

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

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

ACTION/ITEMS

RECOGNITIONS:

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

- A) *David O’Neil* – Student of the Month, Crofton Elementary
- B) *Melanie Hudson* - Elementary Certified Employee of the Month, Pembroke Elementary
- C) *Jennifer Belcher* - Secondary Certified Employee of the Month, Christian County Middle
- D) *Karen Crick* - Classified Employee of the Month, Central Office
- E) *Renikka Owen* - Administrator of the Month, Hopkinsville Middle

A special thank you to *Atmos Energy*
for being our “ALL IN” sponsor for May 2026

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Student Board Member KVeon Ivory opened the meeting by reading the CCPS Mission Statement. Ms. Pepper and Ms. Westerfield then led the invocation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by David O’Neal, a student at Crofton Elementary. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

#285 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, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ivory provided a Student Advisory Council Update.

Ms. Westerfield provided a PBIS Committee and High School Steering Committee Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#286 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRACK RESURFACE FROM TENNIS TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM OF CHAMPIONS PROJECT

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to Approve to Purchase Track Resurface from Tennis Technologies for the New 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. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#287 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (125) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty Five (125) 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#288 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX (126) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty Six (126) 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, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#289 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN (127) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Twenty Seven (127) 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, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#290 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CHAIRS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve to Purchase Chairs for the New Christian County High School Gymnasium (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#291 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FURNITURE FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS AT THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Purchase Furniture for the Special Education Classrooms at 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, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#292 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER THIRTY THREE (33) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Payment Application Number Thirty Three (33) to Alliance Corporation and Individual Contractors 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

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

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

Voting No: NONE

#294 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BG-5 OFFICE VRF SYSTEM BLUEGRASS LEARNING ACADEMY

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the BG-5 Office VRF System Bluegrass Learning Academy (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#295 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF INDIRECT COST RATES FOR FY27

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Indirect Cost Rates from FY27 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#296 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2026-2027 SALARY SCHEDULES

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the 2026-2027 Salary Schedules (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#297 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve the Tentative Budget for 2026-2027 School Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#298 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR 2026-2027 STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve to Award the Bid to Roberts Insurance and Investments – Plan 4 for 2026-2027 Student Accident Insurance (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#299 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SUMMATIVE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Summative of the Superintendent’s Evaluation for the 2024-2025 School Year (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#300 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT BY ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR PER SECTION IX OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND KRS 160.350(4) SO THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TERM IS EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 2030

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to Approve of the Extension of the Superintendent's Contract by One Additional Year per Section IX of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement and KRS 160.350(4) so that the Superintendent's Term is extended to June 30, 2030 (a copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference.)

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

Voting No: NONE

#301 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 April 16, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting/Workshop held on May 7, 2026
- C) Approval School Related Trip Requests
- D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests
- E) Approval to Pay for Background and CAN Checks for all Full-Time Certified and Classified Employees and Coaches for FY26-27
- F) Approval Product and Service Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and Cumberland Hall Hospital
- G) Approval Memorandum of Intent between Christian County Board of Education and Villas at Lafayette, LLC
- H) Approval ParentSquare 2026-2027 Annual Renewal
- I) Approval Agreement between Christian County Public Schools and the Kentucky Department of Education
- J) Approval HMH Education Company Annual Renewal
- K) Approval Christian County High School Cheer Surplus Items
- L) Approval Christian County High School Wrestling Surplus Items
- M) Acknowledgment Receipt of Month Eight (8) Attendance
- N) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports

- O) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- P) Approval Shortened School Day Request
- Q) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for June 4, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting for June 18, 2026, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- R) Other

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

Voting No: NONE

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

#302 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to adjourn (7:42 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____