



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

Clinton Christian Academy Board Notes

May 11, 2026

The CCA Board of Directors met in the CCA Art Room for their regular monthly business meeting on Monday, May 11. Elroy Schumacher led devotion in which we reflected on Psalm 103 and the meaning of the word “bless,” which carries the idea of revering, honoring, and giving praise to God. Our discussion centered on the nature of God’s character—His compassion, grace, mercy, and faithfulness. We also considered Exodus 33–34, where Moses asks to see God’s glory and is reminded that he has found grace in God’s sight and is known by name. Finally, we reflected on the justice and mercy displayed at the cross, where Christ took our sins upon Himself so that we might experience God’s grace and forgiveness.

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

- Mrs. Hyke presented a slideshow highlighting the activities and service projects from the Senior Trip to Flagstaff, Arizona. The presentation included photos and reflections from daily devotions, service projects at the Ronald McDonald House Charities and a Baptist church in Flagstaff, as well as memorable experiences such as kayaking and touring the Grand Canyon. Students also enjoyed traveling to and from Arizona aboard the Amtrak train.
- Mrs. Ritchie shared an update from the West Central Spelling Bee hosted by CCA on May 4 at the First Baptist Church, Clinton. Five Schools participated: Holy Rosary, St. Mary’s, Zion Lutheran, Hudson R-IX, and CCA. Final winners in two divisions were CCA’s Liam Crump (grade 4) for the 1st-4th grade division and Hudson’s Arianna Hilgenberg (grade 8) for the 5th-8th grade division. CCA was the overall school winner this year and will host the spelling bee again next year! Special thanks to Kelly Lancaster for organizing and leading this very special event!

BOARD ACTION & DISCUSSION IN APRIL

- The Board approved hiring Adam Payne to teach English in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 for the 2026-27 school year. Adam and his wife, Kristin, have two children and are moving to Clinton from SE Kansas. Mr. Payne has a BA from Washburn University in Topeka, KS in secondary education with certification in both history and English. Mr. Payne also has a MA in communication & leadership from Washburn University. Mr. Payne has 11 years of teaching experience at both the middle school and high school levels in both history and English. Adam’s family attends the Church of the Nazarene. Welcome to the CCA ministry team Adam!
- The Board approved a \$10 increase in referee pay for all sports, along with a travel stipend of \$0.25 per mile for officials traveling more than 15 miles from Clinton.
- The Board approved the authorization for Melanie Dehn to utilize the Direct Bill Pay feature for payment of school bills.
- The Board reviewed Scholarship Awards for the 2026-27 school year. Sixteen (16) families received the CCA Scholarship and 8 families received the FAST Scholarship. Mrs. Dehn will be sending out letters to scholarship recipients sometime later this week. Scholarship awards are made possible through funds raised at the CCA auction.