

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, August 15, 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

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

Ms. Erin Westerfield

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

- A) District Facility Transition Recognitions

CCPS MISSION, PRAYER, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bentzel read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation was provided by Mr. Bell, the prayer led by Mr. Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

#18 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, 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. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Tim Geegan, 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.)

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.

MONTHLY SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – BACK TO SCHOOL

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, was present to provide the Board with a monthly Superintendent Update – Back to School (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#19 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY TWO (32) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Thirty Two (32) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#20 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY THREE (33) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Thirty Three (33) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#21 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY FOUR (34) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Thirty Four (34) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#22 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY FIVE (35) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Thirty Five (35) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#23 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY SIX (36) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Thirty Six (36) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#24 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY SEVEN (37) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Thirty Seven (37) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#25 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWELVE (12) 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 Twelve (12) 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

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

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, 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. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#27 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO SET THE FY2024-25 REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE; FY 2024-25 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE; FY2024-25 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE; 2024-25 PERMISSIVE UTILITY TAX; AND EXEMPT TAX ON AIRCRAFT AND WATERCRAFT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Set the FY2024-2025 Real Property Tax Rate at 41 Cents; Set the FY2024-2025 Personal Property Tax Rate at 42.1 Cents; Set the FY 2024-2025 Motor Vehicle Tax Rate at 56.6 Cents; Set the FY2024-2025 Permissive Utility Tax at 3% and Exempt Tax on Aircraft and Watercraft (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#28 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR SECTION 504 BUILDING COORDINATORS FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Section 504 Building Coordinators 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. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#29 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR ARC CHAIRPERSONS (CCSD REPRESENTATIVES) FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the ARC Chairpersons (CCSD Representatives) 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. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#30 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 08.221 GRADING TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE PURSUIT TO THE EMERGENCY PROVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 1.5

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Revision of Board Policy 08.221 Grading to Become Effective Immediately upon Passage Pursuit to the Emergency Provisions of Board Policy 1.5 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#31 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 08.1114 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION – FIRST READING

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Revision of Board Policy 08.1114 Preschool Education – First Reading (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#32 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 09.124 TUITION – FIRST READING AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PROCEDURE UPDATE 09.124 AP.21 – TUITION AGREEMENT FORM

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Revision of Board Policy 09.124 Tuition – First Reading and Acknowledge Receipt of Procedure Update 09.124 AP.21 – Tuition Agreement Form (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#33 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PRESCHOOL TUITION FEES

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Preschool Tuition Fees (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#34 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to Approve Ambrea Watkins to serve as the Board Member on the 2025-2026 School Calendar Committee (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#35 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 Regular Board Meeting held July 18, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on August 1, 2024
- C) Approval School Related Trip Request
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval Strategies, Interventions and Administrative Responses for Bluegrass Learning Academy
- F) Approval Policy Revision 09.4232- Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine, or Vapor Products
- G) Approval 2024-2025 Trauma Informed Care Plan
- H) Approval Amended Purchasing Manual
- I) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- J) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- K) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for September 5, 2024, 6:00 P.M. and Regular Board Meeting for September 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office

L) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

#36 CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION KRS 61.810 (1) {C}

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to enter into Closed Session for the Purpose of Proposed or Pending Litigation KRS 61.810 (1) {c} (7:41 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#37 EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Clark, to Exit Closed Session (8:09 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#38 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (8:09 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____