



“Sharing the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, preparing hearts and minds to impact the world for Him!”

Clinton Christian Academy Board Notes

May 12, 2025

The CCA Board of Directors met in the CCA Art Room for their regular monthly business meeting on Monday, May 12. The meeting began with the opening prayer given by Jeff Lowe.

Tiffany Thornton shared a powerful devotion focused on Psalm 25:6–7 and the theme of “remember.” She explained how the Hebrew word *zekar* means “to mark” or “to be recognized,” emphasizing that God remembers His mercy over our sins. Drawing from Ephesians 1:13 and 2 Corinthians 1:22, she highlighted that believers are “sealed” by God—marked with His ownership and authority. Tiffany contrasted this with the earthly seals placed on Jesus in Matthew 27, reminding us that God’s seal is stronger than any mark of the enemy. She encouraged us to walk in our God-given identity, pray for freedom from ungodly influences, and build one another up with life-giving words and godly character.

The financial reports and bills from the month of April were reviewed and approved. Prayer requests were shared.

- Mrs. Hyke reported that the Class of 2025 will participate in several end-of-year events on Thursday, May 15, including the Graduation Walk at 10:05 a.m. and a Senior Celebration (prophecies, roast, wills, and prayer) from 10:15–10:50 a.m. for grades 6–11 and upper school staff.
- Mrs. Hyke reported that Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the CCA gym. The ceremony will include speeches from Valedictorian Clara Hyke and Salutatorian Kennedy Vaughn, with Ryan Campos delivering the keynote address.
- The administration presented suggested changes in the 2025-26 Student Handbook. The Board will have a second read and approve these changes at the June 9 meeting. Special thanks to the Handbook Committee Members: Melanie Dehn, Kelly Lancaster, Kerri Huisman, Sarah Kernohan, Becky Hyke and Robin Ritchie.
- Jeff Lowe informed the Board that the Capital Campaign Committee is actively working to raise funds for facility improvements. Committee Co-Chair Tara Dull is also exploring potential funding through state appropriations and a grant from an area foundation. Please continue to pray for the Capital Campaign Committee!

BOARD DISCUSSION IN MAY

- The Board hired Kendal Koch to teach third grade next year. Mr. Koch is a Clinton native with 28 years of teaching experience and is excited to be moving back to the Clinton area to be near his family. Mr. Koch, his wife, Michelle, and three HS children (Sofie, Reese and Jackson) are excited about being part of the CCA family. Welcome to CCA Mr. Koch!
- The Board approved Stain Busters’ bid in the amount of \$5,799 to clean the carpets and wax the tile this summer.
- The Board approved a partnership agreement with Evangel University in Springfield that will benefit any of our students or staff that choose to attend or take courses at Evangel.
- The Board approved a new Tuition form that will be distributed each May for parent signatures. Monthly tuition payments for the 2025-26 school year begin June 10.
- The Board approved separating the JH and HS Band programs for the upcoming school year. Connor Craig will lead the HS band, while Mrs. Townsend will continue teaching the JH Band. This change will allow HS students to engage with more advanced musical material than in previous years.