

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

BOARD RETREAT

The Christian County Board of Education met at Murray State Regional Building, 5305 Fort Campbell Boulevard, Hopkinsville, KY on January 8, 2026, at 8:00 A.M. for a Board Retreat.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Mr. Tom Bell, Chairperson

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Jack Lackey, Board Attorney; Kevin Crider, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Jason Wilson, Assistant Superintendent; Trevor Herndon, District Facilities Coordinator; Johnna Brown, Director of Communications; Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance; Clayton Sumner, Director of School Safety and Security; Ken Carver, Executive Principal, Christian County High School; Dr. Kadi Ralston, Director of Academies; Kevin Hitchel, Alliance Corporation; Jack Faber, Hafer Architects; Eric Rang, Hafer Architects; Jennifer Brown, Hoptown Chronicle

ACTION/ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

DISCUSSION:

INTRODUCTIONS/PURPOSE OF RETREAT

Mr. Bell and Mr. Bentzel introduced everyone and discussed the purpose of the board retreat.

NEW CCHS HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

Kevin Hitchel, Alliance Corporation; Jack Faber, Hafer Architects; Eric Rang, Hafer Architects; Dr. Jason Wilson, Assistant Superintendent; and Ken Carver, Executive Principal, were present to provide the Board a Construction and Transformation Update on the new Christian County High School.

SAFETY UPDATE

Clayton Sumner, Director of School Safety and Security, was present to provide the Board a Safety Update.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

Kevin Crider, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Kadi Ralston, Director of Academies, were present to provide the Board an Instructional Update.

FINANCE UPDATE

Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance, was present to provide the Board an Finance Update.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, answered board member questions, comments, and/or concerns.

#144 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn 12:00 P.M.

Voting yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Wakins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper,
Mr. Bell

Voting no: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____