Kentucky Revised Statutes
- Establishing tax rates
- Performing all duties prescribed by the Kentucky Revised Statues

Board members may not act independently on official matters. They may act only as a group on board-related decisions. Board members do not hire or terminate building level employees. The superintendent is responsible for hiring and termination.

## Mission Statement

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.

What are the board's goals?

The board has established several goals for the entire school system:

- 1. All students will receive instruction from a curriculum that has been aligned with Kentucky Standards, Core Content and the Program of Studies.
- 2. Student Assessments will be high level and will be aligned to mirror the types of questions used on the Kentucky Core Content Assessment which incorporates Kentucky Standards, open response questions, national

tests such as the CTB and the ACT, PLAN and EXPLORE TESTS.

- 3. The school will continue to implement a writing program that enables students to produce portfolios at a proficient level.
- 4. The student attendance rate will be 95%.
- 5. Disciplinary referrals will be reduced by twenty percent from the previous year.
- 6. A Public Relations Program will continue to inform parents, staff members, students and community members of the fine educational

opportunities available in the Augusta Independent School District.

Who is my board member?

Augusta's school board members are elected at-large and represent the city of Augusta as a whole. Board members are not divided by precinct.

How do I contact a board member?

You may call the board office at 756-2545 for up-to-date contact information.

When and where does the board meet?

Generally, the board holds regular business meetings at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the school library.

What is the meeting format?

Generally, meetings are structured like this:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Student Recognition
- 4. Discussion Items
- 5. Communication
- 6. Business and Consent Items
- 7. Personnel (Announcements of Hirings, Resignations, etc.)
- 8. Executive Session (when necessary)
- 9. Adjournment