

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, October 16, 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. KVeon Ivory, Student Board Member

Ms. Karla Quintanilla, Student Board Member

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

**ACTION/ITEMS**

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**RECOGNITIONS:**

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

- A) *TreShawn Crenshaw* – Student of the Month, Christian County High
- B) *Camiki Morrow* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, South Christian Elementary
- C) *Randi Jettinghoff* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Christian County Middle
- D) *Marie Hughes* - Classified Employee of the Month, Central Office
- E) *Jessica Darnell* - Administrator of the Month, Director of Finance

A special thank you to the *Hafer Architects*  
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for October 2025

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

Mr. Ivory opened the meeting by reading the CCPS Mission Statement. Ms. Westerfield and Mr. Clark then led the invocation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by TreShawn Crenshaw, a student at Christian County High School. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M.

## #64 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Agenda with the following addition:

21. *Discussion/Approval Bluegrass Alternative High School Principal Job Description; Leslie Lancaster, Director of Personnel*

(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

### **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.

### **SUPERINTENDENT MONTHLY UPDATE – PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PLAN AND EVALUATIONS**

Chris Bentzel Superintendent, was present to provide the Board with a Superintendent Monthly Update – Professional Growth Plan and Evaluations (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Westerfield provided a PBIS Committee Update.

Mr. Clark provided a Legislative Update.

### **COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM**

None

**#65 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER EIGHTY SEVEN (87) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Change Order Number Eighty Seven (87) 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

**#66 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER EIGHTY EIGHT (88) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Change Order Number Eighty Eight (88) 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

**#67 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER EIGHTY NINE (89) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Change Order Number Eighty Nine (89) 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

**#68 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWENTY SIX (26) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Payment Application Number Twenty Six (26) 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. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#69 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

**#70 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BG-4 FOR DEMOLITION OF OLD CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the BG-4 for Demolition of the Old Christian County Middle 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

**#71 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL KETS 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY FUDING PROGRAM**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve KETS 1<sup>st</sup> Offer of Assistant for the Education Technology Program (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

**#72 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CTE COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the CTE Coordinator Job Description 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. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#73 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BID FOR LANDSCAPING AT THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Bid from Cansler Landscaping, LLC for Landscaping at 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

**#74 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO INVOICE TO EDUCATIONAL STEEL PRODUCTS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BAND TOWER FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Invoice to Educational Steel Products, LLC for the Purchase of a Band Tower 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

**#75 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT TURF BIDS FOR THE SOCCER, BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL FIELDS AT THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Bid from Field Turf for Turf at the Soccer, Baseball, and Softball Fields at 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

**#76 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO MIRACLE OF KY & TN FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Invoice to Miracle of KY & TN for Purchase of Playground Equipment 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, Mr. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

**#77 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO LEARNING LABS, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF WELDING BOOTHS**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Invoice to Learning Labs, Inc. for Purchase of Welding Booths (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

**#78 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Hire an Additional School Resource Officer

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

Voting No: Mr. Bell

**#79 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE**

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Selection of Ms. Ambrea Watkins to Serve on the 2026-2027 School Calendar Committee (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#80 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BLUEGRASS ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the Bluegrass Alternative High School Job Description (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

**#81 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, 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 September 18, 2025
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval Non-Resident Tuition for Out of State Employee's Children for 2025-2026
- F) Approval 2025-2027 Family Resource and Youth Service Centers School District Assurance Certificate
- G) Approval Updated 25-26 Gifted and Talented Educational Services and Procedures Handbook
- H) Approval 2025-2026 Salary Schedule Revision One (1)
- I) Approval Certified Evaluation Appeals Committee Members
- J) Approval Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Journey Church
- K) Approval Shortened School Day/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) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month One (1) Attendance
- Q) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- R) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- S) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop on November 6, 2025 and Regular Board Meeting for November 20, 2025, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- T) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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

**#82 ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (7:57 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

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

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