



Johnny Brown, Chair Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Secretary Peter Brown, Trustee Glen Lacey, Trustee

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Canton Career Center 487 N. Union Extension St. Canton, Mississippi 39046 August 13, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

On August 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Canton Career Center, 487 N. Union Extension St. Canton, Mississippi 39046.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman	
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman	
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Secretary	
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 August 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Canton Career Center, 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. Glen Lacey 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:
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:
Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:
Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:
Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:
Aye

4. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

A motion was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the minutes for July 16, 2024 (Regular Meeting) and July 30, 2024 (Special Call Meeting). **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

Mr. Peter Brown voted:

Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:

Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

N/A

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 7.1 Superintendent's Updates
- 7.2 Utility Report- July 2024 (Exhibit 7.2)

Superintendent Hannah gave the board a report on monthly updates. A motion was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the Superintendent's Report, items 7.1-7.2. **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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

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 # 25621-25701. (Exhibit 9.1)
- 9.2 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25560-25576. (Exhibit 9.2)
- 9.3 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 25590=25620. (Exhibit 9.3)
- **9.4** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. (Exhibit 9.4)
- 9.5 Activity Fund Report for July 2024. (Exhibit 9.5)
- 9.6 Financial Statements for July 2024. (Exhibit 9.6)
- 9.7 Requesting board approval of the FY25 Ad Valorem Tax request to the City of Canton. (Exhibit 9.7)

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, #25621-25701, #25560-25576, # 25590-25620. Approve Activity Fund Report for July 2024 as shown in **Exhibit 9.5** approve the Financial Statements for July 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. Glen Lacey made a motion to approve financial items 9.1; 9.2; 9.3; 9.4; 9.5, 9.6 9.7. Dr. Shivochie Dinkins 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



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10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services:

- 10.1 Requesting board approval for contractual agreement with Mid-South Septic for grease trap cleaning for Child Nutrition for the 2024-25 SY. (Exhibit 10.1)
- 10.2 Requesting board approval for collaborative agreement between Canton Public School District and Millcreek Schools, LLC for the 2024-25 SY. (Exhibit 10.2)
- **10.3** Requesting board approval to enter into an agreement with Rollins & Sumrall Education Group Inc. for purpose of E-Rate consulting for the 2024-25. (Exhibit 10.3)
- 10.4 Requesting board approval of Canton Public School District and Region 8 to provide effective behavioral health and crisis intervention services to the students of Canton Public Schools District for 2024-25 SY. (Exhibit 10.4)
- 10.5 Requesting board approval of MOU between Madison County Sheriff Department officers Tamarrius Jones and Canton Public School District for security coverage for the 2024-25 SY. (Exhibit 10.5)
- 10.6 Requesting board approval of MOU between Mississippi Highway Patrol officers Eugene Luckett and Canton Public School District for security coverage for the 2024-25 SY. (Exhibit 10.6)
- **10.7** Requesting board approval of MOU between Holmes Community College and Canton Public School District for Dual Enrollment. (Exhibit 10.7)
- **10.8** Requesting board approval of MOU between Mississippi Behavioral Health Services, LLC and Canton Public School District for behavioral health Services for 2024-25 SY. (Exhibit 10.8)
- 10.9 Requesting board approval of contractual agreement between Canton Public School District Child Nutrition Department and Humitec Corporation for the maintenance of refrigeration units and temperature control in all schools for the 2024-25 SY, not to exceed the amount of \$15,000.00. (Exhibit 10.9)
- 10.10 Requesting board approval for contractual agreement with Auto-Chlor Chemical Corp. for sanitation and cleaning chemical supplies for all schools from August 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00. (Exhibit 10.10)
- 10.11 Requesting board approval to renew the state contract rental agreement for Ricoh copy machines utilized in the district for the term of 48 months commencing October1, 2024-September 30, 2028. (Exhibit 10.11)
- 10.12 Requesting board approval for contractual agreement with the Kirkland Group to receive administration professional support services for Goodloe Elementary not to exceed the amount of \$37,000.00. (Exhibit 10.12)



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After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderick Taylor and seconded Dr. Shivochie Dinkins to approve items 10.1-10.12. **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 to purchase the renewal Reading supplement for students enrolled in Compensatory English for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.1)
- 11.2 Requesting board to purchase new equipment for district infrastructure refresh from BCI not to exceed the amount of \$137,000.00. (Exhibit 11.2)
- 11.3 Requesting board approval to purchase Edgenuity software for Huey Porter Middle, Nichols Middle, Ninth Grade Academy and Canton High School not to exceed the amount of \$53,000.00. (Exhibit 11.3)
- 11.4 Requesting board approval to utilize ACT for testing of students at Canton High School and Canton Career Center not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00. (Exhibit 11.4)
- 11.5 Requesting board approval to purchase Curriculum Associates/IReady/Tear Toolbox for Rueben B. Myers, Canton Elementary, McNeal Elementary, Goodloe Elementary, Nichols Middle School, and Huey Porter Middle School not to exceed the amount of \$320.000.00. (Exhibit 11.5)
- 11.6 Requesting board approval to purchase MyOn Reading Software for Pre-K through 5th grade not to exceed the amount of \$87,000.00. (Exhibit 11.6)
- 11.7 Requesting board approval to purchase Heggerty subscription software for K-3 grade students not to exceed the amount \$44,000.00. (Exhibit 11.7)
- **11.8** Requesting board approval to purchase Flashlight for all schools not to exceed the amount of \$26,000.00. (Exhibit 11.8)
- **11.9** Requesting board approval of revised FY25 athletic supplement. **(Exhibit 11.9)**
- **11.10** Requesting board approval of revised FY25 supplement .(Exhibit 11.10)
- **11.11** Requesting board approval of revised FY25 administrative/support salaries



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- and scales. (Exhibit 11.11)
- **11.12** Requesting board approval for Atrium Book Systems not to exceed the amount of \$6,800.00. (Exhibit 11.12)
- **11.13** Requesting board approval for Accelerate Learning Stemscopes. not to exceed the amount of \$40,000.00. (Exhibit 11.13)
- **11.14** Requesting board approval to purchase Weekly Studies Health and Wellness software for Pre-K through 5th grade students not to exceed the amount of \$15,00.00. (Exhibit 11.14)
- 11.15 Requesting board approval to purchase communication radios for all schools and cafeteria locations from Ozborn Communication not to exceed the amount of \$28,000.00. (Exhibit 11.15)
- **11.16** Requesting board approval to purchase Robotel for all schools not the exceed the amount of \$2,800.00.(Exhibit 11.16)
- 11.17 Requesting board to purchase Pre-Kindergarten Instructional Materials from Frogstreet Press LLC, not to exceed the amount of \$26,000.00. (Exhibit 11.17)
- **11.18** Requesting board approval to create a <u>Federal Fiscal Manager</u> position for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.18)
- **11.19** Requesting board approval to create a <u>Campus Enforcement Officer</u> position for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.19)
- **11.20** Requesting board approval for the 2024-2025 SY Instructional Handbook. **(Exhibit 11.20)**
- **11.21** Requesting board approval for the 2024-2025 SY Instructional Handbook Addendum-Instructional Management Plan. (Exhibit 11.21)
- **11.22** Requesting board approval for the 2025-2025 SY EL Policy And Handbook. (Exhibit 11.22)
- **11.23** Requesting board approval for the 2024-2025 SY Professional Development Plan. (Exhibit 11.23)
- **11.24** Requesting board approval for B&E Communication Inc. to repair and install security cameras not to exceed the amount of \$26,000.00. (Exhibit 11.24)
- **11.25** Requesting board approval of \$15,000.00 to be deposited to Dragonfly Athletics, LLC for the purpose of athletic related events. **(Exhibit 11.25)**
- **11.26** Requesting board approval for IXL Learning Software not to exceed the amount of \$15,000.00.(Exhibit 11.26)
- **11.27** Requesting board approval to purchase Jumpstart ACT Prep Software for Canton High School not to exceed the amount of \$31,500.00. (Exhibit 11.27)
- 11.28 Requesting board approval for Dr. LaToshia Stamps, and Jacquelin Cotton to attend the National ESEA Conference on February 18- 22, 2025 in Austin, TX. (Exhibit 11.28)
- **11.29** Requesting board approval of authorization for services for the Mississippi Forestry Commission to perform timber sale preparation. **(Exhibit 11.29)**
- **11.30** Requesting board approval to accept the following students to attend Canton Public School District for the 2024-25 SY because mother is an



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employee of Canton Public School District: <u>Decarlos Watkins-</u> Kindergarten. (Exhibit 11.30)

11.31 Requesting board approval to create a <u>Chief of Operation</u> position for the 2024-2025 SY. (Exhibit 11.31)

A motioned was made by Dr. Shivocihe Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve items 11.1-11.31 with the exception of 11.10 and 11.11. **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

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins made a motion to reject items 11.10 and 11.11. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion to reject items 11.10 and 11.11. Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Peter Brown and Lenderrick Taylor voted to reject items 11.10 and 11.11. Mr. Johnny Brown and Mr.Glen Lacey voted against the motion to reject items 11.10 and 11.11. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

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

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

Requesting board approval of the following student transfer from CPSD for 2023-24SY:

- **11.32.1** <u>Christian Bogan,</u> 11th Grade; student mother is an employee at Marion Counseling Services, PLLC located in Jackson, MS.
- **11.32.2** <u>Dexter Nettles.</u> 6th Grade; student mother is employed as a teacher for Madison School District for the 2024-25 SY.



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A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.32 (11.32.1-11.32.2). **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 Revision

11.33 Requesting board approval to revise Board Policy JBCD- Transfer and Withdrawals of Students. The revisions are highlighted in yellow. The deleted language is indicated in red. (Exhibit 11.33)

Policy for Review

- **11.34** Requesting board to review Board Policy GBDB-Retires Teacher Employment. (Exhibit 11.34)
- **11.35** Requesting board to review Board Policy EBBAG-Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. (Exhibit 11.35)

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve items 11.33-11.35. **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. <u>Personnel</u> Leave of Absence



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Shelia Anthony, Director of Exceptional Services at, requesting leave of absence beginning 07/16/2024 and ending 08/01/2024.

Reason: Personal

- **12.2** KeAira Smith, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 07/29/2024 and ending 09/16/2024.

 Reason: Personal
- **12.3** Leunika Davis, Teacher at Ninth Grade Academy requesting leave of absence beginning 08/05/2024 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.4 <u>Kershondia Harris</u>, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 07/19/2024 and ending 09/02/2024.

 Reason: Personal

Resignation(s)

Schletha Baker, Teacher at HSEP/GED Program, resigning effective 07/31/2024.

Reason: Personal

12.6 <u>Erica Bridges</u>, Teacher Assistant at Goodloe Elementary School, resigning effective 08/01/2024.

Reason: Personal

12.7 Kingyatta Hall, Teacher Assistant at Goodloe Elementary School, resigning effective 07/25/2024.

Reason: Personal

Reassignment(s)/Transfer(s)

- **Tungala Hardy**, reassignment from Administrative Assistant for Technology Department to MSIS Specialist for Curriculum Department for the 2024-25 SY.
- 12.9 <u>Delisa Brown</u>, reassignment from Program Coordinator for Child Nutrition to Executive Secretary for Curriculum Department for the 2024-25 SY. Replacing: LaKesha Meeks
- **12.10** <u>Lakeysha Meeks</u>, reassignment from Bookkeeper for Curriculum Department to Accounting Clerk for Business & Finance Department for the 2024-25 SY.

Replacing: Shawania Greene

- **12.11** Shawania Greene, reassignment from Accounting Clerk for Business & Finance to Federal Fiscal Manager for the 2024-25 SY.

 New Position
- **12.12** Lawanda Devine, reassignment from Cafeteria Worker at McNeal Elementary School to Cafeteria Manager at Canton High School for the 2024-25 SY.
- **12.13 April Nelson,** reassignment from Cafeteria Manager at Canton High School to Cafeteria Worker at McNeal Elementary School for the



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2024-25 SY.

Employment

Goodloe Elementary School

Nikita Sample, recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 08/05/2024 and ending 06/02/2025. **Pending Certification**

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.

Canton High School

- 12.15 <u>Hannah Hart,</u> recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 08/01/2024 and ending 06/02/2025.
 (Ms. Hart has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)
- 12.16 <u>Veronica Boose</u>, recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 08/05/2024 and ending 06/02/2025.
 Replacing: Cary Collins

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12.17 Yahya Muhammad, recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 08/05/2024 and ending 06/02/2025.

Replacing: Marguis Smith

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A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins to approve items 12.1-12.17. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peter Brown. **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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Nay

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

Nay

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

**Note: Special Called Meeting Locations - Canton Career Center

14. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins 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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

Mr. Peter Brown voted:

Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:

Aye

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matter. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion to enter executive session. **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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

Mr. Peter Brown voted:

Aye

Mr. Glen Lacey voted:

Aye

Mr. Johnny Brown announced that the board was in executive session

14.1 Sheila Anthony-Release from contract

Dr. Shivichie Dinkins made a motion to accept Superintendent Gary Hannah's recommendation to release Sheila Anthony from her contract. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion to accept the superintendent'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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

Mr. Peter Brown voted:

Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:

Aye

There being no other business to come before the school board in executive session, Dr. Shivochie Dinkins made a motion to exit executive session and return to open session. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion to exit executive session and to return to open session. **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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:

Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:

Mr. Peter Brown voted:

Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:

Aye

Dr. Shivochie Dinkins made a motion to exit executive session. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion to exit executive session. All trustees voted in favor of the motion to exit executive



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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

15. Adjournment

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shivochie Dinkins 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