

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met virtually on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting - Live Streamed and Viewable at:
www.christian.kyschools.us.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Linda Keller, Chairperson

Mr. Tom Bell, Vice-Chair

Ms. Susan Hayes

Mr. Lindsey Clark

Mr. Jeff Moore

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Mr. Jack Lackey, Jr., School Board Attorney; Administrators;
Virtual Viewers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ACTION/ITEMS

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| CALL TO ORDER | Ms. Keller called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. |
| #2 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA | Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Agenda with the removal of the following action item:

<div style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>6. Discussion/Approval Athletic Trainer Contract</i></div>
<div style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>9. Discussion/Approval to Advertise for Bids for an Architect for the District Facility Plan</i></div> |

(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

PRESENTATIONS:

DISTRICT ATHLETIC UPDATE

Mr. Kerry Stovall, District Athletic Director, gave the Board a District Athletic Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

Mr. Stovall reviewed all steps that the District has taken since Athletics was reinstated by KHSAA. He also gave the board a Title IX Report and reviewed Athletic Goals within the District. Mr. Stovall laid out the timeline for implementing sports this fall.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Kim Stevenson, Director of Alternative Programs and Kenneth Anderson, Alternative Site Facilitator, were both present to give the Board an update on Alternative Programs (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

Ms. Stevenson began the presentation by reading the Vision Statement of Alternative School. She would like to rebrand Alternative School by first changing the name to Bluegrass Learning Academy. Ms. Stevenson and Mr. Anderson both believe “Alternative School” is associated with negativity and believe the first step to change the perception is to change the program’s name. Bluegrass Learning Academy will reform the program for students to gain strength in their academics and social/emotional needs and set them up for future success.

The program will include: college field trips, workforce trips, FAFSA workshops, weekly guest speakers, relationships with Family Resource Youth Service Centers, and most importantly to build relationships with parents and students.

COVID-19 TASKFORCE UPDATE

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, gave the Board an update on the progress of the COVID-19 Taskforce Committee.

In May 2020 discussions began about what school would look like next year with the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Taskforce was formed. This taskforce consists of District Administrators, Principals, Parents, Community Members, Health Department Officials, a Pediatrician, and School Board Attorney. The Taskforce has met on five separate occasions so far. The Taskforce has determined five re-entry priorities for the district, listed in order of precedence:

- 1. Health and Safety of Students and Staff**
- 2. Instructional Objective Services and Intended Outcomes**
- 3. Student and Staff Support Services**
- 4. Alternate School Calendar and Schedule**
- 5. Communication and District Outreach for the Community**

Mr. Bentzel thanked the members of the Taskforce. The work accomplished on the short amount of time was impressive. Mr. Bentzel stated the Taskforce will continue to meet as new information is provided and decisions need to be made regarding school. The Taskforce established a district re-entry model not to just support the start of schools, but to support all anticipated models of school and what could possibly happen over the course of the school year. The Taskforce involved all stakeholders by releasing three different surveys.

There are three different re-entry models: Traditional, Hybrid and Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI). There is also a forth model available for parents who do not wish to use the one model the Board approves – Virtual Learning Academy. Virtual Learning Academy is a stand-alone model. Students using that model need internet access and a device. Mr. Bentzel reviewed each model in depth along with the benefits and negatives of each model.

Mr. Bentzel stated the needs of our students come first in the decision making process. No other decision is more important than the one we face tonight. He believes the Board has all the necessary information to make an informed, intelligent and conscience decision for what is best for the students of Christian County Public Schools. Based on all the information, the recommendation of the COVID-19 Taskforce is to have students return to traditional, five day a week learning and abide by the CDC guidelines in place.

Every parent can make the best decision for their family and students. If they do not feel comfortable sending their student to school, they can enroll in the Virtual Learning Academy.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE: VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY

Jessica Addison, Director of Instruction, was present to give the Board an Update on the Virtual Learning Academy (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

Ms. Addison stated the purpose of the Virtual Learning Academy will be designed for families who do not feel it is in the best interest for their child's health to return to the school building for in-person instruction. The goal will be to provide equitable instruction to students at home so that when they are prepared to re-enter the school setting, students can re-engage at high levels.

The District completed a survey to parents to identify potential students for Virtual Learning Academy. Parents must complete Online Registration and an application for Virtual Learning Academy. To date we have over 1,000 students enrolled for Virtual Learning Academy.

Instruction for Virtual Learning Academy will be K-12 comprehensive, standards-based online curriculum, aligned to in-person classes. It will include benchmark assessments to tracking learning progress of all enrolled students. A District teacher will be assigned to each student for online support. Student accountability and grades will resemble the traditional setting.

**COMMUNICATIONS/
OPEN FORUM**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Hayes

Ms. Hayes reported two additional nurses were hired to help alleviate all demands of beginning school in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Clark

Mr. Clark reported that he did reach out to state legislators and the only item to report is during the January legislative session there could possibly be a law to help support schools and not hold them accountable for any COVID-19 related illnesses.

**#3 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
2020-2021
SCHOOL
REOPENING
PLAN**

Following a detailed presentation by Superintendent, Chris Bentzel, earlier in the evening, motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Moore, to approve the 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan with returning in the Traditional School setting while abiding by CDC Guidelines with the ability for parents to enroll their students in the Virtual Learning Academy who are not comfortable with their student returning to the traditional setting.

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

Voting No: Mr. Bell

- #4 DISCUSSION/**
APPROVAL
RENAMING
CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
ALTERNATIVE
SCHOOL TO
BLUEGRASS
LEARNING
ACADEMY
- Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve Renaming Christian County Alternative School to Bluegrass Learning Academy (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**
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- #5 DISCUSSION/**
APPROVAL
UNFREEZING
EXTRA
DUTY
STIPENDS
- Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve to Unfreeze Extra Duty Stipends.**
- Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell, Ms. Keller**
- Voting No: NONE**
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- #6 DISCUSSION/**
APPROVAL
LOCAL
PLANNING
COMMITTEE
FACILITATOR
THROUGH
KENTUCKY
SCHOOL
PLANT
MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION
- Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Bell, to approve to hire a Local Planning Committee Facilitator through Kentucky School Plant Management Association (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)**
- Voting Yes: Ms. Hayes, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Ms. Keller**
- Voting No: NONE**

- #7 DISCUSSION/ Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the**
APPROVAL BG-4 for Hopkinsville High School Roofing Project (a copy
BG-4 FOR of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated
HOPKINSVILLE by reference.)
HIGH SCHOOL
ROOFING Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore,
PROJECT Ms. Hayes, Ms. Keller
- Voting No: NONE**
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- #8 DISCUSSION/ Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to approve**
APPROVAL Pay Application One (1) in the Amount of \$332,730.00 for
PAY APPLICATION South Christian Roof Project (a copy of which is attached
ONE (1) IN THE and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
AMOUNT OF
\$332,730.00 Voting Yes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Ms. Hayes,
FOR SOUTH Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller
CHRISTIAN
ROOF PROJECT Voting No: NONE
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- #9 DISCUSSION/ Following a presentation by Melanie Barrett, Director of**
APPROVAL Pupil Personnel, motion by Ms. Hayes, second by
2020 KSBA Mr. Moore, to approve 2020 KSBA Policy Update #43 and
POLICY to Acknowledge Review and Receipt of the Procedures
UPDATE #43 Update #24 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of
PROCEDURES which are incorporated by reference.)
UPDATE #24 –
FIRST READING Voting Yes: Ms. Hayes, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark,
Mr. Bell, Ms. Keller
- Voting No: NONE**

- #10 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL SUPERINTENDENT'S PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PLAN – FIRST READING** Mr. Bentzel, Superintendent, presented his Professional Growth Plan to the Board. Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Moore, to approve the Professional Growth Plan - First Reading (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

- #11 CONSENT AGENDA** Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Moore, 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 Regular Board Meeting held June 18, 2020 and Board Retreat held on July 1, 2020**
- C) Approval School Related Student Trip Request by Hopkinsville High School to Louisville/Frankfort, KY on November 18-21, 2020**
- D) Approval School Related Student Trip Request by Hopkinsville Middle School to Louisville/Frankfort, KY on November 7-10, 2020**
- E) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Great American, August – October 2020**
- F) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Yearbook Sales, January – May 2021**
- G) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Zaxby's Night, August 2020 – May 2021**
- H) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Boxtops, August 2020 – May 2021**

- I) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Spring Pictures, March 2021
- J) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Fall Pictures, September – October 2020
- K) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Raffle, October – November 2020
- L) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Chocolate, November 2020 – March 2021
- M) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, United Way, Fall 2020
- N) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Rotary Auction, August 2020 – May 2021
- O) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, School Mall, January 2021
- P) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Kona Ice, August 2020 – May 2021
- Q) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Dairy Queen Night, August 2020 – May 2021
- R) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Scholastic Book Fair, Fall 2020
- S) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Scholastic Book Fair, Spring 2021
- T) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, T-Shirts, August 2020 – May 2021
- U) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Santa Shop, December 2020
- V) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Chili Festival, October – November 2020
- W) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Valentine Candy Gram, February 2020
- X) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Easter Grams, April 2021

- Y) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request by Millbrooke Elementary School, Kona Ice, April 2021
- Z) Approval 2019-2020 Final Attendance Report
- AA) Approval Amended Purchasing Manual
- BB) Approval to Participate in the USDA Farm to School Program
- CC) Approval Data Security and Breach Notification Best Practices
- DD) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- EE) Establish Next Special Board Meeting/Workshop for August 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M. and Regular Meeting for August 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office or virtual depending on COVID-19 guidelines
- FF) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

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

MR. BELL

Mr. Bell thanked the hard work of the COVID-19 Taskforce. He understands all the hard work going on in the Central Office to prepare for a school year facing a world pandemic. We don't know what this virus does – lingering effects, etc. Statistics are one thing, but he understands there is nothing like having your health and that is why he voted as he did.

MS. HAYES

Ms. Hayes appreciates all the hard work of the Central Office and how they have adapted and taken on extra responsibilities during this time. Ms. Hayes sat in one of the COVID-19 Taskforce meetings and she believes the ideas they have planned for students when they return to school are impressive. She believes bringing students back in the traditional setting can be successful.

MR. MOORE

Mr. Moore stated that tonight marks a significant step for Christian County Public Schools. He stated the group of leaders need time to put everything in place. It has been a tough past year and the past is the past. The new group of leaders are goal oriented, driven, and hard working. This is the first board meeting with then and it is pretty obvious the qualities they poses. He stated Mr. Bentzel was the most focused person he has even been around. The proper leader is in place and he hopes the community will rally around and help move this district forward. Not many people use the work 100%, but that is what Mr. Bentzel expects and that is his goal. Mr. Moore is looking forward to the future. He is glad the board voted for the traditional setting, he believes it is what is best for students and teachers. He understands Mr. Bell's concerns and was torn, but he believes students need to be in the classroom and have a sense of normalcy.

MR. CLARK

Mr. Clark echoed his fellow board members and is excited for Mr. Bentzel's leadership. He is sorry for the difficult times everyone is facing during this pandemic. Mr. Clark stated he didn't receive many calls from parents, but the calls he did receive were in favor of the traditional school setting. He stated Mr. Bell's concerns are very valid – health is the most important thing you can have but we will proceed. Mr. Clark stated the situation is fluid and we may have to change our plan as more information comes out.

MS. KELLER

Ms. Keller thanked parents and community members for text, phone calls and emails. She stated this was the hardest decision she has had to make during her 12 years as a board member. She has prayed every day for this pandemic to go away so that students can get back to some sort of normalcy and society as well. She stated the board has the best interest of students in mind and may have to adapt to more changes in the future as the pandemic progresses. She urged everyone

to take extra precautions to stay safe and healthy. Ms. Keller thanked the COVID-19 Taskforce. They have met several times and have had a big task on their hands to find ways we can bring our staff and students back as safely as possible. She also thanked our Food Service departments. They have worked diligently over the past several months to ensure our students continue to have meals provided to them. Ms. Keller thanked Mr. Bentzel for his first successful board meeting. She is excited for the new leadership and knows they will move the district forward making our students the real winners. Ms. Keller thanked Jason Wilson and his technology staff for their hard work to return our meetings to the board room.

MR. BENTZEL

Mr. Bentzel stated there are new members to our Leadership Teams and briefly went over who they are and what their position is. They are great and hardworking people. He thanked the Board of Education for their support and patience and allowing him to be a part of this team. He also thanked CCPS staff for their participation in yesterday's forums. They were engaged and professional and wanted to be part of the process as stakeholders. No matter what side of the decision people are on – knowledge is power. There were over 700 participates in the forum and over 600 questions submitted. Mr. Bentzel is excited to work along with staff in the trenches and get school started and make it through this together. Mr. Bentzel thanked the community of Christian County – parents, students, community members, etc. for their patience as a plan for students was being made. CCPS was very intentional, purposeful, and tried to dot all i's and cross all t's as they made a very difficult decision. Mr. Bentzel is hopeful the patience of the process and the review of all guidelines will ensure to keep students and staff healthy and safe. It will not be easy, but Central Office will lead and guide our students and staff through this process – doing what is best for our students.

#12 ADJOURN

**Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to Adjourn
(8:10 P.M.)**

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____