

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Mr. Jeff Moore

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Jesslyn Sharkey, CCHS Student Board Member Representative

Kylie Batts, HHS Student Board Member Representative

Also present: Mr. Jack Lackey, Jr., School Board Attorney, Administrators, and Guests

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ACTION/ITEMS**

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**SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS, JESSLYN SHARKEY AND KYLIE BATTIS**

School Board Attorney, Jack Lackey, Jr. conducted the swearing-in ceremony for new Student Board Members, Jesslyn Sharkey and Kylie Batts. A copy of the Oath is attached to the Board minutes.

**KENTUCKY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK PROCLAMATION**

In honor of Kentucky Safe Schools Week, Student Board Member, Kylie Batts, read the Proclamation.

**RECOGNITIONS: CCPS “ALL IN” Student and Employees of the Month:**

- A) *Julian Weston* – Student of the Month, Millbrooke Elementary
- B) *Stephanie Allnutt* - Elementary Teacher of the Month, Crofton Elementary
- C) *Meagan Sallee* - Secondary Teacher of the Month, Christian County Middle

- D) *Christie Latta* - Classified Employee of the Month, Freedom Elementary
- E) *Tina Jarrett & Felicia Chapman* - Administrators of the Month, Inspire Early Learning Academy

A Special thank you to *Tom Bell State Farm Insurance*  
for being our “ALL IN” Sponsor for October 2023

- F) Kentucky High Attendance Day Winners for Christian County:

*Millbrooke Elementary*      95.44%

*Christian County Middle*      95.67%

*Hopkinsville High*      93.29%

### **CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Student Board Member, Jesslyn Sharkey, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The Invocation was given by Ms. Pepper, with the prayer by Mr. Moore, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Julian Weston, student at Millbrooke Elementary. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

### **#83 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Agenda as presented (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

### **COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM**

NONE

### **PRESENTATIONS: NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Mr. Tim Geegan, Alliance Corporation, was present to provide the Board with a Construction Update on the new Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

### **FINANCE UPDATE**

Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance, was present to provide the Board with a finance update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.) The intent of the update is to keep the Board informed with the financial status of Christian County Public Schools and to also update them if any new state or federal guidance has been received.

The Treasurer's Report shows all balances, receipts, and expenditures of each fund of the District. Mrs. Darnell discussed each fund in depth, reviewed any new state or federal guidance, and answered all questions from the Board.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Bell** provided an Equity Committee Update.

**Mr. Moore** provided a PBIS Committee Update.

**Mr. Clark** provided a Legislative Update.

### **#84 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON 2024-2025 CALENDAR COMMITTEE**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second Mr. Clark, to nominate Rebecca Pepper as the Board Member to Serve on the 2024-2025 Calendar Committee.

Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

### **#85 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BUS DRIVER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Bus Driver Incentive Program (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

### **#86 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF BID TO PURCHASE WEAPON DETECTION SYSTEMS FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HOPKINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Bid from CK2 Technologies, not to Exceed the Amount of \$499,140.00 and modify to change the Warranty from two years to four years for Weapon Detection Systems for Christian County Middle School and Hopkinsville Middle School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

**#87 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO PERFORMANCE COMMISSIONING AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,340.00 FOR COMMISSIONING SERVICES FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to Award Bid to Performance Commissioning Agency in the Amount of \$83,340.00 for Commissioning Services for the New Christian County High School Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#88 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL KETS 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFER OF ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,814.00 FOR THE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY FUNDING PROGRAM**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Approve the KETS 1<sup>st</sup> Offer of Assistance in the Amount of \$85,814.00 for the Education Technology Funding Program (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#89 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWO (2) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$382,241.31 TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Payment Application Number Two (2) in the Amount of \$382,241.31 to Alliance Corporation and Contractors for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#90 DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF TIFFANY MUMFORD BRAME AS A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Accept the Resignation of Tiffany Mumford Brame as a Member of the Christian County Board of Education.

Voting Yes: Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#91 DISCUSSION/ DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE DISTRICT 2 BOARD MEMBER POSITION, AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ADVERTISE AND POST A NOTICE OF THE VACANCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRS 160.190, BOARD POLICY 01.3, AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Declare the Vacancy in the District 2 Board Member Position, Authorizing the Superintendent to Advertise and Post a Notice of the Vacancy in Accordance with KRS 160.190, Board Policy 01.3, and other Applicable Law.

Voting Yes: Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#92 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to approve to the following Consent Agenda:

- A) Financial Matters:
  - 1. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports and Authorize Payment of Bills
  - 2. Other
- B) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held September 21, 2023; Special Board Meeting held September 27, 2023; and Special Board Meeting held October 5, 2023
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval for Hopkinsville High School Cheer to Begin a Booster Club
- F) Discussion/Approval Non-Resident Tuition for Out of State Employee's Children for 2024-2025
- G) Approval 2022-2024 Family Resource and Youth Service Centers School District Assurance Certificate
- H) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- I) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- J) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- K) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- L) Ratification of the Awarding and Execution of the Contracts with each Contractor for the Construction of the New Christian County High School

- M) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month One (1) Attendance
- N) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- O) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- P) Approval Christian County Public School's Lau Plan 2023-2024
- Q) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop on November 2, 2023 and Regular Board Meeting for November 16, 2023, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- R) Other

Voting Yes: Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#### **INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

**#93 CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION OF THE FOLLOWING: PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION KRS 61.810 (1) {C}; FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY- THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY CONSIDERED FOR ACQUISITION OR SALE- UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(B); PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT PURSUANT TO KRS 156.557(6)(C) AND KRS 61.810(1)(K).**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Moore, to enter into Closed session for the purpose of the discussion and deliberation of the following: Proposed or Pending Litigation KRS 61.810 (1) {c}; Future Acquisition or Sale of Real Property- the Public Discussion of which might affect the value of the Property Considered for Acquisition or Sale- under KRS 61.810(1)(b); Preliminary Discussions Relating to the Evaluation of the Superintendent Pursuant to KRS 156.557(6)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(k). (8:03 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Moore, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

**#94 EXIT CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to Exit Closed Session (9:03 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#95 ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to adjourn (9:03 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**APPROVED CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_