

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, December 18, 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. 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

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

- A) *Aniyah Wilson* – Student of the Month, Pembroke Elementary
- B) *Ashley Hodge* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Freedom Elementary
- C) *Lindsay Colip* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville Middle
- D) *Willie Bridges* - Classified Employee of the Month, Maintenance Department
- E) *Michelle Ladd* - Administrator of the Month, Director of Special Education
A special thank you to *Christian County Chamber of Commerce/PreK2Biz*
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for December 2025
- F) *Ava Jones* – 75th Anniversary Western Kentucky State Fair Logo Contest Winner

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ivory opened the meeting by reading the CCPS Mission Statement. Mr. Bell and Mr. Clark then led the invocation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by Aniyah Wilson, student at Pembroke Elementary. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M.

#115 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. 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, discussed monthly open records request and answered all questions from the Board.

STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

Kevin Crider, Assistant Superintendent, was present and provided the Board with a Stakeholder Survey Results Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Westerfield provided a PBIS Committee Update.

Mr. Clark provided a Legislative Update.

Mr. Bell provided a Salary Schedule Committee and Strategic Plan Update.

Mr. Ivory provided a CCPS Student Ambassador Update.

Ms. Pepper provided a New CCHS Furniture Committee Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#116 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) BUS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,359.00

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the Purchase of One (1) Bus in the Amount of \$167,359.00 (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

#117 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER NINETY SEVEN (97) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Change Order Number Ninety Seven (97) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#118 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER NINETY EIGHT (98) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Change Order Number Ninety Eight (98) 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#119 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER NINETY NINE (99) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Change Order Number Ninety Nine (99) 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

#120 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED (100) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Change Order Number One Hundred (100) 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#121 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Change Order Number One Hundred One (101) 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

#122 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWO (102) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Change Order Number One Hundred Two (102) 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

#123 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THREE (103) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve Change Order Number One Hundred Three (103) 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#124 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Change Order Number One Hundred Four (104) 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

#125 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Change Order Number One Hundred Five (105) 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

#126 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWENTY EIGHT (28) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve Payment Application Number Twenty Eight (28) 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. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#127 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. Wakins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#128 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE RECORD STORAGE UNITS FROM PATTERSON POPE FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Purchase Record Storage Units from Patterson Pope 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#129 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FLOOR CLEANING MACHINE FROM HILLYARD FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Purchase Floor Cleaning Machine from Hillyard 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

#130 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO VIEWSONIC BOARDS FROM ENCORE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Purchase Two ViewSonic Boards from Encore Technologies 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#131 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AUTOMOTIVE LAB EQUIPMENT FROM NORMAN STORY & ASSOCIATES FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Purchase Automotive Lab Equipment from Norman Story & Associates 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

#132 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NETWORK EQUIPMENT FROM PCS KENTUCKY FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Purchase Network Equipment from PCS Kentucky 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#133 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SELECTION OF FURNITURE VENDOR FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve the Selection of KDA Furniture as the Furniture Vendor, with a budget not to exceed \$2.5 Million Dollars, for the New Christian County High School Project.

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

Voting No: NONE

#134 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO CLOSE CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL (030) LOCATED AT 220 GLASS AVE., HOPKINSVILLE, KY, AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Close Christian County High School (030) located at 220 Glass Ave., Hopkinsville, KY, at the End of the 2025-2026 School Year (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

#135 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO CLOSE HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (050) LOCATED AT 430 KOFFMAN, HOPKINSVILLE, KY, AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Close Hopkinsville High School (050) located at 430 Koffman, Hopkinsville, KY, at the End of the 2025-2026 School Year (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

#136 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO CLOSE BOTH GATEWAY ACADEMY OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUSES (975) LOCATED AT 705 N. ELM. STREET AND 715 NORTH DRIVE, HOPKINSVILLE, KY AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Close both Gateway Academy of Innovation and Technology Campuses (975) located at 705 N. Elm. Street and 715 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY at the End of the 2025-2026 School Year (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

#137 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO TRANSITION AND CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY (012) FROM 715 NORTH DRIVE TO 220 GLASS AVENUE, HOPKINSVILLE, KY

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Transition and Change the Address of Christian County Public Schools Virtual Learning Academy (012) from 715 North Drive to 220 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY (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

#138 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO TRANSITION AND CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF BLUEGRASS LEARNING ACADEMY (100) FROM 9503 EAGLE WAY AND 814 BELMONT STREET, HOPKINSVILLE, KY TO 220 GLASS AVENUE, HOPKINSVILLE, KY

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Transition and Change the Address of Bluegrass Learning Academy (100) from 9503 Eagle Way and 814 Belmont Street, Hopkinsville, KY to 220 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY (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

#139 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO RE-NAME CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL (030) LOCATED AT 220 GLASS AVE, HOPKINSVILLE, KY TO CHRISTIAN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER TO ENCOMPASS ALL CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Re-name Christian County High School (030) located at 220 Glass Ave, Hopkinsville, KY to Christian County Learning Center to Encompass all Christian County Public Schools Alternative Education Programs (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

#140 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO RENAME CHRISTIAN COUNTY HS (060), LOCATED AT 5185 FORT CAMPBELL BLVD, HOPKINSVILLE, KY TO CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Rename Christian County HS (060), located at 5185 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, KY to Christian County High School effective July 1, 2026 (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

#141 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve the Regular School Board Meetings and Workshops for the 2026 Calendar Year (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

#142 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 20, 2025 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on December 4, 2025
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval of Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Card 2025-2026; Standards and Indicators; Improvement Plan
- F) Approval Food Service Surplus Item
- G) Approval Agreement between Christian County Board of Education and Dyslexia Association of the Pennyryle
- H) Approval Revision to Salary Schedule
- I) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- J) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Three (3) Attendance
- K) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- L) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- M) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting on January 15, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- N) 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, Mr. Ivory, Ms. Quintanilla and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#143 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (7:55 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____