

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, September 19, 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

Ms. Erin Westerfield

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:

ACTION/ITEMS

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

- A) *Landen Godsey* – Student of the Month, Freedom Elementary
- B) *Dr. Paige Milam* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Pembroke Elementary
- C) *Steffani Sutton* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Gateway Academy
- D) *Brittany Joyner* - Classified Employee of the Month, Christian County High School
- E) *Anita Hopson* - Administrator of the Month, Director of Personnel
A special thank you to the Gary Keeton - *Kentucky Farm Bureau*
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for September 2024
- F) *Cassie Dougherty* – Kentucky School Counselor Association’s Helping Hand Award

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell read the CCPS Mission Statement. The Invocation was led by Ms. Pepper and Ms. Westerfield, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Landen Godsey, student at Freedom Elementary. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M.

#48 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, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, 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.)

SRO INTRODUCTIONS & SAFETY UPDATE

Kathleen Carter, School Safety & Title IX Coordinator, was present to provide the Board a Safety Update and introduce School Resource Officers for the 2024-2025 school year.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT MONTHLY UPDATE – PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PLAN AND EVALUATIONS

Chris Bentzel Superintendent, was present to provide the Board with a Superintendent Monthly Update – Professional Growth Plan and Evaluations (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Clark provided a Legislative Update.

Ms. Westerfield provided a PBIS Committee Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

Dessa Goodlett, 419 W. 15th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Patricia Flynn, 102 S. McPherson Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

In re: School Safety/Threats
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#49 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER THIRTEEN (13) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Thirteen (13) 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, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

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

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the 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. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#51 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL WORKING BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Working 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#52 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 August 15, 2024; and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on September 5, 2024

C) Approval School Related Trip Requests

D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests

E) Approval Surplus Technology Items

F) Approval 2024-2025 Salary Schedule Revision Two (2)

G) Approval Updated 2024-2025 Gifted and Talented Educational Services and Procedures

- H) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- I) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- J) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- K) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- L) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- M) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- N) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- O) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- P) Approval Consultant Design Fee Proposal from Hafer Architects
- Q) Approval 2023-2024 Donations to Activity Funds
- R) Approval Christian County High School Volleyball Coach Stipend
- S) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- T) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- U) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting for October 17, 2024, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- V) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

#53 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to adjourn (7:43 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____