

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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, October 17, 2019, 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Linda Keller, Chairperson

Mr. Tom Bell, Vice-Chair

Mr. Jeff Moore

Ms. Susan Hayes

Mr. Lindsey Clark

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) Sabrina Davis – Christian County Coalition Art Contest
- B) Anthony Darnall – KMEA 3rd District Teacher of the Year
- C) Sarah Akin – KY School Counselor Association President Elect
- D) Alliance for Healthier Generation Healthiest School Award:
Christian County Middle School

E) District High Attendance Day (9-17-19) Winners:

High School Division – Christian County High School

Middle School Division – Hopkinsville Middle School

Elementary School Division – Sinking Fork Elementary School

High School Large Division Regional Winner: Christian County High School

F) September High Attendance Staff Award Elementary Division - Millbrooke Elementary School

September High Attendance Staff Award Middle School Division – Hopkinsville Middle School

September High Attendance Staff Award High School Division – Christian County High School

September High Attendance Student Award Elementary Division – Millbrooke Elementary School

September High Attendance Student Award Middle School Division – Hopkinsville Middle School

September High Attendance Student Award High School Division – Hopkinsville High School

G) Student of the Month: William Benjamin, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary 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 6:25 P.M.

**#39 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, 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. Hayes, Mr. Moore,
Mr. Bell, Ms. Keller

Voting no: NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS/
VISITORS AND
OPEN FORUM**

NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

NURSES REPORT, 1st NINE WEEKS

Ms. Megan Kidd, Head Nurse, provided the 1st nine weeks' nurses' report for the Board noting that 16,954 students had visited the nurses in the schools the 1st nine weeks of the 2019-20 school year. (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

PBIS AWARDS

Mr. Brad Hawkins, Chief Operations Officer, and Kim Stevenson, Director of Alternative Programs, recognized the following schools for becoming PBIS schools of fidelity.

PBIS School of Fidelity - Bronze status:

Christian County Middle School
Christian County High School
Hopkinsville High School

PBIS School of Fidelity – Silver Status:

Crofton Elementary School
Freedom Elementary School
Hopkinsville Middle School

Millbrooke Elementary School
Pembroke Elementary School

PBIS School of Fidelity – Gold Status:

Indian Hills Elementary School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
Sinking Fork Elementary School
South Christian Elementary School

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE: PUBLIC REPORTING K-PREP

Tracey Leath, District Assessment Coordinator, presented a power point presentation and explanation of the 2018-2019 K-PREP test data (a copy of which is attached).

Ms. Leath stated we are still transitioning into a new accountability system, which is not expected to be fully operational until 2019-2020. The Department of Education returned to assigning overall scores based on testing data, which we have not had in several years. Also the Star Rating system is now in affect and directly corresponds with individual schools testing data.

Ms. Leath reviewed the system indicators for the 2018-2019 reporting year, which are: Proficiency, Separate Academic Indicator, Graduation Rate, Transition Readiness and Growth.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Tracey Leath, District Assessment Coordinator, presented a power point presentation and explanation of High School Graduation Requirements (a copy of which is attached).

Ms. Leath reviewed the minimum high school requirements required to graduate for Class of 2019 through Class of 2021.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING UPDATE

Jack Lackey, School Board Attorney, gave a Long-Range Planning Update in regards to the Nickel Tax Campaign.

He stated “It is easier to spew hate than it is to spread hope.” Mr. Lackey stated the opposition for the Nickel Tax has spread hate to Christian County Public School Employees for just simply doing their job. He also stated that the opposition has requested approximately 25 open records request in attempt to show mismanagement of funds or expose conduct that is not in line with Christian County Public Schools employee handbook. Mr. Lackey also stated he has spent most of the day preparing a brief to be filed with the Attorney General’s office tomorrow explaining why an employee’s personal emails were withheld from an open records request. He apologized to all employees and principals that have been intimidated and harassed.

Mr. Lackey also explained that many of the purchase orders that are under scrutiny by the opposition where fully funded by grant funds.

Mr. Lackey urged everyone to vote for the Nickel Tax on November 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Moore said there is a plan in place for PBIS and you can tell by the awards handed out tonight. There are four Gold schools this year and only one last year. The targets that were put in place at the beginning of the year, they are hoping to beat by the end of the year. Mr. Moore put some statistics out there that our grandparents reached maturity at age 15, now data shows that maturity is reached at age 28. Teachers are having to take time out of their learning environments to deal with discipline issues. Mr. Moore applauds Ms. Stevenson for the PBIS team she has put together and they are tackling these issues and dealing with them properly.

Mr. Bell mentioned that he doesn't have a committee report but he is looking forward to great opportunities with Service Excellence in the future.

Ms. Hayes hopes everyone that is going online to correct false information, please continue. Everything we do is public record and we are audited every year, with no issues. Please continue to speak the truth.

Mr. Clark stated he spoke with Senator Westerfield who said there is a lot of talk among his peers that there will be additional funding for Senate 1 in the next budget.

Ms. Keller stated the Calendar Committee will hold its first meeting on October 28 and begin to put together the 2020-2021 school calendar.

**#40 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
SELECTION
OF BOARD
MEMBER TO
SERVE ON
THE 2019-
2020 CCPS
DISTRICT
WELLNESS
COMMITTEE**

Sue Hayes volunteered to serve on the 2019-2020 Calendar Committee.

- #41 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR DIRECT PURCHASE PAYMENT NUMBER NINE (9) FROM A&K CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,075.00 FOR GATEWAY ACADEMY/ BREATHITT CENTER RENOVATIONS/ ADDITIONS**
- Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Bell, to approve the Application and Certification for Direct Purchase Payment Number Nine (9) from A&K Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$18,075.00 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, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moore, Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller
- Voting No: NONE
- #42 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL PAY APPLICATION ONE (1) FROM MECHANICAL CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,600.00 FOR HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL POOL AIR HANDLER REPAIR**
- Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Clark, to approve Pay Application One (1) from Mechanical Consultants, Inc. in the Amount of \$57,600.00 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: Ms. Hayes, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller
- Voting No: NONE

- #43 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL PAYMENT TO WBW ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,444.00 FOR HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL POOL AIR HANDLER REPAIR**
- Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve Payment to WBW Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,444.00 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

- #44 CONSENT AGENDA**
- Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Clark, 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 Regular Board Meeting held September 19, 2019
- C) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Princeton, KY on November 5, 2019
- D) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Dover, TN on September 21, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- E) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Dover, TN on October 14, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- F) Approval School Related Trip Request by Christian County High School to Gatlinburg, TN on April 23-25, 2020
- G) Approval School Related Trip Request by Hopkinsville High School to Nashville, TN on November 25, 2019

- H) Approval School Related Trip Request by Hopkinsville High School to Louisville and Frankfort, KY on November 20-23, 2019
- I) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Art Club, Kona Ice, October 3, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- J) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, WLC, Costume Contest Entry, October 25, 2019
- K) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Girls' Basketball, Concessions at Jr. Pro. Jamboree, November 23, 2019
- L) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, Dance, Flag Football – Breast Cancer Awareness, October 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- M) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County High School, KYA, Pizza Kits, September 30 – October 16, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- N) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Christian County Middle School, Girls' Basketball, Player Sponsorships, October 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- O) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Crofton Elementary School, Box Tops 4 Education, October 31, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- P) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Crofton Elementary School, Snacks, November 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- Q) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Freedom Elementary School, STLP, Kona Ice, October 2019 – May 2020 (Emergency Approval)
- R) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Freedom Elementary School, STLP, Country Meat Sticks, October 2019 – May 2020 (Emergency Approval)
- S) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Freedom Elementary School, Dairy Queen Spirit Night, October 2019 – May 2020
- T) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Gateway Academy, VEX Robotics, Concessions, September 23, 2019 – May 23, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- U) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Gateway Academy, T-Shirt Sales, September 23, 2019 – May 23, 2020 (Emergency Approval)

- V) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, JROTC, Century Resources, September 18 – October 19, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- W) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, JROTC, Giles Farm, October 6 – October 16, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- X) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, JROTC, Car Wash, September 21, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- Y) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, JROTC, Giles Farm, October 13-23, 2019 (Emergency Approval)
- Z) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, Volleyball, Sandwich Sales, October 22 – November 4, 2019
- AA) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, HHS Boosters, Bake/Food Booth, November 2019 – June 2020
- BB) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, Volleyball, Valentine Gifts, January 27 – February 11, 2020
- CC) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville High School, Volleyball, Spirit Night (Various Restaurants), November 2019 – June 2020
- DD) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville Middle School, Boys' Basketball, Ten for Ten, October – November 2019
- EE) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Hopkinsville Middle School, Choir, Candy Bars/Gummy Bears, January 13-27, 2020
- FF) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Indian Hills Elementary School, Zaxby's School Night, September 23, 2019 – May 2020 (Emergency Approval)
- GG) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Indian Hills Elementary School, Papa John's Raise the Dough, September 20, 2019 – May 2020 (Emergency Approval)
- HH) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Indian Hills Elementary School, Papa's Power Pack, September 23, 2019 – May 2020 (Emergency Approval)
- II) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Indian Hills Elementary School, Weekly Snack Sale, October 18, 2019 – May 2020
- JJ) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Indian Hills Elementary School, Chik-Fil-A Spirit Night, September 2019 – May 2020

- KK) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Indian Hills Elementary School, Fall Festival, November 1, 2019**
- LL) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, Fall Pictures, October – November 2019**
- MM) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Pembroke Elementary School, Zaxby's Spirit Night, October 2019 – May 2020 (Emergency Approval)**
- NN) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Pembroke Elementary School, Spring Book Fair, March 2020**
- OO) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Sinking Fork Elementary, Little Caesars Pizza Kits, January 6-20, 2020**
- PP) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Sinking Fork Elementary School, Double Good Popcorn, November 1-14, 2019**
- QQ) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Sinking Fork Elementary School, Penguin Patch/Holiday Shop, December 9-13, 2019**
- RR) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by South Christian Elementary School, Snack Sticks, November 1 – December 20, 2019**
- SS) Approval Revision to Board Policy 08.113 Graduation Requirements – Second Reading**
- TT) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Two (2) Attendance**
- UU) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports**
- VV) Establish Next Special Board Meeting for November 7, 2019, 6:00 P.M. and Regular Board Meeting for November 21, 2019, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office**
- WW) Other**

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

Voting No: NONE

**INDIVIDUAL BOARD
MEMBER AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

MR. BELL

Mr. Bell stated next week is safety week and you will see a lot of information coming out about that. Safety should be at the forefront every day at CCPS. Next week will be centered primarily around anti-bullying and he is proud to announce that Christian County is a green school system in that we have over 1000 people who have taken the pledge to not bully. Mr. Bell also stated “lies have legs, but the truth will stand.” He doesn’t chase down lies, but he does all he can do to help. He has radio ads, nickel support signs, attends nickel tax meetings and will vote for the Nickel on November 5th because he believes in our kids. If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything.

MS. HAYES

Ms. Hayes stated that she received a phone call from a concerned parent that they could not reach their child’s school. Mr. Jason Wilson, District Technology Coordinator, came to the front and explained to board members the exact trouble CCPS is having with the telephone system. In short, after a rollover to a new system, everything on our end is running accordingly and AT&T is attempting to fix it on their end.

Ms. Hayes also stated that none of us volunteered to be a school board member – we were elected by our peers in an election. There is not many things board members can do but one is to oversee money and make sure it is spent properly. Ms. Hayes questions why they elected her, if they don’t trust her.

MR. MOORE

Mr. Moore stated he appreciated everyone. It is a tough job educating students today. He also stated students have many obstacles as well in their personal lives.

MR. CLARK

Mr. Clark appreciates all staff. He agrees with Mr. Lackey that being in public education, you can be a recipient of rumors that just aren't true. He believes we will all get through this in time.

MS. KELLER

Ms. Keller thanked everyone for their hard work. She wants to remind everyone of the band contest on Saturday and urges people to attend. Ms. Keller remembered Chris Williams, a past School Resource Officer, who passed away this week. Ms. Keller stated they are planning to walk neighborhoods this Saturday with Nickel signs and door hangers. She urged everyone to help. She mentioned teachers and students are also walking neighborhoods in the afternoons. Every vote will make a difference! We want our kids to know they are valued and want them to stay in Hopkinsville and grow our community.

MS. GEMMILL

Ms. Gemmill wants everyone to know how much she appreciates their hard work and a special thanks to Mr. Lackey for taking the lead and working around the clock. Ms. Gemmill is committed to do whatever she can to help. She mentioned this line "A child is God's gift to you and how they turn out is your gift back." Ms. Gemmill believes the community will be giving the ultimate gift for the future of Christian County. This is why she is in public education and why she has stayed in public education. She said if we don't win, we have tried and we do stand for something. Staff has taken personal attacks and everyone has worked tirelessly, but at the end of the day, if the nickel tax passes, look at what a wonderful gift to give to students and the future of this community.

Ms. Gemmill also announced that the Commissioner will be in town on October 30 at Hopkinsville Community College from 5:00 – 6:00 pm to address High School Graduation Requirements. Ms. Gemmill also announced the State of the Schools breakfast will be Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Bruce Convention Center.

**#45 CLOSED
SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to enter into Closed Session for the Purpose of Proposed or Pending Litigation KRS 61.810(1){c} for an Unemployment Appeal in Division 1 of Christian Circuit Court at 8:00 p.m.

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

Voting No: NONE

**#46 EXIT
CLOSED
SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to Exit Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

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

Voting No: NONE

**#47 ENTER
OPEN
SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Bell to go back into Open Session.

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

Voting No: NONE

**#48 AMEND
AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Bell, to Amend the Agenda to Include the Following:

*Approval of Engagement letter of English, Lucas, Priest
& Owsley, LLP for the Unemployment Appeal in Division
1 Christian Circuit Court.*

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

Voting No: NONE

**#49 APPROVAL
OF
ENGAGEMENT
LETTER OF
ENGLISH,
LUCAS,
PRIEST &
OWSLEY,
LLP FOR
THE
UNEMPLOYMENT
APPEAL IN
DIVISION 1
CHRISTIAN
CIRCUIT
COURT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Engagement letter of English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP for the Unemployment Appeal in Division 1 Christian Circuit Court.

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

Voting No: NONE

#50 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to Adjourn (8:11 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____