

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

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:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

ACTION/ITEMS

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Christian County District 4 Magistrate, JE Pryor, was present to read the Proclamation. Gifts were presented to each Board Member.

RECOGNITIONS:

CCPS "ALL IN" Student and Employees of the Month:

- A) *Remi Crayton* – Student of the Month, Indian Hills Elementary
- B) *Paul Hooke*- Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Crofton Elementary
- C) *Dr. Heather Turner* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Christian County High
- D) *Annette Alder* - Classified Employee of the Month, Sinking Fork Elementary
- E) *Olivia Clark*, Administrator of the Month, Millbrooke Elementary

A special thank you to:

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- F) *Anthony Darnall* – District 3 KMEA High School Teacher of the Year

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Student Board Member, Karla Quintanilla, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation and prayer was led by Ms. Westerfield and Ms. Watkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Remi Crayton, “ALL IN” Student of the Month. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:29 P.M.

#145 ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Watkins, to elect Tom Bell as Board Chairman.

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

Voting No: NONE

#146 ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Watkins, to elect Lindsey Clark as Board Vice-Chairman.

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

Voting No: NONE

#147 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Agenda with the following amendment:

Removal of the following item:

19. *Consent Agenda:*

J) *Approval Proposal for Abre Data Platform*

(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

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. Ms. Darnell discussed each fund in depth, reviewed any new state or federal guidance, and answered all questions from the Board.

DRAFT BUDGET UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Jessica Darnell, Director of Finance, was present and provided the Board with a Draft Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (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. Ivory provided a CCPS Student Ambassador Update.

Ms. Quintanilla provided a CCPS Student Ambassador Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#148 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SIX BUSES (6) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$962,844.00

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Participate in a Resolution of the Board of Education Authorizing the Execution of an Equipment Lease and Security Agreement between The Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association and the Board Providing for the Acquisition and Leasing of School Buses and Approving Generally the Plan of Financing the Acquisition of School Buses for and on Behalf of the Board (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#149 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FY2024-2025 AUDIT REPORT, PREPARED BY DGAPSC**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Christian County Board of Education FY2024-2025 Audit Report, prepared by DGAPSC (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

**#150 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION
COMMISSION OFFER OF ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,658.00**

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Accept the School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance in the Amount of \$24,658.00 (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

Voting No: NONE

**#151 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED SIX (106) FOR
THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Six (106) for the New Christian County High School (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

Voting No: NONE

**#152 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED SEVEN (107)
FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Seven (107) for the New Christian County High School (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#153 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER TWENTY NINE (29) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve Payment Application Number Twenty Nine (29) 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: Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

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

Motion by Ms. Watkins, 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: Ms. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

#155 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MOWING BIDS

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Accept Mowing Bids (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

Voting No: NONE

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

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to Purchase 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: Ms. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

#157 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SECURITY CAMERAS FROM COMPASS SECURITY FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Purchase Security Cameras from Compass Security 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: Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

#158 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CLOCKS FROM COMPASS SECURITY FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Purchase Clocks from Compass Security 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: Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

#159 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Watkins, 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 December 18, 2025 and Board Retreat held on January 8, 2026
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approved Revised Behavior Coach Job Description
- F) Approved Revised Christian County Learning Center Principal Job Description
- G) Approval for 2025-2026 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP)
- H) Approval 2025-2026 Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (CSIP)
- I) Approval 2025-2026 Superintendent GAP Assurance
- J) Approval to Purchase AEDs from School Nurse Supply for the New Christian County High School Project

- K) Approval to Purchase Nursing Supplies from School Nurse Supply for the New Christian County High School Project
- L) Approval to Purchase Health Science Equipment from School Nurse Supply for the New Christian County High School Project
- M) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- N) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- O) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- P) Approval Student Accident Insurance Rider for Inspire Early Learning Academy
- Q) Approval Memorandum of Understanding Between Christian County Board of Education and Christian County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
- R) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Four (4) Attendance
- S) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- T) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- U) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for February 5, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting for February 19, 2026, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- V) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

#160 ADJOURN

Motion Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (Time: 7:25 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____