

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

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. 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

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

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

- A) *MLayah George* – Student of the Month, Freedom Elementary
- B) *Sherica Ferguson* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Sinking Fork Elementary
- C) New CCHS School Counselors - Secondary Certified Employees of the Month

<i>Mindy Crider</i>	<i>Keisha Benson</i>
<i>Natalie Allen</i>	<i>Natalie Riggs</i>
<i>Stacy Crick</i>	<i>Lyssa Vowell</i>
<i>Allison Gamblin</i>	<i>Brandi Lovely</i>
- D) *Jason Bell* - Classified Employee of the Month, Hopkinsville Middle
- E) *Kristen Lindsey* - Administrator of the Month, Principal, Christian County Middle

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CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Student Board Member, KVeon Ivory, read the CCPS Mission Statement. The invocation and prayer was led by Ms. Westerfield and Mr. Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by MLayah George, "ALL IN" Student of the Month. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

#215 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Agenda as presented (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

PRESENTATIONS: NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dr. Jason Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, 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, New CCHS project budget update, and quarterly Open Records Request 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

Mr. Clark provided a Legislative Update.

Ms. Quintanilla provided a CCPS Student Ambassador Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#216 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER THIRTY ONE (31) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve Payment Application Number Thirty One (31) 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. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

#217 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICES TO HAFER ARCHITECTS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Invoices 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

#218 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR PAINT CONTRACTOR FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PAINTING PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Award the Bid from She's the Boss Painting for the Christian County Middle School Painting 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

#219 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM LEARNING LABS, INC. FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Purchase Automotive Equipment from Learning Labs, Inc. 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. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Clark

Voting No: NONE

#220 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FROM SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL SALES LLC FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Purchase Industrial Maintenance Equipment from Superior Industrial Sales LLC 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

#221 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO SET 2025-2026 GRADUATION DATE

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the 2025-2026 Graduation Date (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#222 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 09.11 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES – FIRST READING

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Revision of Board Policy 09.11 School Attendance Zones – First Reading (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

#223 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SCHOOL DEFINED COURSE CODE: SENIOR SEMINAR

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the School Defined Course Code: Senior Seminar (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

#224 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 February 19, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on March 5, 2026
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval to Declare an Emergency as Required by KRS 161.100 to Employ Emergency Substitute Teachers and Full-Time Emergency Certification
- F) Approval Memorandum of Understanding between Christian County Public Schools and Christian County Health Department
- G) Approval 2026-2027 CCPS Master Bell Schedules
- H) Approval Band Department Surplus Items
- I) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Six (6) Attendance
- J) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- K) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- L) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting for April 16, 2026, 6:00 P.M. at The PAC located inside Christian County Middle School
- M) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Ivory, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#225 ADJOURN

Motion Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (Time 7:02 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____