

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met virtually on Thursday, August 20, 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

INVOCATION
PLEDGE
CALL TO ORDER

The Invocation was given by Ms. Hayes, with the prayer by Mr. Bell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Keller called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

#34 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Clark, to approve the Agenda with the following additions:

7. *Discussion/Approval Selection of Three Community Members to Serve on the Local Planning Committee; Josh Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Operations*
10. *Consent Agenda:*
 - I) *Approval Revised Childcare Handbook*
 - J) *Approval of Emergency Waiver Dual Credit Policy (08.1131) for Hopkinsville Community College CTE Dual Credit Students (Effective Immediately Pursuit to Board Policy 01.5)*

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

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

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: **BACK TO SCHOOL AND REOPENING PLAN UPDATE**
Chris Bentzel, Superintendent; Laura Morris, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Kerry Stovall, District Athletic Director and Zach Hibbs, District Assessment Coordinator, were present to give the Board an update on the Back to School and Reopening Plan.

Ms. Morris began the presentation by stating there are currently 2,328 students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy. VLA has been fully staffed by employees already under employment contracts. Ms. Morris stated that Special Needs students also have the correct staff in place to meet their needs. To date, 85% of CCPS students have enrolled in Online Registration. Ms. Morris stated the District is monitoring COVID-19 cases. At this time, the District has had two students that have tested positive and six staff members.

Mr. Stovall gave the board an athletic update. KHSAA meet today and voted to continue with fall sports as they had previously voted. In his daily briefing, the Governor mentioned he was disappointed in KHSAA. Mr. Stovall stated beginning Monday that all fall sports will start practice, with September 7 being the start date for competition. Mr. Stovall stated safety is the most important aspect of all this. There are plans in place to keep students separated and in pods before practice. Mr. Stovall has not received any guidance in regards to spectators at the sporting events.

Zach Hibbs gave the board an update on data sources comparing the data from the State of Kentucky to Christian County regarding COVID-19 cases and spread. Mr. Hibbs also noted that since students have been out of school they are not receiving medical visits by school nurses, mental health services from counselors, specialized student services and the amount of meals served have gone down by 50%. Also very alarming is DCBS cases reported have decreased by 50% since school has been out. Abuse and neglect that teachers, administration and staff would normally see and report are going unreported.

Mr. Bentzel told the board that the district is tracking data, COVID-19 cases, student and staff active cases, and much more in order to make well informed data driven decision in the future as when it will be safe to begin in-person instruction. Mr. Bentzel stated he will continue to move forward and look at three main points: how districts do that have decided to start with in-person instruction; Christian County Covid-19 Data; and our staff. At the next board meeting on September 3, he will be prepared to give a follow up recommendation.

DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN UPDATE

Josh Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, was present to give the Board a brief update on the District Facility Plan.

After tonight the Local Planning Committee will be in place and sent to Kentucky Department of Education for approval. Mr. Hunt met with Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects and they will complete the reports and all needed items to present to the Local Planning Committee. He hopes to have the first meeting on September 14.

COMMUNICATIONS/ OPEN FORUM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Clark spoke with Senator Whitney Westerfield. Mr. Westerfield shared with Mr. Clark a chart that shows DCBS reports of abuse or neglect have decreased by 50% compared from April and May 2019 to April and May 2020. It is very alarming.

**#35 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
FOR
SECTION 504
BUILDING
COORDINATORS
FOR 2020-2021
SCHOOL
YEAR**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Moore, to approve Section 504 Building Coordinators for 2020-2021 School Year (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

- #36 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL ARC CHAIRPERSONS (CCSD REPRESENTATIVES) FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Clark, to approve ARC Chairpersons (CCSD Representatives) for 2020-2021 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
- #37 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL SELECTION OF A BOARD BOARD TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Moore, to nominate Lindsey Clark to serve on the Local Planning Committee to represent Board Members.
- Voting Yes: Ms. Keller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell,
Ms. Hayes, Mr. Clark
- Voting No: NONE
- #38 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL SELECTION OF THREE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** After voting, motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Hayes, to select David Wimpy, Philip Garnett and Dan Kemp, to serve as the three community members on the Local Planning Committee (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

- #39 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL ATHLETIC TRAINER CONTRACT** **Following Discussion by the Board, motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Bell, to approve the Athletic Trainer Contract with Jennie Stuart Medical Center (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)**

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

Voting No: NONE

- #40 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL SUPERINTENDENT 2020-2021 DISTRICT SCORECARD 30-60-90 DAY PLAN - FIRST READING** **Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Superintendent 2020-2021 District Scorecard 30-60-90 Day Plan (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)**
- Voting Yes: Mr. Moore, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Bell,
Mr. Clark, Ms. Keller**
- Voting No: NONE**

- #41 CONSENT AGENDA** **Motion by Ms. Hayes, 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 Regular Board Meeting held July 16, 2020; Special Board Meeting/Workshop held August 6, 2020 and Special Called Board Meeting held on August 12, 2020**

- C) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- D) Approval 2020 KSBA Interim Policy Update #43-I – Second Reading
- E) Approval Acknowledge Review and Receipt of Procedure 09.4341 AP.21 Alternative Education Forms
- F) Approval Acknowledge Review and Receipt of Procedure 09.434 AP.2 Notice of Suspension
- G) Approval Surplus of Technology Items
- H) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- I) Approval Revised Childcare Handbook
- J) Approval of Emergency Waiver Dual Credit Policy (08.1131) for Hopkinsville Community College CTE Dual Credit Students (Effective Immediately Pursuit to Board Policy 01.5) Approval of Emergency Waiver Dual Credit Policy (08.1131) to allow eligible CCPS sophomores to enroll in a Hopkinsville Community College CTE Dual Credit course
- K) Establish Next Special Board Meeting/Workshop for September 3, 2020 and Regular Board Meeting for September 17, 2020, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office or Live Streamed Virtually Depending on COVID-19 Guidelines
- L) Other

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

Mr. Moore, Ms. Keller

Voting No: NONE

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

MR. BELL

Mr. Bell stated as a parent he has been receiving many phone calls with communication from the district and school. The videos being put out are great resources for information. The goal is to make sure parents have enough information to make decisions best for their students. Mr. Bell is excited about the meal plan – very good. He encouraged parents to sign up for the meal service – CCPS is willing to feed all children.

MS. HAYES

Ms. Hayes knows how much work has gone into making the schools as safe as possible for student to re-enter in-person instruction. If the cooperation is there from the parents and students, she believes students will be safe there as they are anywhere. She will be happy to see everyone back in the classroom.

MR. MOORE

Mr. Moore thanked all the staff that have put in such hard work to accomplish the beginning of this school year. Mr. Moore is excited to see where we are going and what CCPS will be able to accomplish with the team Mr. Bentzel has put in place. He hopes and prays that everyone stays healthy. He is very concerned about the DCBS abuse and neglect cases being cut by 50%. The best place for our students is in the buildings.

MR. CLARK

Mr. Clark echoed Mr. Moore by saying that Mr. Bentzel and his staff have hit the ground running and he has very good support staff. Mr. Clark said there is a lot of anticipation about starting back to school and there are also a lot of parents thankful we have the Virtual Learning Academy for their students. He thanked all the staff who have worked hard to get the VLA program started.

MS. KELLER

Ms. Keller thanked Mr. Bentzel and his staff for hosting the community forum today and trying to answer questions for the public. If parents have further questions, please contact your school or the central office. Ms. Keller stated Mr. Bentzel and his family were featured in the Hoptown Families magazine. Ms. Keller thanked Food Services for the job they have done all year long – they have not stopped. It is so important that children are feed. She thanked the teachers for putting in the

hard work for NTI and virtual learning. This is a big change for everyone – teachers, parents and students. Ms. Keller is thankful for the phased in approach so that families and teachers can adjust. Ms. Keller thanked the technology department for all their efforts in making sure technology is working right and live streaming the board meetings so everyone can watch without actually having to attend in person.

MR. BENTZEL

Mr. Bentzel recognized several community partners who have donated, helped and supported Christian County Public Schools over the last month. He is very thankful for their community partnerships. Mr. Bentzel encouraged everyone to attend the Back to School Bash on August 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Stadium of Champions. CCPS will be handing out school supplies, food, KONA Ice and much more. Parents do not have to bring their child to participate, they will only have to provide the student's name, grade and school they attend. Mr. Bentzel thanked the Board. He appreciates the way we work together and making good decisions for our families and students. Beginning next month at the September 17 board meeting, Mr. Bentzel would like to begin recognizing staff and students. It will be called the "CCPS All In" award. Each month he will recognize one student, one elementary teacher, one secondary teacher, one classified staff and one administrator. Mr. Bentzel said there will be community donators each month to provide prizes for the recognitions.

#42 ADJOURN

**Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to Adjourn
(7:15 P.M.)**

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____