

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, December 21, 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

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Mr. Jeff Moore

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

- A) *Clevin Robinson* – Student of the Month, Pembroke Elementary
- B) *Darla Brewer* - Elementary Teacher of the Month, Virtual Learning Academy
- C) *Jeri Lynn Thomas* - Secondary Teacher of the Month, Hopkinsville High School
- D) *Josh Gydesen* - Classified Employee of the Month, Maintenance Department
- E) *Dana Gary* - Administrator of the Month, Principal, Pembroke Elementary

A Special thank you to *Christian County Sheriffs Posse*  
for being our “ALL IN” Sponsor for December 2023.

- F) *Anti-Vape Poster Contest Winners:*

Elementary School:

1st Place - Eliza McLaughlin, Indian Hills

2nd Place - Ava Scharf, Millbrooke

3rd Place - Ariel Johnson, Millbrooke

Middle School:

1st Place - Symphony Murray, Hopkinsville Middle

2nd Place - Erin Riley, Hopkinsville Middle

3rd Place - CNiyah Holman, Hopkinsville Middle

High School

1st Place - Sophia Wilson, Christian County High

2nd Place - Jasmine Beckwith, Christian County High

3rd Place - Amari Northington, Christian County High

G) *Tom Bell* – KSBA Board of Directors Regional Chairperson

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

Student Board Member, Kylie Batts, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The Invocation was given by Mr. Moore, with the prayer by Ms. Watkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Clevin Robinson, student at Pembroke Elementary. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**#133 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, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM**

NONE

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

Jason Wilson, District Technology Coordinator, 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.)

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY EQUITY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Dr. Kim Stevenson, Director of Student Services, was present to give the Board a Christian County Equity Committee Update (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. Moore** provided a PBIS Committee Update

**Mr. Clark** provided a Legislative Update

**Ms. Batts** provided a KYA and District Ambassador Update

#### **#134 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BID FOR FOUR (4) DISTRICT VEHICLES TO BE PURCHASED FROM GRANT FUNDING**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Advertise for Bid for Four (4) District Vehicles to be purchased from Grant Funding.

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

Voting No: NONE

#### **#135 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the School Board Meetings/Workshops for the 2024 Calendar Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: Mr. Clark

#### **#136 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER FOUR (4) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,835,080.76 TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Payment Application Number Four (4) in the Amount of \$2,835,080.76 to Alliance Corporation and Individual Contractors 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. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#137 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO CLOSE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Approve to Close Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#138 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO TRANSITION AND CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF HOPKINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM 434 KOFFMAN DRIVE TO 14405 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to Approve to Transition and Change the Address of Hopkinsville Middle School from 434 Koffman Drive to 14405 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Way (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#139 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO TRANSITION AND CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF INDIAN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM 313 BLANE DRIVE TO 434 KOFFMAN DRIVE**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Approve to Transition and Change the Address of Indian Hills Elementary School from 313 Blane Drive to 434 Koffman Drive (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#140 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO TRANSITION CROFTON, SINKING FORK, SOUTH CHRISTIAN, AND PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FROM GRADES PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 6 TO GRADES PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Transition Crofton, Sinking Fork, South Christian, and Pembroke Elementary Schools from Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 6 to Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#141 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO TRANSITION INDIAN HILLS, MILLBROOKE, AND FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FROM GRADES PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 6 TO GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Transition Indian Hills, Millbrooke, and Freedom Elementary Schools from Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 6 to Grades Kindergarten through 5 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#142 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO TRANSITION CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HOPKINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM GRADES 7 THROUGH 8 TO GRADES 6 THROUGH 8**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Transition Christian County Middle School and Hopkinsville Middle School from Grades 7 through 8 to Grades 6 through 8 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#143 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO RE-NAME THE OLD INDIAN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 313 BLANE DRIVE TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO HOUSE THE INSPIRE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY, PRESCHOOL CLASSES FOR INDIAN HILLS, MILLBROOKE, AND FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND DISTRICT EARLY LEARNING SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Re-name the Old Indian Hills Elementary School at 313 Blane Drive to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Early Learning Center to house the Inspire Early Learning Academy, Preschool Classes for Indian Hills, Millbrooke, and Freedom Elementary Schools, and District Early Learning Services (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#144 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO REALIGN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to Realign Elementary School Attendance Zones (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#145 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO REALIGN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to Realign Middle School and High School Attendance Zones (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#146 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#147 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, 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 Special Called Board Meeting held on November 13, 2023; Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 2023; Special Called Board Meeting held on December 5, 2023; Special Called Board Meeting held December 7, 2023; and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on December 7, 2023

C) Approval School Related Trip Requests

D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests

E) Approval of Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Card 2023-2024; Standards and Indicators; Improvement Plan

- F) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Three (3) Attendance
- G) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- H) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- I) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop on January 4, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting on January 18, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- J) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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

#### **#148 ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Moore, to adjourn (7:58 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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