

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Jesslyn Sharkey, CCHS Student Board Member Representative

Kylie Batts, HHS Student Board Member Representative

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

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

- A) *Jace Blue* – Student of the Month, Christian County High
- B) *Bethany Hines* - Elementary Teacher of the Month, Millbrooke Elementary
- C) *Emily Mitchell* - Secondary Teacher of the Month, Christian County Middle
- D) *Daisy Cheatham* - Classified Employee of the Month, Sinking Fork Elementary
- E) *Megan Kem* - Administrator of the Month, Christian County High School

A special thank you to *Gary Keeton – Kentucky Farm Bureau*
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for May 2024.

- F) *Christina Morris* – 2024 Finalist for the Kentucky Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

CCPS MISSION, PRAYER, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell read the CCPS Mission Statement and provided the prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jace Blue, student at Christian County High School. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:27 P.M.

#264 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Pepper, 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: Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kevin Hitchel from Alliance Corporation was present to provide the Board with a Construction Update on the new Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

SAFETY UPDATE

Kathleen Carter, School Safety & Title IX Coordinator, was present to provide the Board with a Safety Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

SPRING RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Beverly Fort, Teacher Recruiter, was present to provide the board with a Spring Recruitment Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

FINANCE UPDATE

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

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. Bell provided a KSBA Second Region update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

Dr. John Ebert

In Re: Giving Religious Materials to Students

531 Southwind Drive

Hopkinsville, KY 42240

#265 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER NINETEEN (19) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Nineteen (19) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#266 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY (20) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty (20) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#267 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY ONE (21) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty One (21) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#268 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY TWO (22) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty Two (22) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#269 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY THREE (23) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty Three (23) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#270 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY FOUR (24) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty Four (24) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#271 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER NINE (9) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Payment Application Number Nine (9) to Alliance Corporation and Individual Contractors for the New Christian County High School Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#272 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO HAFER ARCHITECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,922.62 FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Invoice to Hafer Architects in the Amount of \$31,922.62 for the New Christian County High School Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#273 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Tentative Budget for 2024-2025 School Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#274 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2024-2025 SALARY SCHEDULES

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the 2024-2025 Salary Schedules (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#275 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF INDIRECT COST RATES FOR FY24-25

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Indirect Cost Rates for FY24-25 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#276 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR LOCKERS AND BENCHES AT THE NEW HOPKINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Award the Bid to Supply Solutions in the Amount of \$43,500.00 for Lockers and Benches at the New Hopkinsville Middle School Campus (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#277 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR 2024-2025 STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Award the Bid to Roberts Insurance and Investments through K&k Insurance, underwritten by Zurich American Insurance Company, Plan 4 for 2024-2025 Student Accident Insurance (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#278 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO SANCTION MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Sanction Middle School Sports (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#279 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM FROM SAVVAS MY PERSPECTIVES FOR GRADES 6-12

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Purchase of English Language Arts Curriculum from Savvas My Perspectives for Grades 6-12 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#280 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SUMMATIVE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Summative of the Superintendent's Evaluation for the 2023-2024 School Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#281 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL AMENDMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Amendment of the Superintendent Contract Agreement (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#282 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to the following Consent Agenda:

- 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 April 18, 2024; Special Called Virtual Board Meeting held on April 23, 2024; and Special Board Meeting held on May 2, 2024
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval to Pay for Background and CAN Checks for all Full-Time Certified and Classified Employees and Coaches for FY24-25
- F) Approval Service Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Cumberland Hall Hospital
- G) Approval to Declare the Playground Equipment at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary Surplus
- H) Approval District Funding Assurances
- I) Approval of Christian County Public Schools 2023-2024 Phase Four: Professional Development Plan for Districts for School Year 2024-2025
- J) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Eight (8) Attendance
- K) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- L) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- M) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for June 6, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting for June 20, 2024, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- N) Other

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#283 CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION KRS 61.810 (1) {C} AND/OR FOR DISCUSSIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE DISTRICT 1 VACANT BOARD SEAT KRS 61.810(1)(F)

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to Enter Closed Session for the Purpose of Proposed or Pending Litigation KRS 61.810 (1) {c} and/or for Discussions Which Might Lead to the Appointment of an Individual to Fill the District 1 Vacant Board Seat KRS 61.810(1)(f) (Time 8:21 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#284 EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Exit Closed Session (Time 8:36 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#285 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ACTION OR INACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE DISTRICT 1 VACANT BOARD SEAT.

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Mr. Clark, to appoint Erin Westerfield to fill the District 1 Vacant Board Seat.

Voting Yes: Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#286 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (8:38 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____