

**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:**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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**

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**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** \_\_\_\_\_