

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Reuben B. Myers CSAS 357 Old Yazoo City Rd. Canton, Mississippi 39046 October 15, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

On October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, 357 Old Yazoo City Rd. Canton, Mississippi 39046.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman	
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman	
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Secretary (Via Phone)	
Mr. Peter Brown, Trustee	
Mr. Glen Lacey, Trustee	
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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 October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, 357 Old Yazoo City Rd. 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:



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 September 10, 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

N/A

6. <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION</u>

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

7. <u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u>

- 7.1 Superintendent's Updates
- 7.2 School Improvement Updates (Exhibit 7.2)
- 7.3 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for September 2024 (Exhibit 7.3)
- 7.4 Utility Report- September 2024 (Exhibit 7.4)

Superintendent Hannah gave the board a report on monthly updates. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the Superintendent's Report, items 7.1-7.4. 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. <u>DISCUSSION/ACTION</u> N/A

9. FINANCIALS

- 9.1 Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 25912-26065. (Exhibit 9.1)
- **9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25745-25763. (Exhibit 9.2)
- 9.3 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25881. (Exhibit 9.3)
- 9.4 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25898-25899. (Exhibit 9.4)
- 9.5 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25900. (Exhibit 9.5)
- 9.6 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25901-25911. (Exhibit 9.6)
- 9.7 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25979-25981. (Exhibit 9.7)
- **9.8** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. (Exhibit 9.8)
- 9.9 Activity Fund Report for September 2024. (Exhibit 9.9)
- 9.10 Financial Statements for September 2024. (Exhibit 9.10)
- 9.11 Requesting board approval for the FY23-24 Amended Combined and Combining Budget. (Exhibit 9.11)

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, #25912-26065, #25745-25763, # 25881, # 25898-25899, # 25900, #25901-25911, # 25979-25981. Disposal of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.8**. Approve Activity Fund Report for September 2024 as shown in **Exhibit 9.9** approve the Financial Statements for September 2024 as contained in **Exhibit 9.10** 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 9.1-9.11. Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye



10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services:

- **10.1** Requesting board approval for contractual agreement with Kids First to provide instructional coaching and professional development to secondary schools not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00. (Exhibit 10.1)
- 10.2 Requesting board approval for contractual agreement with J&G Consulting Services to provide instructional coaching and professional development to secondary schools not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00. (Exhibit 10.2)
- **10.3** Requesting board approval of a right-of-way easement to Entergy Mississippi, LLC for a right-of-way easement, 16-19N-1E, containing 0.113 acres, fair market rent \$915.00. (Exhibit 10.3)

After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 10.1-10.3. **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 checks from G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, in the amount of \$1,500.00 presented to the Athletic Department. (Exhibit 11.1)
- **11.2** Requesting board of donation check #10020606 in the amount of \$900.00 and check # 100206903 in the amount of \$900.00 from BankPlus presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. (Exhibit 11.2)
- **11.3** Requesting board approval of the PTO and Booster Club officers for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.3)
- **11.4** Requesting board approval for Canton High School to use Old Capitol Inn as the 2025 Prom Venue not to exceed the amount of \$4,000.00. The venue will be paid using junior class funds. (Exhibit 11.4)
- **11.5** Requesting board approval for Connie Williams to transfer from a 9-month custodian to 12-month custodian. (Exhibit 11.5)



- **11.6** Requesting board approval to change order for intercom project at Canton High School to include the Ninth Grade building which will increase the sum from \$496,749.00 to \$506,557.00. (Exhibit 11.6)
- **11.7** Requesting board approval for Robert Jackson and Ray Luckett to attend NSIDE Summit Conference on December 8-9, 2024 in Orange Beach, Alabama. (Exhibit 11.7)
- **11.8** Requesting board approval for Lori Hendrix to receive the Master Supplement for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.8)
- **11.9** Requesting board approval for Charles Matthews to receive an Expert Citizen 5 year license for Automotive Technician Instructor position at Canton Career Center. (Exhibit 11.9)
- **11.10** Requesting board approval of FY24-25 Testing Coordinator supplement for Natascha Bradley. (Exhibit 11.10)
- **11.11** Requesting board approval for Jeffery Parker to serve as a volunteer for the Athletic Department. (Exhibit 11.11)
- **11.12** Requesting board approval for the donation of 3 Quest VR Headsets to Canton Career Center for Lobaki, Inc. (Exhibit 11.12)
- **11.13** Requesting board approval for Shelethia McGruder to serve as Assistant District Test Coordinator for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.13)
- 11.14 Requesting board approval for 2024-2025 English Language Policy/Plan (revised). (Exhibit 11.14)
- **11.15** Requesting board approval for The Kirkland Group to provide coaching to teachers in the area of English Language Arts, Math, and Science not to exceed the amount of \$50.000.00. (Exhibit 11.15)
- 11.16 Requesting board approval for Tim Luckett to attend the Future Education Technology Conference on January 13-17, 2025 in Orlando, FL. (Exhibit 11.16)
- **11.17** Requesting board approval to purchase annual service with Central Access Corporation for AIM 3.0 powered by Parent Square Registration not to exceed the amount of \$26,000.00 for 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.17)
- 11.18 Requesting board approval to purchase We Build It Better Consumable Kits Equipment for Cyber Foundations II not to exceed the amount of \$70,000.00. (Exhibit 11.18)
- 11.19 Requesting board approval to upgrade Nurti Kids to Mosaic iCloud/Heartland not to exceed the amount of \$18,800.00.(Exhibit 11.19)

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.19. 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

11.20 Student Transfer(s) for 2024-25 SY:

Requesting board approval of the following student transfer from CPSD for 2024-25SY:

11.20.1 <u>Terrin Carr.</u> 9th Grade; – student mother is employed as a teacher for Madison School District for the 2024-25 SY.

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.20 (11.20.1). 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

Policy for Approval

- **11.21** Requesting board approval of Policy EBBAG- Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. (Exhibit 11.21)
- **11.22** Requesting board approval of Policy GBDB-Retired Teacher Employment. (Exhibit 11.22)

Policy for Review

11.23 Requesting board to review Policy EFC-Use of Artificial Intelligence. **(Exhibit 11.23)**

Policy for Revision

11.24 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy BDC-Board Policy



Adoption. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.24)

- 11.25 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy GBO- Professional Personnel Resignations. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.25)
- **11.26** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy IA-Distance Learning, Blended Learning, and Online Courses. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.26)
- **11.27** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy IDCAB-Credit Recovery Program. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. (Exhibit 11.27)
- **11.28** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy IHE-Promotion and Retention. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. (Exhibit 11.28)
- **11.29** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy II- Testing Program The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.29)
- **11.30** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy JBDE- Reporting Attendance for Virtual Learning. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.30)
- **11.31** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy JCA- Student Conduct. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. (Exhibit 11.31)
- **11.32** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy JRA- Student Directory Information. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.32)
- **11.33** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy JRAB- Compliance with FERPA. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.33)
- 11.34 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy ABA- Authority. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.34)
- **11.35** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy ABB- Board Powers and Duties. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.35)
- **11.36** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy ABC- Board Member Legal Status. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.36)
- **11.37** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy AC- School District Organization Plan. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.37)
- **11.38** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy AE- School Year (Academic Year). The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.38)
- **11.39** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy AEAB- Holidays. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.39)



- **11.40** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy AFC- Authority for Emergency Closings. The revisions are highlighted in <u>yellow</u>. The deleted language is indicated in <u>red</u>. (Exhibit 11.40)
- **11.41** Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy AA- School District Legal Status. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.41)

Policy to Rescind

11.42 Requesting board approval to rescind Board Policy ADB-Average Daily Attendance. This policy is no longer valid due to HB 4130. (Exhibit 11.42)

A motioned was made by Mr.Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Borwn to approve items 11.21-11.42. 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 <u>LaPerious Thompson</u>, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/25/2024 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 <u>LaTanya Sanders</u>, Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/09/2024 and ending 09/12/2024. Reason: Personal
- **Shawanda Archie,** Manager for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/09/2024 and ending 09/13/2024.
 Reason: Personal
- 12.4 <u>April Nelson</u>, Cafeteria Worker for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/03/2024 and ending 09/09/2024. Reason: Personal
- 12.5 <u>Haley McHenry</u>, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/03/2024 and ending 09/06/2024. Reason: Personal
- **Brittany Watson,** Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/03/2024 and ending 09/12/2024.
 Reason: Personal



- 12.7 <u>Henry Robinson</u>, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/03/2024 and ending 09/10/2024. Reason: Personal
- **12.8** <u>Briana Bell,</u> Teacher Assistant at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/09/2024 and ending upon doctor's release.

Reason: Personal

- 12.9 <u>Alexis Cain,</u> Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/30/2024 and ending upon doctor's release. Reason: Personal
- 12.10 <u>Margret Hutton</u>, Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/17/2024 and ending 09/26/2024. Reason: Personal
- **Ashley Chimahuskey,** Teacher at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/27/2024 and ending 10/14/2024.
 Reason: Personal

Resignation(s)

- 12.12 <u>Keshaundra Buchanan.</u> Teacher Assistant at McNeal Elementary School, resigning effective 09/15/2024.
 Reason: Personal
- 12.13 <u>Kinyetta Robins.</u> Administrative Assistant at McNeal Elementary School, resigning effective 09/27/2024. Reason: Personal

Employment

Canton High School

12.14 <u>Derrick Roach</u>, recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 09/17/2024 and ending 06/02/2025. **Replacing: Vacant (Pending Certification)** Pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-9-14 the Superintendent shall

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-9-14 the Superintendent shall have the authority to temporarily employ licensed and nonlicensed employees to fill vacancies which occur from time to time without prior approval of the board of trustees, provided that the board of trustees is notified of such employment and the action is ratified by the board at the next regular meeting of the board.

Porter Middle School

12.15 <u>Nate Martin</u>, recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 10/15/2024 and ending 06/02/2025. Replacing: Alice Evans-Williams



Canton Career Center

12.16 <u>Charles Matthews Jr.</u>, recommended for Automotive Technician for the period commencing 10/15/2024 and ending 06/02/2025. Replacing: Derrick Huntley

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 12.1-12.16 and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey. **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:	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 11th – Canton Career Center August 8th – Canton Career Center September 12th – McNeal Elementary October 17th – Reuben B. Myers CSAS November 14th – Canton Elementary December 12th – Goodloe Elementary School January 16th – Nichols Middle School February 13th – Porter Middle School March 19th, April 16th, & May 14th - Canton High School June 11th – Canton Career Center

14. Consideration of Executive Session

14.1 Kasey Rather-Release from Contract



Mr. Lenderrick Taylor made a motion to go into closed determination to determine to consider entering executive session for the consideration of personnel matters. Mr. Peter Brown 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:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. **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

The board entered executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to accept Superintendent Gary Hannah's recommendation to release an employee from her contract. Mr. Glen Lacey seconded the motion to accept Superintendent Gary Hannah's recommendation to release an employee from her contract. **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

Trustee Lenderrick Taylor made a motion to exit the executive session. Trustee Peter Brown seconded the motion to exit executive session. 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

The board returned to open session at 6:17 p.m.

Mr. Johnny Brown announced that the board voted to accept Superintendent Gary Hannah's recommendation to release an employee from her contract.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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

Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice Chairman



Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Secretary

Mr. Peter Brown, Trustee

Mr. Glen Lacey, Trustee