

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting - Live Streamed and Viewable at: www.christian.kyschools.us.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chairperson

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Mr. Mike Walker

Ms. Tiffany Mumford Brame

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jeff Moore

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITION:

CCPS “ALL IN” Student and Employees of the Month:

- A) *Graham Westerfield* – Student of the Month, Sinking Fork Elementary School
- B) *Wendy Turner* - Elementary Teacher of the Month, Indian Hills Elementary School
- C) *Joe Folz* - Secondary Teacher of the Month, Bluegrass Learning Academy
- D) *Wendy Skinner* - Classified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville Middle School
- E) *Tiffany Gray* - Administrator of the Month, Assistant Principal, South Christian Elementary School

A Special thank you to *Christian County Sheriff's Posse* for being our
“ALL IN” Sponsor for November 2021.

- F) *Allison Welch* - Day Treatment Teacher of the Year

INVOCATION
PLEDGE
CALL TO ORDER

The Invocation was given by Mr. Clark, with the prayer by Mr. Bell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:18 P.M.

#77 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Amended Agenda as presented (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS/
VISITORS AND
OPEN FORUM

None

PRESENTATIONS:

HEALTHY AT SCHOOL UPDATE

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, was present to give the Healthy at School Update. Mr. Bentzel reviewed the current COVID data dashboard and corresponding graph from start of school to present. He also reviewed the numbers from the Test to Stay partnership with Pearl Medical.

Mr. Bentzel stated the Christian County Health Department is now administering vaccinations for students 5 to 11 years of age. CCPS is looking at partnering with Wild Health again to offer vaccine clinics for these students.

With our COVID numbers reduced and vaccinations now offered to all staff and students, Mr. Bentzel feels it is time to make masks optional in our buildings. A survey to staff reveals that 95% of staff feel comfortable making masks optional. Due to federal transportation mandates, masks will still be required on busses.

The district will continue to monitor the pandemic and the county incidence map and also work closely with Jennie Stuart, local pediatricians, the Health Department, and other officials.

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.

RACIAL EQUITY PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Kim Stevenson, Director of Alternative Programs and Mr. Mancell Elam, District Diversity Administrator, were both present to give the board an update on the Racial Equity Plan and data from the current school year.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ELEMENTARY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mrs. Carrie Caples, Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, was present to give the Board an update on their Improvement Plan (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

Mrs. Caples began her presentation by giving the board an overview of Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary. She reviewed employee, student, and staff pulse data from 2017 to present. She also reviewed current reading and math data and discussed interventions they are putting in place for those students who are low performing. She also reviewed their goals, strategic actions, instructional monitoring plan, and teacher capacity for this year. Mrs. Caples answered any questions from the Board and will continue to provide updates to them throughout the school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Walker is on the High School Naming Committee. The last day for public voting on the name, mascot, and colors is tomorrow, Friday, November 19. He encouraged everyone to participate.

Ms. Mumford Brame is on the calendar committee and they will be presenting the 2022-2023 school year calendar for 1st reading at tonight's board meeting.

Mr. Clark did not have any legislative updates.

Mr. Bell is on the Racial Equity Committee and they met today. In their meeting, they discussed in-depth of how culture within the schools and buildings effects students and staff. He also shared that CCMS, along with a few other schools, have started a dress for success day each week where students and staff dress their best.

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| #78 | DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
2022-2023
SCHOOL
YEAR
CALENDAR | <p>Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar - 1st Reading (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame,
Mr. Bell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Voting No: NONE</p> |
| #79 | DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
ADDENDUM
TO THE
2021-2022
CODE OF
ACCEPTABLE
BEHAVIOR | <p>Motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Addendum to the 2021-2022 Code of Acceptable Behavior (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Voting Yes Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Clark, Mr. Walker,
Mr. Bell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Voting No: NONE</p> |
| #80 | DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
TO RENEW
MOWING
CONTRACTS
FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2022 | <p>Motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Clark, to approve to Renew the Mowing Contracts for Calendar Year 2022 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Voting Yes: Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Clark, Mr. Walker,
Mr. Bell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Voting No: NONE</p> |

- #81 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
SCHOOL
SECURITY
FUNDS
REQUEST
FORM FOR
\$4,731.00
- Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the School Security Funds Request Form for \$4,731.00 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell
- Voting NO: NONE
- #82 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
BG-4 FOR
SOUTH
CHRISTIAN
ROOF
PROJECT
- Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Mumford Brame, to approve the BG-4 for South Christian Roof Project (a copy of which is attached and terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Walker Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE
- #83 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR
WINNELSON
DIRECT PURCHASE
ORDER DECREASE
IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$160.16
- Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Walker, to approve the Change Order #1 for Winnelson Direct Purchase Order Decrease in the Amount of \$160.16 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Mr. Walker, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE
- #84 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR
VIKING SUPPLY
NET DIRECT
PURCHASE ORDER
DECREASE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$3,529.31
- Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Walker, to approve the Change Order #1 for Viking Supply Net Direct Purchase Order Decrease in the Amount of \$3,529.31 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Mr. Walker, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE

- #85 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR
STEWART
SIGNS DIRECT
PURCHASE ORDER
DECREASE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$.40
- Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Walker, to approve the Change Order #1 for Stewart Signs Direct Purchase Order Decrease in the Amount of \$.40 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Mr. Walker, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE
- #86 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR
HANNAN
SUPPLY DIRECT
PURCHASE ORDER
DECREASE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$4,531.84
- Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Change Order #1 for Hannan Supply Direct Purchase Order Decrease in the Amount of \$4,531.84 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE
- #87 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR
CONKLIN METAL
INDUSTRIES DIRECT
PURCHASE ORDER
DECREASE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$3.39
- Motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Walker, to approve the Change Order #1 for Conklin Metal Industries Direct Purchase Order Decrease in the Amount of \$3.39 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE
- #88 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL TO
LIFT THE MASK
MANDATE AND
MAKING MASKS
OPTIONAL FOR
FACULTY,
STUDENTS, STAFF,
AND VISITORS ON
ANY OF THE DISTRICT'S
- Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve to lift the Mask Mandate and Making Masks Optional for Faculty, Students, Staff and Visitors on any of the District's Campuses but Authorizing the Superintendent to Reimpose the Mask Mandate, in whole or in part, in the Event the Incidence of COVID-19 in the District or any School Requires Mandatory Masking in the Discretion of the Superintendent. This will not lift the Mask Mandate for Buses.
- Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell

CAMPUSES BUT
AUTHORIZING THE
SUPERINTENDENT
TO REIMPOSE THE
MASK MANDATE,
IN WHOLE OR IN PART,
IN THE EVENT THE
INCIDENCE OF COVID-19
IN THE DISTRICT OR
ANY SCHOOL REQUIRES
MANDATORY MASKING
IN THE DISCRETION OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT.
THIS WILL NOT LIFT THE
MASK MANDATE FOR BUSES

Voting No: NONE

- #89 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
OWNER/
ARCHITECT
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
AND HAFER,
PSC FOR THE
HIGH SCHOOL
CONSOLIDATION
PROJECT SUBJECT
TO KDE REVIEW
- Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the Owner/Architect Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Hafer, PSC for the High School Consolidation Project subject to KDE Review (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)
- Voting Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, Ms. Mumford Brame, Mr. Bell
- Voting No: NONE

- #90 CONSENT
AGENDA
- Motion by Mr. Walker, 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 (Exhibit 17.1.1)
2. Other

- B) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held October 21, 2021; Special Board Meeting/Workshop held on November 4, 2021 and Special Called Meeting held on November 9, 2021 (Exhibit 17.2)
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests (Exhibit 17.3)
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests (Exhibit 17.3)
- E) Approval to Change Time of the December 2nd Special Board Meeting/Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Christian County Middle School Cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting/workshop will be for School Based Decision Making Councils to present their Annual Report to the Board of Education
- F) Approval Hoptown Hoppers Contract Requesting Use of Facilities for the Summer of 2022 (Exhibit 17.3)
- G) Approval Family Resource and Youth Services Centers School District Assurance Certification FY 22-24 (Exhibit 17.3)
- H) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Three (3) Attendance (Exhibit 17.3)
- I) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports (Exhibit 17.3)
- J) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar (Exhibit 17.3)
- K) Approval Reinstatement of Site Based Decision Making Councils at Freedom Elementary School and Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School (Exhibit 17.3)
- L) Approval Invoice in the Amount of \$2,750.00 to American Engineers, Inc. for High School/LAVEC Consolidation Project (Exhibit 17.3)
- M) Approval Invoice in the Amount of \$10,000.00 to Diane B. Zimmerman Traffic Engineering, LLC for High School/LAVEC Consolidation Project (Exhibit 17.3)
- N) Establish Next Special Board Meeting/Workshop on December 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Christian County Middle School Cafeteria and Regular Board Meeting for December 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- O) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

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

MR. WALKER

Mr. Walker thanked Coach Stovall for letting Green County practice on our fields while they were traveling. He also thanked Trevor for quickly repairing the scoreboard at the Stadium of Champions.

MS. MUMFORD BRAME

Ms. Mumford Brame thanked parents and students for their understanding and flexibility. Board members receive a lot of scrutiny sometimes regarding issues, but Ms. Mumford Brame wants everyone to know that they do listen and work toward a common goal and she believes that tonight's board meeting is proof of that.

MR. CLARK

Mr. Clark wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He appreciates all staff and their professionalism.

MR. BELL

Mr. Bell stated that students learn best with in person instruction. He appreciates the flexibility of staff, students, and parents during this pandemic. Everyone now has a choice whether to wear a mask or not. The Board of Education is dedicated to giving each student a quality education. He thanked the YMCA for providing a two day camp the week of Thanksgiving. He wished everyone a safe and healthy holiday.

MR. BENTZEL

Mr. Bentzel thanked the Board for making the decision to lift the mask mandate, as well as extend Thanksgiving break an additional two days. Masks are still optional for any staff or student who wishes to wear one. He congratulated Anna Hernandez, a Hopkinsville High School senior, for becoming a semi-finalist in the Coca-Cola scholarship. She was one of 1,617 students out of more than 68,000 candidates chosen to continue through the selection process. He also congratulated the students chosen to perform in the KMEA All-State Chorus in Louisville, KY in February. This is one of the highest individual honors choral students can earn. Mr. Bentzel also highlighted the Community Pantry that Indian Hills Elementary started last week. For those in need, the pantry offers basic necessities, food, and baby items on a 24hr, take what you need basis.

#91 ADJOURN Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to adjourn (7:36 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____