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

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting - Live Streamed and Viewable at: www.christian.kyschools.us.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Tom Bell, Chairperson

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Tiffany Mumford Brame

Mr. Mike Walker

Mr. Jeff Moore

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

ACTION/ITEMS

INVOCATION
CALL TO ORDER — The Invocation was given by Mr. Walker, with the prayer by Mr. Clark. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

#26 APPROVAL OF AGENDA — Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Mumford Brame, to approve the agenda as presented (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS/ VISITORS AND OPEN FORUM	Bruce Bullard 12036 Bell Station Road Oak Grove, KY 42262	re: High School Consolidation
	Rusty Cole 1380 Dogwood Kelly Road Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: High School Consolidation
	David Brown 109 Millbrooke Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: High School Consolidation
	Anna Norris 1122 Pin Oak Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: High School Consolidation
	Matt McGowan 421 Talon Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: High School Consolidation
	Caleb Ballard 16988 Herndon Oak Grove Road Oak Grove KY 42262	re: High School Consolidation
	Cansas Dixon 8170 Russellville Road Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: Mask Mandate
	Gordon Boh 607 Holiday Park Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: High School Consolidation
	Travis Faulkner 302 Briarwood Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: Mask Mandate
	Matt Robinson 102 Carmichael Ct. Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: Mask Mandate

Desaepa Vansawwa 2504 Cox Mill Road Hopkinsville, KY 4240	re: High School Consolidation
Leon Shirk 10683 Bell Chapel Road Pembroke, KY 42266	re: High School Consolidation
Sully Sullivan 402 W. Riverwood Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: Mask Mandate
April Harris 205 Quincy Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240	re: High School Consolidation

PRESENTATIONS:

BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Laura Morris, Assistant Superintendent of Administration was present to give the Board a Back to School Update. As of this date, there are 7,985 students enrolled in Christian County Public Schools. Of those students, 252 are enrolled in Virtual Learning Academy. Mrs. Morris also reviewed the latest COVID dashboard information, which is updated daily at 2:00 p.m. The district is working all mitigation strategies to keep our students and staff safe.

FINANCE UPDATE

Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance, were present to provide the Board with a finance update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

Mrs. Darnell gives the Board a Finance Update at every Regular Board Meeting. She provides them with the current month's Treasurer's Report. The intent of the update is to keep the Board informed with the financial status of Christian County Public Schools and to also update them if any new state or federal guidance has been received. The Treasurer's Report shows all balances, receipts, and expenditures of each fund of the District. Mrs. Darnell discussed each fund in depth, reviewed any new state or federal guidance and answered all questions from the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Moore stated they PBIS committee met on July 28 and began looking at their action plans and working on intervention measures for the new school year. The next meeting will take place on August 26.

Mr. Clark stated he spoke to a State Representative who mentioned that a subcommittee did meet and are looking to find additional funding to help school districts with TRS and CERS retirement funding.

#27 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL RACIAL EQUITY PLAN

Motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Walker, to approve the Racial Equity Plan (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Walker, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#28 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL OF AMENDED CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE (EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND NOT RETROACTIVE

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Amended Classified Salary Schedule that will be effective September 1, 2021 and not Retroactive (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#29 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL PAY APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NUMNER ONE (1) IN THE AMOUNT OF $581,922.00 FOR SOUTH CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY REROOF PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Pay Application and Certificate for Payment Number One (1) in the Amount of $581,922.00 for South Christian Elementary Reroof Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#30 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL BG-1 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL/ LOCAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

After a presentation from Josh Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and much discussion from the Board of Education, motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Moore, to approve the BG-1 for Construction of a Consolidated High School/ Local Vocational Education Center (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: Mr. Clark, Mr. Walker

#31 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL OF OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY (SITE H) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL/ LOCAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

After a presentation by Josh Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and much discussion from the Board of Education, motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Moore, to approve the Option to Purchase Real Property (Site H) located at Fort Campbell BLVD, Hopkinsville, KY and consisting of about 87 -/+ acres for Construction of Consolidated High School/ Local Vocational Education Center (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: Mr. Walker

#32 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO AWARD FINANCIAL ADVISOR/ FISCAL AGENT SERVICES CONTRACT

After discussion by the Board, motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to award the Financial Advisor/Fiscal Agent Services Contract to Baird Financial Services (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#33 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO SET THE FY2021-22 REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE; FY2021-22 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE; FY2021-22 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE; 2021-22 PERMISSIVE UTILITY TAX; AND, EXEMPT TAX ON AIRCRAFT AND WATERCRAFT

Following a presentation by Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance, motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve *no changes* in the tax rate and set the FY2021-2022 Real Property Tax Rate at 42.3%; the FY2021-2022 Personal Tax Rate at 42.8%; FY2021-2022 Motor Vehicle Tax Rate at 56.6%; FY2021-2022 Permissive Utility Tax at 3%; and Exempt Tax Aircraft and Watercraft (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#34 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Mumford Brame, 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 July 15, 2021; Special Board Meeting/Workshop held on August 5, 2021 and Board Retreat held on August 9, 2021

C) Approval School Related Trip Request

D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request

E) Approval Memorandum of Understanding on the Handling of Public Offenses Occurring at School Between the Christian County Public School System and Christian County Juvenile Court and Christian County Sheriff's Department and Hopkinsville Police Department

F) Approval Christian County Public Schools Athletic Handbook

G) Approval to Declare Technology Items as Surplus

H) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar

I) Approval Revision of 2021-2022 Christian County Public Schools Calendar

J) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports

K) Establish Next Special Board Meeting/Workshop for September 2, 2021, 6:00 P.M. and Regular Meeting for September 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office

L) Other

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Clark, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

MR. WALKER

Mr. Walker stated the consolidation vote did not go his way, but he will support the Board's decision and move forward. Tomorrow night Coach Clayton will go for his 300th win and Coach Gehres will be going for his 1st win.

MS. MUMFORD BRAME

Ms. Mumford Brame welcomed students back to school. It is good to see teachers interacting with students. She urged parents to please not send their students to school if they are sick or showing any symptoms of illness. If we want to keep in-person learning going, we must keep our students home if they are ill. She stated the vote on consolidation was not easy and not taken lightly. Ultimately, she voted yes because this model offers equity and the best opportunity for all students.

MR. MOORE
Mr. Moore expressed concern about the mask mandated issued by the Governor after today's events where the Governor was unmasked at a heavy populated event. He stated it is the district's responsibility to ensure student safety while they are in our care. Regarding the vote for consolidation, Mr. Moore stated he voted yes because this gives equity to all students.

MR. CLARK
Mr. Clark also expressed concerns over the district's mask mandate. He voted no on the consolidation because the constituents that contacted him were against it. Mr. Clark believes the consolidation will prove to be a good opportunity for students and like Mr. Walker, he will support the Board's decision.

MR. BELL
Mr. Bell voted yes for the consolidation because it provides the best opportunity for all students. Students can look at different pathways, find what fits them best and when they walk across the stage they will be aligned to go out and do great things. Mr. Bell stated he listened to and respected all opinions during this process.

MR. BENTZEL
Mr. Bentzel thanked parents for being flexible this last week as school started back. He understands the mask mandate is not ideal. The district will continue to do everything to keep students safe and in in-person learning. Mr. Bentzel also thanked all staff for adapting to the environment, giving our students a good experience and picking up where we left off last year. It's good to be back in school and have students back in the buildings. Balancing safety and in-person learning is extremely important and the district has no desire to go backwards.

#35 ADJOURN Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to Adjourn (8:09 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____