

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 14, 2022
12:00 P.M.**

BOARD RETREAT

The Christian County Board of Education met at Murray State University - Hopkinsville Campus in Hopkinsville, KY on July 14, 2022, 12:00 P.M. for a Board Retreat.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chairperson

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Mr. Jeff Moore

Ms. Tiffany Mumford Brame

Mr. Michael Walker

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Mr. Jack Lackey, Jr., School Board Attorney; Josh Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance; Jessica Addison, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Jack Faber, Hafer Architects; Eric Rang, Hafer Architects; Ron Steinhart, Hafer Architects; Rick Harper, Bell Engineering; Kevin Crider, High School Consolidation Coordinator; Johnna Brown, District Communications Directors; Carroll Boyd, Baird Financial; Kelly Mrsic, Baird Financial; Jason Wilson, District Technology Coordinator; Guests; Students

ACTION/ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

Mr. Bell, Board Chair, began the meeting by reading the mission statement of Christian County Public Schools. He then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Bentzel.

Mr. Bentzel welcomed everyone to the retreat. He stated it has not been an easy two years and as we begin our third year we are faced with covid, political factors, teacher shortage, and inflation. It is hard to think like five board members, as we all have different backgrounds and skill sets. Moving forward, we have to unite behind a common theme - students, CCPS mission, safety, and achievement. He stated we can accomplish this by making unified decisions based on our students. Mr. Bentzel reviewed the new district guidebook, organizational chart, and school administrator teams.

HOPKINSVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY ACADEMY BID & CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Bentzel stated that based on Tuesday's bid opening, CCPS can't be fiscally responsible and accept any bid, but we can work the problem and improve the outcome without raising taxes. It's not time to quit the vision, but pause and re-evaluate. The consolidated school will transform how we do high school for our students. The consolidation factors in equity, operational efficiency, CTE programming, staffing, and many other positive influential factors. Mr. Bentzel stated we need to let this resonate and continue moving forward at the appropriate time.

Jack Faber, Hafer Architects, stated they were disappointed in the bids. It is unprecedented times and the outcome was not expected. The high bids are the result of inflation, subcontractors are busy and have a lack of manpower, location of Hopkinsville, and mechanical and material costs. Mr. Faber answered questions from board members.

Kelly Mrsic, Baird Financial, reviewed the district's latest financial numbers. She started with some good news, which is the deadline has been alleviated for spending the \$10 million LAVEC grant. Mrs. Mrsic and Mrs. Darnell will work together to ensure the district continues to be fiscally responsible.

CCPS SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN UPDATE & REVIEW

Mr. Josh Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, was present to give the board an update and review the CCPS School Comprehensive Safety Plan. He reviewed the Emergency Response Plan, Active Shooter Training, School Risk Assessments, Safety Drills, Security Cameras/Upgrades, Secure Vestibules, STOP Tipline, Handle with Care, Random Metal Detector Wanding, Mental Health Focus, and School Resource Officers/Safety Officers.

2022-2023 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE/DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Mrs. Jessica Addison, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, was present to review the district's five-year strategic plan and scorecard goals for 2022-2023. This year's theme is:

Supporting Students - Empowering Educators - Advocating for ALL.

Mrs. Addison began with a student panel. The purpose of the panel discussion was to gain students' insight into their experiences on a daily basis at CCPS.

Mrs. Addison then reviewed the instructional priorities for 2022-2023. Instructional priorities include being Champions for Students, Comprehensive Reading Program, College/Career/Life Ready High School Transformation, Teacher Coaching, Principal Coaching, Continuous Improvement Processes, and Community Outreach.

CCPS CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

Kevin Crider, High School Consolidation Coordinator, was present to give an update on next steps.

Mr. Crider reviewed current instructional consolidation efforts between the three high schools, freshman academy, profile of a graduate, college and career steering committee, and tactic team efforts.

Mr. Crider also discussed potential renovation projects at the Stadium of Champions to make it more appealing and modernized.

CCPS LEGAL AND BOARD POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Jack Lackey, Board Attorney, discussed legal and board policy updates, including Title IX, board member policies, and Senate Bill 1.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSIONS, GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES, AND BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Bentzel answered any board member questions, comments, and concerns.

#1 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Clark, to adjourn (4:10 P.M.)

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

Voting no: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____