

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, September 18, 2025, 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. Ambrea Watkins

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

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

- A) *Cason Livingston* – Student of the Month, Millbrooke Elementary
- B) *Tracy Combs* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Virtual Learning Academy
- C) *Jacob Ezell* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville High
- D) *Elizabeth Adkinson* - Classified Employee of the Month, Freedom Elementary
- E) *Chris Tyson* - Administrator of the Month, Digital Learning Coach

A special thank you to *Tom Bell, State Farm Insurance*,
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for September 2025

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell opened the meeting by reading the CCPS Mission Statement. Ms. Pepper and Ms. Watkins then led the invocation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by Cason Livingston, a student at Millbrooke Elementary. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

#54 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: 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

Ms. Westerfield provided a PBIS Committee Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#55 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL WORKING BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Working Budget for 2025-2026 School 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

#56 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWENTY FIVE (25) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Payment Application Number Twenty Five (25) to Alliance Corporation and Individual Contractors 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

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

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

Voting No: NONE

#58 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO HOPKINSVILLE WATER ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Invoice to Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority 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

#59 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR FURNITURE FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Permission to Advertise for Request for Qualifications for Furniture for the New Christian County High School.

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

Voting No: NONE

#60 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 August 21, 2025; and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on September 4, 2025

C) Approval School Related Trip Requests

D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests

E) Approval Board Policy 09.1224 – Online, Virtual, and Remote Learning - Second Reading

- F) Approval Agreement between Christian County Board of Education and Ezell Film Company
- G) Approval 2024-2025 Donations to Activity Funds
- H) Approval Surplus Items from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Learning Center
- I) Approval Axon Enterprise, Inc. TASER Agreement
- J) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- K) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- L) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- M) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- N) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- O) Approval Shortened School Week Request
- P) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- Q) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- R) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- S) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- T) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- U) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- V) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- W) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- X) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- Y) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- Z) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- AA) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting for October 16, 2025, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- BB) 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. Bell, Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#61 CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION KRS 61.810 (1) {C} AND FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY - THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY CONSIDERED FOR ACQUISITION OR SALE- UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(B).

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 Future Acquisition or Sale of Real Property - the Public Discussion of Which Might Affect the Value of the Property Considered for Acquisition or Sale- under KRS 61.810(1)(b) (6:55 PM)

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

Voting No: NONE

#62 EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Exit Closed Session (7:22 PM)

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

Voting No: NONE

#63 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (7:22 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____