

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met at the Board of Education Central Office on Glass Avenue on Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Linda Keller, Chairperson

Mr. Tom Bell, Vice-Chair

Ms. Susan Hayes

Mr. Lindsey Clark

Mr. Jeff Moore

Ms. Mary Ann Gemmill, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

A) April High Attendance Staff Award Elementary Division -
South Christian Elementary School

April High Attendance Staff Award Middle/High School
Division – Hopkinsville Middle School

April High Attendance Student Award Elementary Division –
Millbrooke Elementary School

April High Attendance Student Award Middle/High School
Division – Hopkinsville Middle School

- B) Bryce Robinson – Perfect Score of 36 on ACT
- C) Student of the Month: JoAnn Weaver, 8th Grade, Hopkinsville Middle School

**INVOCATION
PLEDGE
CALL TO ORDER**

The Invocation was given by Ms. Hayes, with the prayer by Mr. Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Keller called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

**#263 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Agenda with the addition of the addendum:

- 13. *Closed session to discuss proposed litigation regarding the affidavit and petition protesting the “Nickel tax” levy (5.5 cents per \$100 evaluation) approved on February 21, 2019. KRS 61.810 (1)(c).*
- 14. *Discussion/Approval of Reconsideration/Rescission of the “Nickel tax” levy (5.5 cents per \$100 evaluation) approved on February 21, 2019.*
- 15. *Discussion/Approval of the filing of a complaint/petition in the Christian Circuit Court to challenge and/or determine the sufficiency and validity of the affidavit and petition protesting the “Nickel tax” levy (5.5 cents per \$100 evaluation) approved on February 21, 2019.*
- 16. *Discussion/Approval of placing the “Nickel tax” levy (5.5 cents per \$100 evaluation) approved on February 21, 2019 on a ballot in a special called election or the general election scheduled in November of 2019 if such an election is necessary.*
- 17. *Consent Agenda*

(a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting yes: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Moore,
Mr. Clark, Ms. Keller

Voting no: NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS/
VISITORS AND
OPEN FORUM**

Janet Godsey
707 Pat Ave
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
In re: Open Records Request – Nickel Tax

Dan Damron
1228 Bark Ridge Circle
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
In re: Nickel Tax

Dr. John Gunn
Principal, Hopkinsville High School
In re: Nickel Tax

Chris Bentzel
Principal, Christian County High School
5006 Nottingham Lane
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
In re: Nickel Tax

Zaria Sharber
515 N. Elm St.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
In re: Nickel Tax

Taylor Butler-Gilmore
111 Woodbine St.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
In re: Nickel Tax

PRESENTATIONS:

**GATEWAY ACADEMY/BREATHITT CENTER
RENOVATIONS/ADDITIONS**

Andrew Owens with Sherman, Carter, Barnhart Architects was present to provide an update on Gateway Academy/Breathitt Center Renovations and Additions. Mr. Owens updated the board on the work completed and what work is in progress and stated that the project is on schedule. Mr. Owens stated the construction is due to conclude on July 1, 2019 and the district may take possession of the building. He stated within 30 days of that date, all punch list items will be completed as well.

**ARCHERY PROGRAM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

David Sparks, KY NASP Region 2 Coordinator, was present to give the board an update on the implementation of an Archery Program at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School. He also presented Ms. Carrie Caples, Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr Elementary with a \$3200.00 scholarship to begin the program on behalf of West Kentucky Archery Alumni Association.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN UPDATE

Tracy Pelletier, District Technology Coordinator, along with Jason Wilson, incoming District Technology Coordinator were present to give the board a PowerPoint Technology Plan Update (a copy of which is attached).

Ms. Pelletier began the presentation by welcoming Jason Wilson who will be taking over her position July 1, 2019. She states she has been working with Mr. Wilson over the past couple of months training him. She also outlined all accomplishments from the previous technology plan in the 2018-2019 school year. She stated the Technology Exchange will be held in the summer of 2019 for professional development

hours. They have already sold over 200 tickets after opening sales this week.

Mr. Wilson ended the presentation by outlining the new District Technology Plan for the 2019-2020 school year which includes many major activities slated for implementation and how these activities will advance curriculum and instruction integration, student technology literacy, professional development and technology infrastructure.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS OVERVIEW

Susie Hartline, Director of Strategic Planning, Federal Programs, and Grant Development was present to give the board a PowerPoint update of the English Language Learners Program (a copy of which is attached).

Ms. Hartline gave a brief overview of the English Language Learner Program and what the program goals are.

Ms. Hartline covered student performance, resources provided and the different languages in the district.

Also on hand for the presentation was Ms. Vicki Barnes, ELL Teacher as well as previous ELL student, Jeffry Macario, who explained to the Board the importance of the ELL program and what type of impact it had on his academic career in Christian County Public Schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE: DIAGNOSTIC REVIEW TURNAROUND PLAN

Mary Ann Gemmill, Superintendent; Amy Wilcox, Chief Instructional Officer; Laura Morris, Chief Administrative Officer; Brad Hawkins, Chief Operations Officer; Susie Hartline, Director of Strategic Planning, Federal Programs, and Grant Development; Brooke Stinson, Principal, Freedom Elementary School and Carrie Caples, Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School were all present to give the

board a PowerPoint Diagnostic Review Turnaround Plan Update (a copy of which is attached).

Ms. Gemmill began the presentation by stating they are going to give a more in depth overview of the results of the Diagnostic Review completed by KDE at Freedom and Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary Schools. Ms. Gemmill mentioned as previously stated that the KDE team was very complementary of the leadership of both principals in their respective buildings as well as the leadership team at the district level and that all have the capacity to lead the turnaround and improvement efforts at both schools.

Amy Wilcox, Chief Instructional Officer; Brad Hawkins, Chief Operations Officer and Susie Hartline, Director of Strategic Planning, Federal Programs, and Grant Development shared District Improvement Priorities and action plans for improvement.

Both Ms. Brooke Stinson, Principal, Freedom Elementary School and Ms. Carrie Caples, Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School shared each of their school improvement priorities and their action plan for improvements in each area.

CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

Ms. Mary Ann Gemmill, Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint of her Capstone presentation (a copy of which is attached.) The presentation included all seven standards and indicators the board requested she rate herself in. Ms. Gemmill also provided evidence for each standard outlined. She also thanked her staff by stating all the work done would not be possible without them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Clark

Mr. Clark stated he spoke to a State Representative as well as a State Senator this week. The State Representative informed Mr. Clark that interim committees will be meeting in June to begin discussing the upcoming budget. The State Senator informed Mr. Clark that everyone is waiting for a special session to be called to discuss the pension system, but those discussions do not include the KTRS pension. Mr. Clark stated he will attempt to reach out to our Federal Representatives and will hopefully have an update from them at the next board meeting.

Mr. Bell

Mr. Bell stated he is continuing his book study “Building a Vibrant Community”. He stated many things the book discusses, we are already doing. Mr. Bell stated the book speaks about skills young people need including: empathy, humbleness, having the ability to carry conversations in person and how can we integrate that into our curriculum. Mr. Bell states they will meet again in two weeks to discuss the importance of youth in the community.

Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore stated they met this morning for PBIS. He stated two schools have shown great gains this year – HHS and MLK, Jr. The goal for the summer is to have all schools begin the 19-20 school year on Tier 2.

#264 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Following a PowerPoint presentation, motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Tentative Budget for 2019-2020 School Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Ms. Hayes, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell,
Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**#265 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
REVISED
BG-1 FOR
HOPKINSVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL
POOL AIR
HANDLER
REPAIR**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Revised BG-1 for Hopkinsville High School Pool Air Handler Repair (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore,
Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**#266 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
AND
MECHANICAL
CONSULTANTS,
INC. FOR
HOPKINSVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL
POOL AIR
HANDLER
REPAIR**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Agreement Between Christian County Board of Education and Mechanical Consultants, Inc. for Hopkinsville High School Pool Air Handler Repair (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Moore,
Mr. Bell, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

- #267 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT NUMBER FOUR FROM A&K CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,786.04 FOR GATEWAY ACADEMY/ BREATHITT CENTER RENOVATIONS/ ADDITIONS**
- Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Bell, to approve the Application and Certification of Payment Number Four (4) from A&K Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$187,786.04 for Gateway Academy/Breathitt Center Renovations/ Additions (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Ms. Hayes, Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark,
Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller
- Voting No: NONE
- #268 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR DIRECT PURCHASE PAYMENT NUMBER FOUR (4) FROM A&K CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,902.59 FOR GATEWAY ACADEMY/ BREATHITT CENTER RENOVATIONS/ ADDITIONS**
- Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Application and Certification for Direct Purchase Payment Number Four (4) from A&K Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$95,902.59 for Gateway Academy/Breathitt Center Renovations/Additions (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Bell,
Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller
- Voting No: NONE

**#269 DISCUSSION
APPROVAL
PAY REQUEST
NUMBER SIX
(6) FROM
SHERMAN
CARTER
BARNHART
ARCHITECTS
IN THE
AMOUNT OF
\$18,750.99
FOR GATEWAY
ACADEMY/
BREATHITT
CENTER
RENOVATIONS/
ADDITIONS**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve Pay Request Number Six (6) from Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects in the Amount of \$18,750.99 for Gateway Academy/Breathitt Center Renovations/Additions (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Bell,
Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**#270 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
FURNITURE
BIDS FOR
GATEWAY
ACADEMY/
BREATHITT
CENTER
RENOVATIONS/
ADDITIONS**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Furniture Bid for Gateway Academy/Breathitt Center Renovations/Additions (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller

Voting No: Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark

**#271 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
2019-2020
STUDENT
INSURANCE**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Bid from K&K Insurance Plan 4.5 through Roberts Insurance Plan for the 2019-2020 Student Insurance (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Bell,
Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**#272 CLOSED SESSION
TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED
LITIGATION
REGARDING THE
AFFIDAVIT AND
PETITION
PROTESTING
THE “NICKEL
TAX” LEVY (5.5
CENTS PER \$100
EVALUATION)
APPROVED ON
FEBRUARY 21, 2019
KRS 61.810 (1)(C)**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Hayes, to enter into closed session to Discuss Proposed Litigation Regarding the Affidavit and Petition Protesting the “Nickel Tax” Levy (5.5 Cents per \$100 Evaluation) Approved on February 21, 2019 KRS 61.810 (1) (c). at 8:05 p.m.

Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Moore,
Mr. Clark, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**#273 EXIT
CLOSED
SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to Exit Closed Session at 9:03 p.m.

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Moore,
Mr. Bell, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**#274 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL OF
RECONSIDERATION/
RESCISSION OF
THE “NICKEL
TAX” LEVY (5.5
CENTS PER \$100
EVALUATION)
APPROVED ON
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

Motion Died for Lack of Motion.

**#275 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL OF
THE FILING
OF A COMPLAINT/
PETITION IN THE
CHRISTIAN
CIRCUIT
COURT TO
CHALLENGE
AND/OR
DETERMINE
THE SUFFICIENCY
AND VALIDITY OF
THE AFFIDAVIT
AND PETITION
PROTESTING
THE “NICKEL
TAX” LEVY
(5.5 CENTS PER
\$100 EVALUATION)
APPROVED ON
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

Motion Died for Lack of Motion.

**#276 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL OF
PLACING THE
“NICKEL TAX”
LEVY (5.5 CENTS
PER \$100
EVALUATION)
APPROVED
FEBRUARY 21, 2019
ON A BALLOT IN A
SPECIAL CALLED
ELECTION OR THE
GENERAL ELECTION
SCHEDULED IN
NOVEMBER OF 2019
IF SUCH AN ELECTION
IS NECESSARY**

After much Discussion by the Board, motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve placing the “Nickel Tax” Levy (5.5 Cents per \$100 Evaluation) on the General Election Ballot in the November 2019 Election.

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

Voting No: Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller

**#277 CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

(All exhibits are attached to the minutes)

- A) Financial Matters:
 - 1. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports and Authorize Payment of Bills
 - 2. Other
- B) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on April 16, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2019
- C) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Ft. Campbell on May 10, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- D) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Lexington, KY on June 10-13, 2019
- E) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Hardinsburg, KY on June 17-21, 2019
- F) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Nashville, TN on May 3, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- G) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Southern Lanes Bowling on April 26, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- H) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Santa Claus, IN on May 17, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- I) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Santa Claus, IN on May 16, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- J) Approval School Related Trip Request by Gateway Academy to Santa Claus, IN on May 9, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- K) Approval School Related Trip Request by Hopkinsville High School to San Antonio, TX on June 28 – July 3, 2019
- L) Approval School Related Trip Request by Hopkinsville High School to Lexington, KY on June 11-13, 2019
- M) Approval School Related Trip Request by Hopkinsville Middle School to Southern Lanes Bowling Alley on May 16, 2019

- N) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Band, Silent Auction, July 2019 – June 2020**
- O) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Athletics, B/G BKB Boosters, May 27, 2019**
- P) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Band, Legends at Nissan Stadium, July 2019-June 2020**
- Q) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Band, Legends at Nissan Stadium, May 2019 – June 2019**
- R) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Band, “Band” Together Sponsor Colonel, July 2019 – June 2020**
- S) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Band, “Band” Together Sponsor Colonel, May – June 2019**
- T) Approval School Related Fund Raiser by Christian County High School, Rotary, March – April 2019 (Emergency Approval)**
- U) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary “Jail”, March – April 2019**
- V) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary Activities, July 2019 – June 2020**
- W) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary Pie in the Face, July 2019 – May 2020**
- X) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary “Jail”, July 2019 – May 2020**
- Y) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Academic Team, Box Lunches, July 2019 – May 2020**
- Z) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary Hat Day, June 2019 – May 2020**
- AA) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary Pajama Day, July 2019 – May 2020**
- BB) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Rotary Lunch Outside, July 2019 – May 2020**
- CC) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Academic Team, Trivia Night, July 2019 – May 2020**
- DD) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Academic Team, Car Wash, July 2019 – May 2020**

- EE) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Colonel Camp, July 2019 – June 2020**
- FF) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, BBK Tourney, July 2019 – June 2020**
- GG) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, BBK, Car Wash, July 2019 – June 2020**
- HH) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Freedom Elementary School, Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, August 2019**
- II) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Freedom Elementary School, Fall Festival, October 2019**
- JJ) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Freedom Elementary School, Mum Sales, September 2019**
- KK) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School, HCC Indoor Percussion Booster, Kettle Korn, August – September 2019**
- LL) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School, HCC Indoor Percussion Booster, Paint Party, August – September 2019**
- MM) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School, HCC Indoor Percussion Booster, Summer Salute, August 23-24, 2019**
- NN) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School, HCC Indoor Percussion Booster, Pancake Party, July 27, 2019**
- OO) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School, HCC Indoor Percussion Booster, Kona Ice, June 21-22, 2019**
- PP) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, Volleyball, Candy Sales, July – October 2019**
- QQ) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, Volleyball, Beef Stick Sales, July – October 2019**
- RR) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, Cheer, Century Resources, May 17 – June 10, 2019**

- SS) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville Middle School, Yearbook, World's Finest Chocolate, May 8-20, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- TT) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville Middle School, Yearbook, Country Meats, May 8-20, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- UU) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville Middle School, Football, Tiger Nation Decal, May 2-31, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- VV) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Pembroke Elementary School, Field Day T-Shirts, April – May 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- WW) Approval of Destruction of Special Education Records
- XX) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Nine (9) Attendance
- YY) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- ZZ) Establish Next Regular Meeting for June 20, 2019, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- AAA) Other

Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore,
Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

**INDIVIDUAL BOARD
MEMBER AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

MR. BELL

Mr. Bell said the ending is better than the beginning and we are at the end of another year school with graduation set for next Friday night. He is excited to see the graduates. He hopes since graduation falls on Memorial Day Weekend that we will have out of town guests and show Hopkinsville in the most positive light. Mr. Bell liked the tentative budget proposed tonight for the 19-20 school year as the STEP increase for employees will be reenacted. He also feels that going through the Diagnostic Review process with Freedom and Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary Schools may not feel good, but he believes it will make the District better. Mr. Bell stated he has been to a couple of field days and enjoyed watching the students have fun with their friends.

MS. HAYES

Ms. Hayes stated she is disappointed in the vote tonight. She hates to continue to expose everyone on the board and at the Central Office to more things written about them that are not true and unfounded by people who are not knowledgeable and have never even been to a board meeting before. She is not affected by any attacks, but does hope that the nickel tax is passed in November. She states if we don't do something about the condition of the schools and catch up with the surrounding counties and what they are offering, the children are going to suffer.

MR. CLARK

Mr. Clark stated it's an exciting time of year to see our graduates and their accomplishments. Mr. Clark appreciates the many years of service the retirees gave to the District. He states you never know what influence you have in a child's life whether it be a bus driver, cafeteria worker, teacher, etc. He thanked the staff at the Central Office for their hard work and pointed out that the budget out of the district office is 3%.

MR. MOORE

Mr. Moore expressed he has been on the board for one year now and he truly enjoys it. He thanked the retirees for all their time they had given in the school system. He believes the nickel tax is very hard for a school board and he doesn't understand why people would put false rumors out in the public. Mr. Moore expressed concern over the split vote and hopes the board can become united again. Mr. Moore states the board has a tough job, but the teachers and supporters of the board have a tough job as well. He said it's been an exciting first year and he is looking forward to a couple more.

MS. KELLER

Ms. Keller stated sometimes you have to spend money to make money. Ms. Keller addressed Mr. Moore's concern about being a divided board due to the split vote, but says she does not consider them divided as they still want the same outcome. She is concerned that money is tight across the entire county and many people want our schools to thrive because they know it will better our community. She agrees with the student who spoke earlier this evening – you come into the county and see you a brand new sportsplex, a brand new sheriff's department, a brand new municipal building, a brand new courthouse but our two high schools are lacking. Ms. Keller stated they will continue to strive forward as a united board. There are still tough decisions to be made, but she thanked the board members for standing up and having tough shoulders. Ms. Keller congratulated all student athletes for signing their scholarships the past several weeks. She hopes all teachers have a restful summer.

MS. GEMMILL

Ms. Gemmill thanked the board members as this is a tough matter. She stated "All things work together for the good of those that love the Lord and our children". She believes the board loves our children and that's what it is about. She hopes within time Christian County will have nice facilities for the students. She thanked the board, Mr. Lackey and everyone for the work they have done.

#278 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to Adjourn
(9:20 P.M.)

Voting yes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore,
Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller

Voting no: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____