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**-CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES'  
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
 Canton Elementary School  
 365 Van Buren Street  
 Canton, Mississippi 39046  
 November 12, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

On November 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Canton Elementary School, 365 Van Buren Street. Canton, Mississippi 39046.

<p><b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>          Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman          Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman          Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Secretary          Mr. Peter Brown, Trustee          Mr. Glen Lacey, Trustee</p>	<p><b><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b></p>
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Attorney Lisa Ross  
 Superintendent Gary Hannah  
 Mr. Tony Foster

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School district convened on November 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Canton Elementary School, 365 Van Buren Street, Canton, Mississippi. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnny Brown and commenced as an open meeting.

**2. INVOCATION**

Mr. Johnny Brown gave the invocation.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve the agenda. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:



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Mr. Johnny Brown voted: Aye  
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted: Aye  
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted: Aye  
Mr. Peter Brown voted: Aye  
Mr. Glen Lacey voted: Aye

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the minutes for October 15, 2024 (Regular Meeting). **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted: Aye  
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted: Aye  
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted: Aye  
Mr. Peter Brown voted: Aye  
Mr. Glen Lacey voted: Aye

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jaylen Ross a senior at Canton High School discussed having the 2025 graduation at the Mississippi Coliseum.

#### **6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION**

Mrs. Beverly Luckett presented awards for the teacher of the year, student, teacher, and staff of the month.

#### **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 7.1 Superintendent's Updates
- 7.2 School Improvement Updates (**Exhibit 7.2**)
- 7.3 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for October 2024 (**Exhibit 7.3**)
- 7.4 Utility Report- October 2024 (**Exhibit 7.4**)
- 7.5 Month 1 ADA Report (**Exhibit 7.5**)



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Superintendent Hannah gave the board a report on monthly updates. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins to approve the Superintendent’s Report, items 7.1-7.5. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

**8. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**8.1** Requesting board approval to accept the bid from Ramsey Construction Group Inc. for the Cameron Street Project. **(Exhibit 8.1)**

A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 8.1. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

**9. FINANCIALS**

- 9.1** Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 26069-26287. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26066-26068. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26140. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5** Activity Fund Report for October 2024. **(Exhibit 9.5)**
- 9.6** Financial Statements for October 2024. **(Exhibit 9.6)**

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, #26069-26287, #26066-26068, # 26140. Disposal of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.4**. Approve Activity Fund Report for October 2024 as shown in **Exhibit 9.5** approve the



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Financial Statements for October 2024 as contained in **Exhibit 9.6** a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked.

After reviewing all of the financial matters, Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to approve financial items 9.1-9.6. Mr. Glen Lacey seconded the motion. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Nay
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Nay
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

**10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services:**

- 10.1** Requesting board approval of MOU between Canton Public School District and Tougaloo College to serve as a site for clinical internships for student teachers. **(Exhibit 10.1)**
- 10.2** Requesting board approval for contractual agreement with Ramsey Construction Group Inc. for the Cameron Street Project not to exceed the amount of \$210,000.00. **(Exhibit 10.2)**

After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 10.1-10.2. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

- 10.3** Requesting board approval for the authorization and issuance of the General Obligation Certificate of Participation (COP), Series 2024, aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 in a lease agreement the Central Mississippi Planning and Development or another Mississippi Planning and Development District. **(Exhibit 10.3)**



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After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 10.3. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

## **11. Consent Agenda**

- 11.1** Requesting board approval of donation check #10020606 in the amount of \$900.00 from BankPlus presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2** Requesting board approval to accept donation of VEX V5 Robotics System Parts to Canton Career Center for Nissan North America, Inc. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3** Requesting board approval of playoff incentive funds to be paid to Canton High School Volleyball, Porter Middle School Football, and Nichols Middle School Football coaching staffs. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4** Requesting board approval to purchase six 20" scrubbers with off-board chargers with Lawn Chemical and Supply not to exceed the amount of \$35,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5** Requesting board approval to purchase Classworks MYMTSS/My Interventions software not to exceed the amount of \$27,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6** Requesting board for Robert Jackson and Ray Lockett to attend NSIDE Summit Conference on December 8-11, 2024 in Orange Beach, AL. **(Exhibit 11.6)**

A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.6. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:



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Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

### **Policy for Approval**

**11.7** Requesting board approval of Policy EFC-Use of Artificial Intelligence.  
**(Exhibit 11.7)**

### **Policy for Revision**

- 11.8** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy CEE-Superintendent Compensation and Benefits. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.8)**
- 11.9** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy CGA-Administrative Personnel Compensation Guides and Contracts. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.9)**
- 11.10** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy CGD-Administrative Personnel Hiring. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.10)**
- 11.11** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy CGJ-Administrative Personnel Promotions. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.11)**
- 11.12** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy DCH-Periodic Budget Reconciliation. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.12)**
- 11.13** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy DG-Depository of Funds. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.13)**
- 11.14** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy DID-Audits. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.14)**
- 11.15** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy DJ- Expenditure of Funds. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.15)**
- 11.16** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy DK-Student Activities Fund Management. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.16)**
- 11.17** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy EBBD-Emergency Closings. The revisions are highlighted in **yellow**. The deleted language is indicated in **red**. **(Exhibit 11.17)**



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- 11.18 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy EG-Insurance Management. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. **(Exhibit 11.18)**
- 11.19 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy IDAG-Duel Enrollment. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. **(Exhibit 11.19)**
- 11.20 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy JGF- Student Safety. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. **(Exhibit 11.20)**

### Policy to Rescind

- 11.21 Requesting board approval to rescind Board Policy FGDB-Project Administration Contract Awards Procedure. This policy is no longer valid due to HB 4130. **(Exhibit 11.21)**

A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve items 11.7-11.21. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

## 12. Personnel

### Leave of Absence

- 12.1 **Twyla Lane**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/15/2024 and ending 10/21/2024.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 **LaDonna Nichols**, Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/14/2024 and ending 10/18/2024.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.3 **Kametriss Handy**, Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/14/2024 and ending 10/18/2024.  
**Reason: Personal**





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- 12.4 **Arthur Watkins**, Custodian at Canton Educational Service Center, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/14/2024 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 **Kristen Sawyer**, Teacher Assistant at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/25/2024 and ending 10/04/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.6 **Fredricka Rivers**, Administrative Assistant at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/14/2024 and ending 10/21/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.7 **Wanda Ellis**, Cafeteria Worker for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/16/2024 and ending 10/21/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.8 **Jessica Clifton**, Counselor at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/23/2024 and ending 10/07/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.9 **Terry Blair**, Teacher at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/16/2024 and ending 09/23/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.10 **Lashandria Duren**, Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/03/2024 and ending 10/28/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.11 **Twyla Lane**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/15/2024 and ending 10/21/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.12 **Natascha Beals**, Interventionist at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 11/07/2024 and ending 11/13/2024. **Reason: Personal**

### **Resignation(s)**

- 12.13 **Nate Martin**, Teacher Assistant at Porter Middle School, resigning effective 11/04/2024. **Reason: Personal**

### **Reassignment(s)/Transfer(s)**

- 12.14 **Willie Lewis**, reassignment from Teacher Assistant to Administrative Assistant at McNeal Elementary School for the 2024-25 SY. **Replacing: Kinyetta Robbins**





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**Employment**

**Goodloe Elementary School**

- 12.15 **Mylinda Phillips**, recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 11/13/2024 and ending 06/02/2025.  
**(Mrs. Philips has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)**
- 12.16 **Nikita Sample**, recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 10/16/2024 and ending 06/02/2025.  
**(Ms. Sample has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 12.1-12.16. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

**13. For Your Information**

**13.1 Locations/Time of Regular Board Meetings @ 5:30 P.M.**

- July 11<sup>th</sup> – **Canton Career Center**
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – **Canton Career Center**
- September 12<sup>th</sup> – **McNeal Elementary School**
- October 17<sup>th</sup> – **Reuben B. Myers CSAS**
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – **Canton Elementary School**
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – **Goodloe Elementary School**
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – **Nichols Middle School**
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – **Porter Middle School**
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, & May 14<sup>th</sup> - **Canton High School**
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – **Canton Career Center**

**\*\*Note: Special Called Meeting Locations – Canton Career Center**



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**14. Consideration of Executive Session**  
**N/A**

**15. Adjournment**

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

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