

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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. for a Special Board Meeting - Live Streamed and Viewable at: www.christian.kyschools.us.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

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) *A.J. Harvey* – Student of the Month, Christian County High School
- B) *Amanda Baxter* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Freedom Elementary
- C) *Joseph Riley* - Secondary Teacher of the Month, Hopkinsville High School
- D) *Sarah West* - Classified Employee of the Month, Alternative Programs
- E) *Mike Brumley* - Administrator of the Month, Director of Transportation

A special thank you to *Pennyrile Rural Electric Co-Op*
for being our “ALL IN” Sponsor for March 2022.

- F) Christian County High School Wrestling Team:
 - *A. J. Harvey* - State Champion
 - *JaRi Campbell* - State Runner-Up
 - *Mason Kellett* - 7th Place
 - *11th Place Overall*

CCPS MISSION
INVOCATION
PLEDGE
CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell read the CCPS Mission. The Invocation was given by Mr. Bell, with the prayer by Mr. Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 5:29 P.M.

#187 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, 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, 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; a graph that reviews cases charted over the last month as well as the district's Test to Stay Data.

Mr. Bentzel emphasized that it is time to get parents back in the school. The remainder of the school year will look "traditional" with kindergarten and 6th grade graduation ceremonies, parent nights, field day, prom, graduation, and project graduation.

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.

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2022 IMPACT
KENTUCKY WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY**

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, was present to give a PowerPoint presentation on the CCPS 2022 Impact Kentucky Working Conditions Survey (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

This survey is taken every two years by certified staff only and its purpose is to provide the district with feedback about their working conditions. The district then takes that data to better improve their buildings.

Mr. Bentzel compared the data from 2020 to 2022. Christian County improved in all categories, except one, which only decreased by 1%. Christian County meets or is above the state average in all categories.

SAFETY AND ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR FOOD SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION

Penny Holt, Director of Food Service and Mike Brumley, Director of Transportation, were both present to advise the board how implementing the Safety and Attendance Incentive Program in both of their departments was beneficial over the last year.

Both Mrs. Holt and Mr. Brumley agree that the program has helped create a culture of being at work and being part of a team. It has improved employee morale, lessened attendance issues, and decreased turnover within their departments. They both would like to see the incentive program continue next school year.

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ELEMENTARY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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

Ms. Caples began her presentation by going over their mission, vision, and goals and thanking her administrative team for their hard work and dedication. Ms. Caples stated a picture is worth 1,000 words. Tonight she wanted to share some pictures of their school hard at work. She shared pictures of district support, growth day, close reading, PLCs, MAP, and testing scrimmage. Ms. 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 Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline and they have met twice. The document should be ready for board approval in May or June.

Mr. Clark spoke to Senator Westerfield and Representative Dossett. Mr. Dossett is trying to pass legislation that districts do not have to solicit bids for projects less than \$30,000, which will help us do more projects in-house. He also states that an extension for emergency certified employees for 1 year is now in the Senate. Mr. Bentzel stated that legislators have been in session for 45 days. He appreciates the hard work of Mr. Dossett, Mr. Westerfield, Mr. Thomas, and our new representative, Jason Petrie. This is the budget year and a lot of things are going on. Bev Fort went to Frankfort because she is following a bill with Mr. Thomas to endorse residency certification. This will allow classified employees who want to become certified employees to do a residency instead of traditional student teaching. Mr. Dossett is working to approve disaster days for the tornado impacted districts. The budget, although still in question, is very favorable for public education.

Mr. Bell is on the Racial Equity Committee and he can say that Mr. Elam is one busy person. The first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Newsletter is on the website. The committee will meet tomorrow and began discussions for a community forum coming up.

- #188 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
BG-5 CLOSE
OUT FOR
HOPKINSVILLE
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
ROOF
COATING
PROJECT
- Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to approve the BG-5 Close Out for Hopkinsville Middle School Roof Coating Project (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
- #189 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
INVOICE
FROM
HAFER
ARCHITECTS
IN THE
AMOUNT OF
\$505,147.46
FOR THE
NEW HIGH
SCHOOL
CONSOLIDATION
PROJECT
- Motion by Ms. Mumford Brame, second by Mr. Walker, to approve the Invoice from Hafer Architects in the Amount of \$505,147.46 for the High School Consolidation Project (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
- #190 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
 2. Other
- B) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held February 17, 2022 and Special Board Meeting/Workshop held on March 3, 2022
- C) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- D) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- E) Approval to Declare an Emergency as Required by KRS 161.100 to Employ Emergency Substitute Teachers and Full-Time Emergency Certification

- F) Approval Reimbursement Rate Increase and Impact on Adult Meal Prices in Seamless Summer Option
- G) Approval 2022-2023 School Defined Course Codes
- H) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Seven (7) Attendance
- I) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- J) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- K) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting for April 21, 2021, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- L) 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 wanted to acknowledge the passing of former CCHS principal, Barney Thweatt, and offered condolences to his family. He also congratulated Lile Dunbar on his induction in the Hall of Fame. He is glad our COVID numbers are down to allow a traditional ending to the school year. He wished Mr. Bentzel the best of luck at Dancing with Our Stars this weekend!

MR. CLARK

Mr. Clark appreciates all our employees for their hard work and dedication to students. He congratulated Mr. Crider on his new position. Mr. Clark is excited about the spring sports season.

MS. MUMFORD BRAME

Ms. Mumford Brame wanted everyone to be aware of a group called Men2Be. They are designed to help young boys become great men. They focus on teaching life skills, respect, work ethic, finances, etc.

MR. BELL

Mr. Bell gave a shout-out to all the ACT takers. He is proud that CCPS offers this as a sophomore so that students get a fill for it before taking it as a junior. He emphasized to take the ACT as many times as possible for that best score. He thanked in advance all the local businesses that will donate to Project Graduation this year and make that possible for seniors. Mr. Bell is also looking forward to the spring sports season. He attended a track meet in Marshall County and it was nice seeing the students have a great time.

MR. BENTZEL

Mr. Bentzel is also excited about the spring sports season and wishes all the athletes the best of luck. There are 11 instructional days before spring break and everyone is working hard to make every day count. He is proud to have a traditional ending of the school year by welcoming parents back into the building and having the pre-covid end-of-year activities for students. Mr. Bentzel wanted to give his condolences to the family of Karen Greene, a long-time employee of CCPS. She was a wonderful employee and friend and will greatly be missed.

#191 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to adjourn (6:17 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____