

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

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:

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

ACTION/ITEMS

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

In recognition of Black History Month, KVeon Ivory, Student Board Member, was present to read the Proclamation.

RECOGNITIONS:

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

- A) *Rogan Oxford* – Student of the Month, South Christian Elementary
- B) *Taylor Hendricks* - Early Childhood Certified Employee of the Month, Dr. MLK, Jr. ELC
- C) *Heidi McFadden* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville High School
- D) *Michele Davis* - Classified Employee of the Month, Christian County Middle School
- E) *Michelle Walden* - Administrator of the Month, Director of Elementary Instruction

A special thank you to:

H&R Agri-Power

“ALL IN” Sponsor for February 2026

- F) Local Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Art Competition Winners:
Alayna Travis, Tilly Maye Myers, Jade Burney, Rosalie Dodson, DaMari Carter, Mylah Castro, Harper Kidd, Kalaiah Nance, Jonathan Gamboa, Carly Armstrong, Sophia Wilson, AJ Smith, and Vincent Ellerbee
- G) Kentucky Heritage Foundation Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Competition:
Baylee Terwilliger, Marley Welker, and Marlee Henderson

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. Watkins and Ms. Westerfield, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Rogan Oxford, “ALL IN” Student of the Month. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

#181 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Agenda with the following amendment:

Under Item Number 7. Discussion/Approval Invoices to Hafer Architects for the New Christian County High School – no action will be taken on the second invoice in the amount of \$277,870.27

(a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, 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 and new CCHS project budget 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.

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.

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

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#182 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER THIRTY (30) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Payment Application Number Thirty (30) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

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

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Invoice to Hafer Architects in the amount of \$49,087.50 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, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#184 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO RENEW BIDS FOR FY26-27

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve to Renew Bids for FY26-27 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#185 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FY26-27

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve Permission to Advertise for Bids for FY26-27 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#186 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2026-2027 DRAFT STAFFING ALLOCATION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the 2026-2027 Draft Staffing Allocation (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#187 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE LENOVO CHROMBEBOOKS FROM VIVACITY TECH PBC

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Purchase Lenovo Chromebooks from Vivacity Tech PBC (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#188 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 January 15, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on February 5, 2026
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval Request for CCBOE to Co-Sponsor Division of Parks and Recreation's Summer Adventure Camp, Summer of 2025
- F) Approval 2025-2026 School Calendar Revision Number One (1)
- G) Approval Revision of Board Policy 05.1 Construction – Second Reading

- H) Approval Hoptown Hoppers Contract Requesting Use of Facilities for the Summer of 2026
- I) Approval Summer Lunch Program at Christian County Middle School and Appointment of Rosa Robinson as Program Administrator
- J) Approval ParentSquare Smart Sites Pilot for the new Christian County High School
- K) Approval Christian County Public Schools Virtual Learning Academy DASCRC Request
- L) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Five (5) Attendance
- M) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- N) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- O) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for March 5, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting for March 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- P) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

#189 ADJOURN

Motion Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (Time 7:17 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____