

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Ambrea Watkins (Entered at 6:03 p.m.)

Ms. Mollie Goode, Student Board Member

Ms. Aniyah Lewis, Student Board Member

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

**ACTION/ITEMS**

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**RECOGNITIONS:**

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

- A) *Bristol Crosby* – Student of the Month, Crofton Elementary
- B) *Kayce Coats* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, South Christian Elementary
- C) *Tracy Hoffman* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Christian County High
- D) *Karen Crick* - Classified Employee of the Month, Central Office
- E) *Julia Stewart* - Administrator of the Month, Assistant Principal, South Christian Elementary

A special thank you to *Tom Bell – State Farm Insurance*  
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for November 2024

F) *National History Day Students:*

HHS: Brody Arena; Kannen Deaton; Cole Stroh; Amira Trotter; Ella Kate Colley;  
Florence Dim; MaKiyah Alston

CCHS: Alexander Hale; Thadius Toliver; Lillian Westerfield; Madison Campbell

G) *Kentucky High Attendance Day Winners for Christian County:*

Sinking Fork Elementary 96.91%

Christian County Middle 94.93%

Hopkinsville High School 93.45%

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

Student Board Member, Mollie Goode, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation and prayer was led by Mr. Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Bristol Crosby, student at Crofton Elementary. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**#8o APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Voting No: NONE

**PRESENTATIONS: NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Kevin Crider, Assistant Superintendent and Trevor Herndon, Director of Facilities, were 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.)

**STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS**

Jessica Addison, Assistant Superintendent, was present and provided the Board with a Stakeholder Survey Results Presentation (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.

**NURSES REPORT, 1<sup>ST</sup> NINE WEEKS**

Megan Kidd, District Health Director, provided the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks' nurses' report for the Board noting that 12,487 students had visited the nurses in the schools during the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks of the 2024-25 school year (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

**SUPERINTENDENT MONTHLY UPDATE – STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS AND STUDENT LIFE WEBSITE**

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, was present and provided the Board with a Superintendent Monthly Update – Student Board Members and Student Life Website (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

Mr. Bentzel introduced the two student board members and provided an overview of the selection process.

Mr. Bentzel then introduced John Richards, Crystal Richards and Thomas Wise, to provide the board with a Student Life Website update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ms. Watkins** provided a Calendar Committee Update.

**Ms. Westerfield** provided a PBIS Committee Update.

**Ms. Lewis** provided a CCHS Principal's Advisory Update.

**COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM**

None

**#81 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FORTY NINE (49) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Forty Nine (49) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#82 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY (50) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty (50) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#83 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY ONE (51) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty One (51) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#84 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY TWO (52) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty Two (52) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#85 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY THREE (53) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty Three (53) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#86 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BID FOR DOOR HARDWARE AND ACCESS CONTROL PROPOSALS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to Award the Bid to Schiller in the Amount of \$558,950.00 for Door Hardware and Access Control Proposals for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#87 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER FIFTEEN (15) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Fifteen (15) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

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

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Invoice to Haer 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: Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

**#89 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#90 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SELECTION OF THREE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to select *Tiffany Brame*, *David Wimpy*, and *Mark McGee*, as the Three Community Members to Serve on the Local Planning Committee (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#91 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Establishment of School Based Law Enforcement Agency (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#92 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Director of School Safety and Security Job Description (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#93 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHIEF OF SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the Chief of School Safety and Security Job Description (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#94 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, 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 October 17, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on November 7, 2024
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approved Revised Salary Schedule
- F) Approval Permission to Advertise for Bid for WAN Fiber Service
- G) Approval Loan Agreement – MAE Special Education
- H) Approval Agreement between Christian County Board of Education and Dyslexia Association of the Pennyrile
- I) Approval Participation Agreement for a Community-Centered Approach to Improving School-Based Oral Healthcare
- J) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Two (2) Attendance
- K) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- L) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar

M) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop on December 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Middle School Cafeteria and Regular Board Meeting for December 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office

N) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

## INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

### #95 CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION KRS 61.810 (1) {c} AND/OR STUDENT MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(f) and (k)

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Enter into Closed Session for the Purpose of Proposed or Pending Litigation KRS 61.810 (1) {c} and/or Student Matters Required to be Discussed in Private Under KRS 61.810(1)(f) and (k) (Time: 7:46 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#96 PUPIL PERSONNEL #96 is held in the Confidential File.

### #97 EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Watkins, to Exit Closed Session (Time 8:06 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

### #98 ADJOURN

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (8:06 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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