

Kines appointed to CPSD School Board



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Bernard Kines, Sean Kines and Shonda Kines; and back row: Alderwoman at Large Ricki Garrett, Ward 2 Alderman Jim Martin, Ward 1 Alderman David Ellis, Mayor Phil Fisher, Ward 4 Alderman Keith Peritt, Ward 5 Alderman Jan Cossitt, Ward 3 Alderman Bill Barnett and Ward 6 Alderman Mike Cashion.

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Bernard Kines of Clinton has been appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to the Clinton Public School Board. Kines replaces Kenny Lewis, who was recently elected as a Justice Court Judge for Hinds County.

Community leaders, school district representatives and City leaders say they were all in agreement that Kines' deep connections to the community and his passionate involvement in many community organizations made him the obvious choice for the position.

In nominating Kines for the position, Mayor Phil Fisher noted the 1994 CHS graduate's involvement in local civic boards and volunteer service. Fisher also noted Kines' character and commitment to his family.

"Bernard Kines is a servant leader. He is the first to arrive and last to leave. Bernard is diligent about involving his family in his community service - where Bernard is, you will also find his wonderful family," said Fisher. "This is why Bernard will be a great addition to the Clinton School Board."

Kines is a 1994 graduate of Clinton High School and has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Mississippi State University and an

Associate of Business Administration degree from Hinds Community College.

Kines has been employed with Mississippi Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company for over nineteen years, where his current position is field underwriter.

Kines' professional certifications include the Associate in Insurance, Associate in General Insurance, and American Agricultural Insurance Company AgAdvisor™.

"We are blessed in the Clinton community to have so many educated, professional people willing to serve in roles such as school board members," said CPSD Superintendent Dr. Tim Martin.

"We're thrilled to have Mr. Kines join our board. The Clinton School Board is a rare example of a body of people who make decisions based on what's in the best interest of children. Mr. Kines will join in those efforts and continue to move our district forward."

Kines has served on the Main Street Clinton Board of Directors since 2011 and was appointed President in 2014. He also serves as Chairman of the Economic Vitality Committee. He was selected as a member of the 2019 Leadership Clinton class.

Kines is an active member of Greater Pearl Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He lives in Clinton with his wife, Shonda, and their son, Sean.



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