

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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. for a Special Board Meeting at The PAC in Hopkinsville, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Aniyah Lewis, Student Board Member

Ms. Mollie Goode, Student Board Member

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ACTION/ITEMS

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

- A) *Lila Chandler* – Student of the Month, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Learning Center
- B) *Patrice Coomes-Collins* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Millbrooke
- C) *Ben Smith* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Gateway Academy
- D) *Laurie Jimoh* - Classified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville High
- E) *Dr. Kadi Ralston* - Administrator of the Month, Secondary Instructional Supervisor

A special thank you to *Hopkinsville Electric System*
for being our “ALL IN” Sponsor for April 2025

- F) *Christian County High School Bowling Team*
- G) *Leadership CCPS*

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Student Board Member, Aniyah Lewis, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation and prayer was led by Ms. Pepper and Mr. Bell with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by Lila Chandler student at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Learning Center. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

#187 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: SENIOR STUDENT SUPERINTENDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT AND AWARDS

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Dr. Kadi Ralston, Secondary Instructional Supervisor, were present to highlight and give awards to the senior student members of the Student Superintendent Advisory Council.

NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kevin Hitchel, 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.)

NURSES REPORT, 3rd NINE WEEKS

Megan Kidd, District Health Director, provided the 3rd nine weeks' nurses' report for the Board noting that 16,429 students had visited the nurses in the schools during the 3rd nine weeks of the 2024-25 school year (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

Jessica Addison, Assistant Superintendent, was present to provide the board with an Instructional 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. Clark provided a Legislative Update.

Mr. Watkins provided a Code of Acceptable Behavior Committee Update.

Ms. Goode provided a HHS Student Advisory Update.

Ms. Lewis provided a CCHS Student Advisory Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#188 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY EIGHT (68) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Sixty Eight (68) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#189 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY NINE (69) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Sixty Nine (69) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#190 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SEVENTY (70) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Seventy (70) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#191 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWENTY (20) 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 Twenty (20) 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, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#192 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO HAFER ARCHITECTS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Invoice to Hafer Architects 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#193 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve to Advertise Request for Proposals for Banking Services (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#194 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the School Resource Officer Job Description (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#195 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Christian County Public Schools Police Department Policy Manual (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#196 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Jurisdictional Agreement between Christian County Board of Education and the Christian County Sheriff's Office (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#197 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BID THE 2025-2026 STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve to Advertise for Bid the 2025-2026 Student Accident Insurance.

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

Voting No: NONE

#198 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A GREENHOUSE FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT.

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Advertise Request for Proposals for a Greenhouse for the New Christian County High School Project.

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

Voting No: NONE

#199 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CULINARY KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to Advertise Request for Proposals for Culinary Kitchen Equipment for the New Christian County High School.

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

Voting No: NONE

#200 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2025-2026 DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the 2025-2026 District Technology Plan (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#201 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, 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 on March 20, 2025
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval Renewal of Subscription Agreement with InfoHandler.com
- F) Approval 2025-2026 Christian County Public Schools Lau Plan
- G) Approval 2025-2026 Inspire Early Learning Academy Handbook
- H) Approval Marzano Resources Purchase Agreement
- I) Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar Revision Number Two (2)
- J) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- K) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- L) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- M) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- N) Approval Shortened School Week Request

- O) Approval Amendment to Christian County Public Schools Evaluation Plan
- P) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Seven (7) Attendance
- Q) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- R) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- S) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for May 1, 2025 and Regular Board Meeting for May 15, 2025, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- T) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Goode, Ms. Lewis, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#202 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (8:16 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____