

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. for a Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Bell, Chair

Mr. Lindsey Clark, Vice-Chair

Ms. Rebecca Pepper

Ms. Erin Westerfield

Ms. Ambrea Watkins

Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ACTION/ITEMS

CCPS MISSION, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell opened the meeting by reading the CCPS Mission Statement. Mr. Bell and Mr. Clark then led the invocation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

#2 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:

**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.)

DATA SECURITY AND BREACH NOTIFICATION BEST PRACTICES

Rebecca Martin, District Technology Coordinator, was present to provide the Board with a Data Security and Breach Notification Best Practices Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Rebecca Martin, District Technology Coordinator, was present to provide the Board with an Internet Safety Policy Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE

Dr. Kim Stevenson, Director of Student Services, was present to provide the Board with a Student Services Update (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 update them if any new state or federal guidance have 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. Bell provided a Strategic Plan Update.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITORS, AND OPEN FORUM

None

#3 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SELECTION OF A BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE 2026-2027 PBIS COMMITTEE

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve Erin Westerfield as the Board Member Representative to serve on the 2026-2027 PBIS Committee.

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

Voting No: NONE

#4 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty (130) 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

#5 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE (131) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty One (131) 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

#6 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (132) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Two (132) 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

#7 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE (133) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Three (133) 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

#8 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (134) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Four (134) 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

#9 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (135) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Five (135) 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. Wakins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#10 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (136) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Six (136) 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

#11 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN (137) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Seven (137) 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

#12 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT (138) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve Change Order Number One Hundred Thirty Eight (138) 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

#13 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICE TO VEI COMMUNICATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Invoice to VEI Communications for 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

#14 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PROPOSALS FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve a Ten (10) Month Contract with Frantz Building Services for Custodial Services at 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

#15 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FURNITURE FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to Purchase Furniture from KDA Furniture in an Amount not to Exceed \$207,865.63 for 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

#16 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER THIRTY FIVE (35) TO ALLIANCE CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve Payment Application Number Thirty Five (35) 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. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#17 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL INVOICES TO HAER ARCHITECTS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Invoices to Haer 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. Watkins, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Pepper, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#18 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BG-5 FOR CROFTON ROOF COATING PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the BG-5 Crofton Roof Coating Project (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

#19 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, 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 Regular Board Meeting held on June 18, 2026

C) Approval School Related Trip Requests

D) Approval School Related Fund Raiser Requests

- E) Approval Memorandum of Understanding between Christian County Learning Center and Department of Juvenile Justice
- F) Approval Memorandum of Understanding between Christian County Day Treatment and Department of Juvenile Justice
- G) Approval 2026 KSBA Policy Update #49 – Second Reading
- H) Approval Updated Purchasing Manual for FY27
- I) Approval Superintendent Contracted Day Calendar
- J) Approval 2026-2027 Coaches' Handbook
- K) Approval to Participate in the National School Meal Programs for the 2026-2027 School Year
- L) Approval Face It: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training
- M) Approval Naming Rights Recommendation to Name the CCHS Gymnasium as "Hopkinsville Rotary Arena"
- N) Approval Permission to Vinyl Wrap Band Trailers
- O) Approval Professional Services Agreement between STV Incorporated and Christian County Public Schools – Water Easement Plat
- P) Approval Special Education Procedures
- Q) Approval for Section 504 Building Coordinators for the 2026-2027 School Year
- R) Approval for ARC Chairpersons (CCSD Representatives) for the 2026-2027 School Year
- S) Acknowledgement Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports
- T) Establish Next Regular Board Meeting/Workshop for August 6, 2026, 6:00 P.M. CT and Regular Board Meeting for August 20, 2026, 6:00 P.M. CT in the Board Room at the Central Office
- U) Other

Voting Yes: Mr. Clark, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Watkins, 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, and Mr. Bentzel all provided individual comments and/or concerns.

#20 ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to adjourn (7:31 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____