

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP

AUGUST 6, 2026

6:00 P.M. CT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP

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

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. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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

ACTION/ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#24 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Addition of New Item Number 11 - Discussion/Approval Resignation/Declaration of Board Vacancy.

(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

PRESENTATIONS: SUMMER FEEDING UPDATE

Rosa Robinson, Director of Food Services, was present to provide the Board with a Summer Feeding Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

SUMMER MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Trevor Herndon, Director of Facilities, was present to provide the Board with a Summer Maintenance Update (a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

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.)

COMMUNICATIONS: VISITORS AND OPEN FORUM

NONE

#25 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FORTY (140) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Westerfield, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Forty (140) 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, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#26 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE (141) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Forty One (141) 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

#27 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO (142) FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve the Change Order Number One Hundred Forty Two (142) 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. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield, Mr. Bell

Voting No: NONE

#28 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. Clark second by Ms. Pepper, to approve to Hire an Additional School Resource Officer for Christian County Learning Center Day Treatment Program

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

Voting No: NONE

#29 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) VEHICLE FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Watkins, to approve to Purchase One (1) Vehicle for Christian County Public Schools Police Department

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

Voting No: NONE

#30 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO SELECT A BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE

Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Ms. Pepper, to approve Erin Westerfield to Serve as the Board Member Representative on the Christian County High School Steering Committee

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

Voting No: NONE

#31 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PROPOSE THE FY2026-27 REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE; FY 2026-27 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE; FY2026-27 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE; 2026-27 PERMISSIVE UTILITY TAX; AND EXEMPT TAX ON AIRCRAFT AND WATERCRAFT

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to Approve to Propose the FY2026-27 Real Property Tax Rate; FY 2026-27 Personal Property Tax Rate; FY2026-27 Motor Vehicle Tax Rate; 2026-27 Permissive Utility Tax; and Exempt Tax on Aircraft and Watercraft

Voting Yes: Ms. Pepper, Ms. Westerfield

Voting No: Mr. Clark, Ms. Watkins

Abstain: Mr. Bell

Motion Failed

The Board continued discussions.

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

Voting No: Mr. Clark

Abstain: Mr. Bell

#33 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL RESIGNATION/DECLARATION OF BOARD VACANCY

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Pepper, to Accept the Resignation of Tom Bell as a member of the Christian County Board of Education effective upon the adjournment of this meeting and the Declaration of a Vacancy on the Board of Christian County Board of Education.

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

Voting No: NONE

#34 ADJOURN

Motion by Ms. Pepper, second by Ms. Westerfield, to adjourn (6:57 P.M.)

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

Voting No: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____