

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

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. for a Special Board Meeting/Workshop - Live Streamed and Viewable at: [www.christian.kyschools.us](http://www.christian.kyschools.us).

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Linda Keller, Chairperson

Mr. Tom Bell, Vice-Chair

Mr. Jeff Moore

Ms. Susan Hayes

Mr. Lindsey Clark

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, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**#43 APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Board Agenda with the following Addendum:

7. *Discussion/Approval Revised 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan; Chris Bentzel, Superintendent*

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

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

Voting no: NONE

**#44 DISCUSSION/  
APPROVAL  
RESOLUTION  
TO GRANT  
EMERGENCY  
LEAVE FOR  
COVID-19  
PANDEMIC**

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the Resolution to Grant Emergency Leave for COVID-19 Pandemic (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

**#45 DISCUSSION/  
APPROVAL  
TO AWARD  
BID FOR  
SANITIZING  
CONTRACT  
FOR  
BUILDINGS**

Following discussions by the board, motion by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the McGee Pest Control Bid for Sanitizing Contract for Building (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#46 DISCUSSION/  
APPROVAL  
SUPERINTENDENT  
2020-2021  
DISTRICT  
SCORECARD  
30-60-90  
DAY PLAN -  
FIRST  
READING**

Motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Moore, to approve the Superintendent 2020-2021 District Scorecard 30-60-90 Day Plan – Second Reading (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**PRESENTATIONS: BACK TO SCHOOL AND REOPENING PLAN UPDATE**

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent; Laura Morris, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Arnelle Wesley, Principal, Virtual Learning Academy 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 that a great deal of work has been completed over the last two weeks. On August the 31<sup>st</sup> new guidance was issued from the Kentucky Department of Public Health with updates on the Healthy at School Document. The new guidance states that all staff and students must wear a mask while inside the school building even if 6ft social distancing can occur unless the child has a medical waiver or eating/drinking. Ms. Morris stated that Mr. Bentzel met with principals this morning where the new guidance was discussed and Central Office issued an email to all principals this afternoon to offer support of that new guidance. Ms. Morris stated that PPE is in place at all buildings as well as gloves, masks, cleaning products, rags, hand sanitizer and thermometers. She stated that custodial staff have been well training on the new cleaning and maintenance regulations for all buildings. Aside from getting the buildings prepared, many meetings have also occurred. Those meetings include: legal ramification meetings, liability insurance meeting, legal counsel meetings, telephone contacts to State Representatives and continuous meetings with the Christian County Health Department. The Christian County Health Department is aware of the intent of Christian County Public Schools to return to in-person instruction. The Christian County Health Department sent a letter to Mr. Bentzel on this date stating they do not support the opening of in-person instruction.

Ms. Wesley began the presentation by stating there are currently approximately 2800 students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy. Currently Virtual Learning Academy has reopened enrollment to give parents an option if the board votes tonight to return to in-person instruction. The enrollment deadline will be extended to September 7. VLA has been fully staffed by employees already under employment contracts as well as

retired teachers and counselors to help support this initiative. The first seven days of school have been focused on helping students log in and getting familiar with the learning platform. CCPS has partnered with Second Baptist Church to offer VLA five week support course for parents. This will take place beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> on Sunday evenings from 6 to 7pm. VLA staff will be present to help support parents learning this new online platform. Ms. Wesley stated she is working hard with the instructional department to ensure that the curriculum offerings are robust and comprehensive. The goal is to make sure that the VLA experience is equitable to the experience of their peers who are returning to in-person instruction.

Mr. Hibbs gave the board an update on local and state COVID-19 data. Mr. Hibbs stated he is also tracking data from counties who have opened to in-person and/or hybrid instruction over the last couple of weeks. Mr. Hibbs also gave the board a snapshot of active COVID-19 and/or persons who are quarantined that effect CCPS students and/or staff. CCPS currently has three active cases of COVID-19 and 25 persons quarantined – ten of which end tomorrow. Again, Mr. Hibbs expressed the concerns of physical abuse going unreported to DCBS since our students are not in school.

Mr. Bentzel told the board that the district is tracking data, COVID-19 cases, student and staff active cases, district that have reopened and much more in order to make well informed data driven decision. Mr. Bentzel stated, if the Board so chooses, they would like to implement the traditional five day a week model for elementary schools and the hybrid model for middle and high schools. This is due to the fact that elementary students can self-contain and teachers can rotate in and out of the classrooms; secondary schools have seven periods per day with different students in each period – exposers is much higher if there is a positive case within the student population. Mr. Bentzel stated he understands this is a very difficult decision for the Board to make. He believes with data and knowing and thinking about our students that CCPS has prepared a very valid plan to return to in-person instruction.

**#47 DISCUSSION/  
APPROVAL  
REVISED  
2020-2021  
SCHOOL  
REOPENING  
PLAN**

Following discussion from the Board, motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Moore, to return to in person instruction on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the following format: five day traditional in-person instruction for all elementary schools; Hybrid Model for middle and high schools; five day a week in-person instruction for Bluegrass Learning Academy and Cumberland Hall and Non-Traditional Instruction for Day Treatment.

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

Voting No: Mr. Bell

**#48 ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Bell, to Adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

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

Voting no: NONE

**APPROVED CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_