

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, June 19, 2025, 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

Ms. Erin Westerfield

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:

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Mollie Goode, Student Board Member

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

- A) Indian Hills Elementary – Cleanest Building of the Year Award
- B) Mollie Goode – Hopkinsville High School Student Board Member Representative
Aniyah Lewis – Christian County High School Student Board Member Representative

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Student Board Member Aniyah Lewis opened the meeting by reading the CCPS Mission Statement. Ms. Westerfield and Ms. Watkins then led the invocation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

#254 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS:**NURSES REPORT, 4th NINE WEEKS**

Megan Kidd, District Health Director, provided the 4th nine weeks' nurses' report for the Board noting that 19,727 students had visited the nurses in the schools during the 4th nine weeks of the 2024-25 school year (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, discussed monthly open records requests, and answered all questions from the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Clark provided a Legislative Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#255 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWENTY TWO (22) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Payment Application Number Twenty Two (22) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#256 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. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#257 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD INSURANCE BIDS FOR PROPERTY, AUTO, GENERAL LIABILITY, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Award the Bid to Alliant Property Insurance Program and Purchase a Deductible Buyback Policy from RT Specialty for Property Coverage; Award Bid to CM Regent for Auto and General Liability Insurance; and to renew Workers' Compensation Insurance with KEMI, for a total package cost of \$1,528,202.00 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#258 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR PHYSICALS FOR FY25-26

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Award the Bid to Pound Chiropractic for Physicals for FY25-26 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#259 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR PAINT FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Award the Bid to She's the Boss Painting for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Learning Center (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#260 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO (2) BUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,326.00

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the Purchase Two (2) Busses in the Amount of \$301,326.00 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#261 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CURRICULUM FROM SCHOOLSPLP, LLC FOR BLUEGRASS LEARNING ACADEMY, VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY, DAY TREATMENT, CUMBERLAND HALL, HOME HOSPITAL, CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Purchase Curriculum from SchoolsPLP, LLC for Bluegrass Learning Academy, Virtual Learning Academy, Day Treatment, Cumberland Hall, Home Hospital, Christian County High School and Hopkinsville 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, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#262 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2025 KSBA POLICY UPDATE #48 - FIRST READING AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PROCEDURES UPDATE #29

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the 2025 KSBA Policy Update #48 - First Reading and Acknowledge Receipt of Procedures Update #29 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#263 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE TRACEABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS BETWEEN DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Designate Traceable Communication Systems between District Employees and Volunteers to Communicate with Students (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#264 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CIVICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the Civics Exam as the Civics Graduation Requirement for Christian County Public Schools (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#265 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, 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 May 15, 2025; Board Retreat held on June 5, 2025; and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop on June 5, 2025
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Request
- E) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Nine (9) Attendance
- F) Approval Updated 2025-2026 Certified Evaluation Plan
- G) Approval Lease between Christian County Public Schools and Hilltop Properties, LLC
- H) Approval Committed Fund Balance Carry Over
- I) Approval Renew E-Rate Contract for FY25-26
- J) Approval Non-Traditional Instruction Continuation of Learning Plan
- K) Approval District Funding Assurances
- L) Approval 2025-2026 CCPS Master Schedule Start and End Times
- M) Approval School Activity Fund Budgets for FY25-26
- N) Approval Fidelity Bond for Treasurer/Finance Officer Renewal for FY25
- O) Approval Ordinance/Resolution Relating to Participation in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund – Second Reading
- P) Approval 2025-2026 Code of Acceptable Behavior
- Q) Approval Inspire Early Learning Academy and Childcare Tuition Payment Policy
- R) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- S) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- T) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting for July 17, 2025 in the Board Room at the Central Office
- U) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

#266 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (7:41 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____