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**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Canton High School
634 Finney Road
Canton, Mississippi 39046
March 18, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

On March 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Canton High School, 634 Finney Road, Canton, Mississippi 39046.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>
Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman (Via Phone) Dr. Jacqueline Griffin, Secretary Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman Mr. Peter Brown, Trustee Mr. Glen Lacey, Trustee	

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 March 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Canton High School, 634 Finney Road, Canton, Mississippi.
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and commenced as an open meeting.

2. INVOCATION

Mr. Glen Lacey gave the invocation.

2.1 Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown for the Canton Public School District Board of Trustees to remain in their positions 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:



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Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown to withdraw the motion made and vote on election officers the next board meeting. The motion was 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:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

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:

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the minutes for February 11, 2025 (Regular Meeting). **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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Melvin Gillum spoke about naming the gymnasium floor after Mr. Lewis Love. Mr. Hosea Anderson discussed issues at Canton High School. Vernetha Anderson discussed providing free tutoring services for the community.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

Ms. Victoria Johnson presented awards for the parent of the year, student, teacher, and staff of the month. Teacher of the year awards was also presented along with recognition of the Canton High School's boys and girls basketball team.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 7.1 Superintendent's Updates
- 7.2 School Improvement Updates **(Exhibit 7.2)**
- 7.3 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for February 2025. **(Exhibit 7.3)**
- 7.4 Utility Report- February 2025 **(Exhibit 7.4)**
- 7.5 Month 6 ADA Report **(Exhibit 7.5)**

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 7.1-7.5. **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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye



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8. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 8.1** Requesting board approval to advertise the RFP for partnership with a food management company to help meet the goals and objectives of the Canton Public Schools District Office of Child Nutrition. **(Exhibit 8.1)**

A motioned was made by Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey 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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

- 8.2** Requesting board approval to name Canton High School gymnasium after Rowland Garrett. **(Exhibit 8.2)**

A motioned was made by Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve items 8.2. **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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Nay

- 8.3** Requesting board approval to name Canton High School football field after L.C. Greenwood. **(Exhibit 8.3)**

Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Nay



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A motioned was made by Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 8.3. **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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

Addendum

8.4 Requesting board approval to name the Canton High School Gymnasium "**floor**" after Former Canton High Basketball Coach Lewis Love. **(Exhibit 8.4)**

A motioned was made by Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 8.4. **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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

9. FINANCIALS

- 9.1** Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 26777-26933. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26841-26843. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4** Activity Fund Report for February 2025. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5** Financial Statements for February 2025. **(Exhibit 9.5)**

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 266777-26933, # 26841-26843. Approval of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.3**. Approval of Activity Fund Report for February 2025 as shown in **Exhibit 9.4**, and approval of the Financial Statements for February 2025 as contained in **Exhibit 9.5** a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked.



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After reviewing all of the financial matters, Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to approve financial items 9.1-9.5. 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:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services:

10.1 Requesting board approval to accept the 2025-2026 renewal of the Worker's Compensation Policy with Luba Casualty Insurance Company.

(Exhibit 10.1)

10.2 Requesting board approval to enter into an agreement Prime Care Nursing for hiring full-time Certified Nursing Assistant not exceed the amount of \$16,000.00. **(Exhibit 10.2)**

10.3 Requesting board approval for the renewal of contract for Mr. Gary Hannah, Superintendent of Canton Public School District, for the period commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027. **(Exhibit 10.3)**

Addendum

After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded Mr. Glen Lacey 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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded Mr. Glen Lacey to take item 10.3 into 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:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

11. **Consent Agenda**

- 11.1 Requesting board approval of donation check #100201283 and #100210308 each in the amount of \$900.00 from BankPlus presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2 Requesting board approval of Revised Canton Public School District 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3 Requesting board approval of Revised Staff Recommendation (Certified & Classified) for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4 Requesting board approval for Stephanie Brooks to attend the American School Counselor Association Conference on July 12-15, 2025 in Long Beach, CA. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5 Requesting board approval for board for Marsha Warfield, Laquanda Davis, Keion Franklin, and Koche Anderson to attend the National Conference of School Leadership on July 10-19, 2025 in Seattle, WA. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6 Requesting board approval of playoff incentive funds to be paid to CHS Boys and Girl Soccer Staff and the CHS Boys and Girls Basketball Staff. **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7 Requesting board approval for The Kirkland Group to provide principal coaching for novice principals not to exceed the amount of \$14,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.7)**
- 11.8 Requesting board approval for Canton High School to purchase Senior Stadium Banners for the Class of 2025 not exceed the amount of \$15,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.8)**
- 11.9 Requesting board approval to purchase Class of 2025 graduation caps, gowns, and stole from Scholastic Products and Awards /Balfour not to exceed the amount of \$13,000.00.**(Exhibit 11.9)**
- 11.10 Requesting board approval to purchase track hurdles, hurdle carts, starting blocks and a block cart not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00.**(Exhibit 11.10)**
- 11.11 Requesting board approval for the change orders for the scope of work on the Rosenwald Project at the Trolio Street location not to exceed the amount of \$113,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.11)**
- 11.12 Requesting board approval to accept the following students to attend Canton Public School District for the 2024-25 SY because mother is an employee of Canton Public School District: **Jekaylen Jackson**-1st grade. **(Exhibit 11.12)**



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A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.13. **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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

12. Personnel

Leave of Absence

- 12.1 Cedric Shavers,** Maintenance Worker for Maintenance Department, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/24/2025 and ending 02/28/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 Lesia Green,** Cafeteria Worker for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/04/2025 and ending 02/10/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.3 Kimbra Owens,** Teacher Assistant at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/10/2025 and 02/14/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.4 Damya Davis,** Teacher Assistant at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/03/2025 and ending 02/10/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 Natascha Beals,** Interventionist at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 04/07/2025 and ending 04/14/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.6 Staci Triplett,** Teacher Assistant at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/18/2025 and ending 02/21/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.7 Carolyn Catchings,** Teacher at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/13/2024 and ending 03/10/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.8 Horatio Jackson,** Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/26/2025 and ending 03/03/2025.
Reason: Personal



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- 12.9 **Felicia Murry**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/18/2025 and ending 03/06/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.10 **Brittany Denton**, Data Clerk at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 04/07/2025 and ending 04/14/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.11 **Robert Jackson**, Director of Security for Security Department, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/04/2025 and ending 03/07/2025. **Reason: Personal**

Retirement(s)

- 12.12 **Richard Austin**, Counselor at Canton Career Center, retiring effective 06/03/2025.

Resignation(s)

- 12.13 **Jameria Ratcliff**, Teacher Assistant at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, resigning effective 03/14/2025.
Reason: Personal

Reassignment(s)/Transfer(s)

- 12.14 **Marquetta Williams**, reassignment from School Resource Officer at McNeal Elementary School to Teacher Assistant at Canton High School for the 2024-25 SY. **Replacing: Helen Owens**

Employment

McNeal Elementary School

- 12.15 **Adrienne Vance**, recommended Teacher for the period commencing 08/01/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.
(Ms. Vance has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)
- 12.16 **Adam Sanders**, recommended Teacher for the period commencing 08/01/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.
(Mr. Sanders has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)

Goodloe Elementary School

- 12.17 **Joelynn Brown**, recommended Teacher for the period commencing 03/25/2025 and ending 06/02/2025.
Replacing: Marquita Phillips



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Canton High School

12.18 Jonathan Harris, recommended Teacher for the period commencing 08/01/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.

(Mr. Harris has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)

Canton Career Center

12.19 Tiffanie Young, recommended for Administrative Assistant for the period commencing 03/25/2025 and ending 06/30/2025.

Replacing: Jahmilah Weatherspoon

12.20 Juandria Brown, recommended Teacher for the period commencing 07/25/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.

(Mrs. Brown has obtained valid licensure through the renewal process as governed by the MS Department of Education)

Child Nutrition

12.21 Kandice Page, recommended for Cafeteria Worker for the period commencing 03/25/2025 and ending 05/31/2025.

Replacing: Vacancy

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 12.1-12.21. **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. Jacqueline Griffin 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 School



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October 17th – **Reuben B. Myers CSAS**
November 14th – **Canton Elementary School**
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

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

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to enter executive session to consider a matter pertaining to a student and a personnel matter. Trustee Glen Lacey 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:

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor announced that the board was in executive session. The room was cleared.

Mr. Johnny Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

A parent addressed the board about a matter pertaining to a student. No action was taken. The board and the student were excused from the executive session.

Thereafter, Superintendent Gary Hannah was excused from executive session. The board discussed a personnel matter. The board did not take any action.



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Mr Peter Brown made a motion to exit executive session. Mr. Glen Lacey 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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

The board exited executive session. Superintendent Gary Hannah and the public were invited to return to the meeting.

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor announced that the board did not take any action during the executive session.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Glen Lacey 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. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye



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