

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Mollie Goode, Student Board Member

Ms. Aniyah Lewis, Student Board Member

ACTION/ITEMS

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, Mr. Tom Bell read the Proclamation.

RECOGNITIONS: Due to inclement weather, all recognitions were moved to March.

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ambrea Watkins, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation and prayer was led Ms. Pepper and Ms. Westerfield, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

#142 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. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Tim Geegan, Alliance Corporation, Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, Kevin Crider, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Jason Wilson, District Technology Coordinator, 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.)

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. Ms. Darnell discussed each fund in depth, reviewed any new state or federal guidance and answered all questions from the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#143 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY ONE (61) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Sixty One (61) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#144 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY TWO (62) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number Sixty Two (62) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#145 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY THREE (63) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number Sixty Three (63) 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

#146 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY FOUR (64) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number Sixty Four (64) 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

#147 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER EIGHTEEN (18) 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 Eighteen (18) 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

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

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

Voting No: NONE

#149 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REVISED BG-1 FOR ELECTRIC BUS INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Revised BG-1 for Electric Bus Infrastructure (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#150 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BG-5 FOR HOPKINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF COATING PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the BG-5 for Hopkinsville Middle School Roof Coating 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

#151 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO RENEW BIDS FOR FY25-26

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve to Renew Bids for FY25-26 (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

#152 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FY25-26

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Clark, to approve Permission to Advertise for Bids for FY25-26 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#153 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BID FOR OLD CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Accept the Bid from Complete Demolition Services for the Old Christian County Middle School Demolition (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

#154 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 Board Retreat held on January 14, 2025; Special Called Board Meeting/Public Forum held January 16, 2025; Special Called Board Meeting/Public Forum held January 16, 2025; Regular Board Meeting held January 16, 2025; and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on February 6, 2025
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval Request for CCBOE to Co-Sponsor Division of Parks and Recreation's Summer Adventure Camp, Summer of 2025
- F) Approval Revision of School Climate Coordinator Job Description
- G) Approval of 24-25 Calendar Revision Number One (1)
- H) Approval to Purchase a Vehicle up to the Amount of \$35,000.00 for the Technology Department
- I) Approval of Proposal from Rogers Group in the Amount of \$29,231.00 for Millbrooke Elementary for Paving
- J) Approval of 2025-2026 Draft Staffing Allocation
- K) Approval of Proposal from Environmental Cleaning Solutions in the Amount of \$52,750.00 for the Asbestos Abatement at the Old Christian County Middle School Property
- L) Approval Student Accident Insurance Rider for Inspire Early Learning Academy
- M) Approval Summer Lunch Program at Christian County Middle School and Appointment of Penny Holt as Program Administrator
- N) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- O) Approval Shortened School Day Request

- P) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Five (5) Attendance
- Q) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- R) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- S) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for March 6, 2025 and Regular Board Meeting for March 20, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- T) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#155 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) AND DELIBERATIONS ON FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KRS 61.810 (1) {B}

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} and/or Student Matters Required to be Discussed in Private Under KRS 61.810(1)(f) and (k) and Deliberations on Future Acquisition or Sale of Real Property KRS 61.810 (1) {b} (Time: 7:31 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#156 PUPIL PERSONNEL #156 is held in the Confidential File.

#157 EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Exit Closed Session (Time: 7:53 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#158 ADJOURN

Motion Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (Time: 7:53 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____