

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Jesslyn Sharkey, CCHS Student Board Member Representative

Kylie Batts, HHS Student Board Member Representative

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

**ACTION/ITEMS**

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**RECOGNITIONS:**

- A) Ian Rosario – Boys’ 300 Meter Hurdles State Champion
- B) Hopkinsville High School Baseball Team
- C) Sinking Fork Elementary – Cleanest Building of the Year Award
- D) Kylie Batts – Hopkinsville High School Student Board Member Representative  
Jesslyn Sharkey – Christian County High School Student Board Member Representative

**CCPS MISSION, PRAYER, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Batts read the CCPS Mission Statement. Ms. Sharkey provided the invocation. The prayer was led by Ms. Westerfield, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

**#293 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, 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.)

**STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE**

Dr. Kim Stevenson, Director of Student Services, was present to provide the Board with a Student Services Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.) Also present was Kellie Thompson, Green River Regional Educational Cooperative, who highlighted Christian County's work with the five year Project Prevent Safe Place grant. Ms. Thompson also recognized Cassie Doughery, District Mental Health Provider, who spearheaded the work.

**NURSES REPORT, 4<sup>th</sup> NINE WEEKS**

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, provided the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks' nurses' report for the Board noting that 17,241 students had visited the nurses in the schools during the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks of the 2023-24 school year (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 an Equity Committee Update.

**COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM**

None

**#294 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY FIVE (25) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty Five (25) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#295 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY SIX (26) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty Six (26) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#296 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY SEVEN (27) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Twenty Seven (27) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#297 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TEN (10) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Payment Application Number Ten (10) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#298 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO HAFER ARCHITECTS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Invoice to Hafer Architects 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#299 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD INSURANCE BIDS FOR PROPERTY, AUTO, GENERAL LIABILITY, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Award the Bid to Affiliated FM Insurance for the Property Coverage \$411,823, CM Regent for Auto and General Liability Insurance \$597,870, and to renew Workers' Compensation Insurance with KEMI \$215,697, for a total package cost of \$1,225,390 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#300 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR FOOTBALL/INSTRUCTIONAL WEIGHT ROOM RESOURCES**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Award the Bid to BSN Sports for Football/Instructional Weight Room Resources (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#301 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REVISED BG-1 – DEMOLITION OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Revised BG-1 – Demolition of Christian County Learning Center (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#302 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF ARP ESSER FUNDS**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Application for Extension of ARP ESSER Funds (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#303 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THREE (3) BUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$535,836.00**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Purchase Three (3) Buses in the Amount of \$535,836.00 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#304 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2024-2025 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the 2024-2025 Law Enforcement Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Christian County Sheriff's Department (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#305 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2024-2025 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the 2024-2025 Law Enforcement Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and the City of Hopkinsville (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#306 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2024 KSBA POLICY UPDATE #47 - FIRST READING AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PROCEDURES UPDATE #28**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the 2024 KSBA Policy Update #47 - First Reading and Acknowledge Receipt of Procedures Update #28 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#307 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Christian County Public Schools and Western Kentucky University (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#308 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, 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 May 16, 2024; Board Retreat held on June 4, 2024; and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop on June 6, 2024
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request
- E) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Nine (9) Attendance
- F) Approval Amendment No. 1 to the 2023-2024 Agreement with Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Inc. for Athletic Trainers
- G) Approval School Based Therapy/Counseling Services Agreement between Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and Christian County Public Schools
- H) Approval Purchase of Acellus Licenses for Credit Recovery and Alternative Programs
- I) Approval Non-Traditional Instruction Continuation of Learning Plan
- J) Approval Agreement between the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and Christian County Board of Education
- K) Approval Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Dr. Alison Paige Mullins-Couch
- L) Approval Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Katrina Berry
- M) Approval Revised Behavior Coach Job Description
- N) Approval Surplus Band Items
- O) Approval Surplus Technology Items
- P) Approval Department of Juvenile Justice Memorandum of Understanding
- Q) Approval 2024-2025 CCPS Master Schedule Start and End Times

- R) Approval School Activity Fund Budgets for FY24-25
- S) Approval Fidelity Bond for Treasurer/Finance Officer Renewal for FY24
- T) Approval 2024-2025 Code of Acceptable Behavior
- U) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- V) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- W) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting for July 18, 2024 in the Board Room at the Central Office
- X) Other

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

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

Mr. Bell, Mr. Clark, Ms. Sharkey, Ms. Batts, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns. Mr. Lackey announced that during the course of the board meeting he was made aware that former Assistant Superintendent, Ken Shadowen, had passed away. Mr. Lackey commended Mr. Shadowen to his lifelong dedication to public education.

**#309 ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (8:23 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**APPROVED CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_