

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP
MAY 7, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting/Workshop.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Mr. KVeon Ivory, Student Board Member (entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.)

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Mr. Jack Lackey, Jr., School Board Attorney; Administrators; and Guests

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Karla Quintanilla, Student Board Member

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

A) Governor's Scholar Program Recipients:

CCHS: *Tristin Dillard, Cooper Fort, Caleb Luttrull, A'Niyah Wilford*

HHS: *Evelyn Bangart, Kaley Bangart, Tyson Cavinder, Kaydon Coats, Azaa Enkhtugs, Lester Macario*

B) Governor's School for Arts & Governor's School for Entrepreneurs:

CCHS: *Addison Renshaw (GSE) and Cody Smith (GSA)*

HHS: *Evelyn Bangart (GSE), Kaley Bangart (GSE), Madelin Macario (GSE)*

C) Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP):

Diera English: State Champion – Line and Brush, Creative Digital Arts

Caleb Fears: Top Score – Information Technology Specialist – Certipalooza Challenge;
Certifications: Information Technology Specialist - Cybersecurity and
CISCO Certified Support Technician – Cybersecurity

Isaac Stewart: Top Score – CISCO Certified Support Technician – Certipalooza Challenge;
Certifications: CISCO Certified Support Technician - IT Support and
Information Technology Specialist – JavaScript

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

#265 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Voting No: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kevin Hitchel, 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.)

GIFTED AND TALENTED UPDATE

Michelle Walden, Principal, Dr. MLK, Jr. ELC, was present to provide the Board with a Gifted and Talented Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

SUPERINTENDENT CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, presented his Capstone for his Superintendent Evaluation. The presentation included all seven standards and the indicator(s) in which the Board wanted him to focus on this school year, as well as evidence for each standard/indicator outlined (a copy of which is attached to the minutes).

COMMUNICATIONS: VISITORS AND OPEN FORUM

NONE

#266 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT TURF PACKAGE FOR THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM OF CHAMPIONS PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Accept Turf Package from Nationwide Sports Construction for the Christian County High School Stadium of Champions Project (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

Voting Yes: Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: Mr. Clark

#267 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (118) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Eighteen (118) 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, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#268 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN (119) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Nineteen (119) 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, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#269 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty (120) 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, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#270 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (121) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Ms. Westerfield, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty One (121) 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, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#271 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO (122) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty Two (122) 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. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#272 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE (123) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty Three (123) 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. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#273 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR (124) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty Four (124) 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. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#274 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ATHLETIC ITEMS FROM BSN SPORTS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Purchase Athletic Items from BSN Sports 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: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#275 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE WELDERS FROM SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL SALES LLC FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Purchase Welders 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: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#276 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TELEPHONES FROM GOTO FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Purchase Telephones from GoTo 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: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#277 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE DOCKING MONITORS FROM ENCORE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Purchase Docking Monitors 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: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#278 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FROM DIGI SMART SENSE, LLC FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Purchase Kitchen Equipment from Digi Smart Sense, 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: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#279 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FROM HPS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Purchase Kitchen Equipment from HPS 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: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#280 CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION KRS 61.810 (1) {C}; STUDENT MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(F) AND (K); AND PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT PURSUANT TO KRS 156.557(6)(C) AND KRS 61.810(1)(K)

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to enter into Closed Session for the Purpose of Proposed or Pending Litigation KRS 61.810 (1) {c}; student matters required to be discussed in private under KRS 61.810(1)(f) and (k); and Preliminary Discussions Relating to the Evaluation of the Superintendent pursuant to KRS 156.557(6)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(k) (Time 7:19)

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

Voting No: NONE

#281 PUPIL PERSONNEL #281 is held in the Confidential File.

#282 PUPIL PERSONNEL #282 is held in the Confidential File.

#283 EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (8:40 P.M.)

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westefield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#284 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to adjourn (8:40 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____