

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

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Ms. Mollie Goode, Student Board Member

Ms. Aniyah Lewis, Student Board Member

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Mr. Ben Talley, Attorney, Administrators, and Guests

**ACTION/ITEMS**

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**SWEARING IN  
CEREMONY FOR  
RE-ELECTED  
BOARD MEMBER,  
REBECCA PEPPER**

Judge Andrew Self conducted the swearing-in ceremony for re-elected Board Member, Rebecca Pepper. A copy of the Certificate of Administering of Official Oath and Statutory Oath for Board of Education Members is attached to the board minutes.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

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

- A) *Sarah Slaughter* – Student of the Month, Christian County Middle
- B) *Anita Armstrong* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Crofton Elementary
- C) *Aaliyah Jones* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville Middle
- D) *Kim Rains* - Classified Employee of the Month, Pembroke Elementary
- E) *Lacey Ramirez*- Administrator of the Month, Sinking Fork Elementary

A special thank you to *Christian County Chamber of Commerce/PreK2Biz* for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for December 2024

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

Student Board Member, Aniyah Lewis, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation and prayer was led by Mr. Bell and Mr. Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Sarah Slaughter, student at Christian County Middle. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:27P.M.

**#101 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, 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. Watkins, Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, 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.

**INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE**

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Jessica Addison, Assistant Superintendent, were present and provided the Board with an Instructional Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Mr. Bell** provided an Equity Committee Update.

**Mr. Clark** provided a Legislative Update.

**Ms. Goode** provided a HHS Principal's Advisory update.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM**

None

**#102 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY FOUR (54) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty Four (54) 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#103 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY FIVE (55) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty Five (55) 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

**#104 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY SIX (56) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Fifty Six (56) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#105 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER SIXTEEN (16) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Sixteen (16) 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#106 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#107 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FY2023-2024 AUDIT REPORT, PREPARED BY DUGUID, GENTRY & ASSOCIATES, P.S.C.**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Christian County Board of Education FY2023-2024 Audit Report, prepared by Duguid, Gentry & Associates, P.S.C (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

**#108 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Reject all Bids for the Demolition of the old Christian County Middle School Building (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#109 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Permission to Advertise for Bids for the Demolition of the old Christian County Middle School Building (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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#110 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BG-1 FOR MILLBROOKE ELEMENTARY ROOF COATING PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the BG-1 for Millbrooke Elementary Roof Coating Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#111 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO SWIFT ROOFING FOR MILLBROOKE ELEMENTARY ROOF COATING PROJECT**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Award the Contract to Swift Roofing for Millbrooke Elementary Roof Coating Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: Mr. Clark

**#112 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Clark, to approve to Solicit Bids for the New Christian County High School Athletic Facilities.

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

Voting No: NONE

**#113 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A NEW BELL SYSTEM AT HOPKINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve Permission to Advertise for Bids for a New Bell System at Hopkinsville Middle School.

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

Voting No: NONE

**#114 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HENRY FORD LEARNING INSTITUTE FOR FORD NGL ROADMAP PHASE 4**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Engagement Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Henry Ford Learning Institute for FORD NGL Roadmap Phase 4 (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

**#115 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Regular School Board Meetings/Workshops for the 2025 Calendar Year (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

**#116 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 on November 21, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on December 5, 2024
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval of Local Planning Committee Members
- F) Approval Request for Proposals for Kitchen Equipment for the New Christian County High School
- G) Approval Request for Proposals for a New Serving Line for Millbrooke Elementary
- H) Approval of Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Card 2024-2025; Standards and Indicators; Improvement Plan
- I) Approval Revised K-12 Literacy Coach Job Description
- J) Approval 2025-2026 School Year Calendar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- K) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Three (3) Attendance
- L) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- M) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- N) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting on January 16, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- O) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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

**#117 ADJOURN**

Motion Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (8:02 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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