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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.**

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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.

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<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>
Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman <b>(Via Phone)</b> 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. Tear 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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## **9. FINANCIALS**

- 9.1** Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 26604-26775. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26688. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26726. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5** Activity Fund Report for January 2025. **(Exhibit 9.5)**
- 9.6** Financial Statements for January 2025. **(Exhibit 9.6)**

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 26604-26775, # 26688, # 26726. Approval of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.4**. Approval of Activity Fund Report for January 2025 as shown in **Exhibit 9.5**, and approval of the Financial Statements for January 2025 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 9.1-9.6. 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. 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 enter into a state agreement with Ricoh for the term of 48 months commencing March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2029. **(Exhibit 10.1)**
- 10.2** Requesting board approval to increase Trane US. Inc. contractual agreement by an additional \$75,000.00 to cover services for the remainder of the 2024-2025 SY. This increase will not exceed the amount of \$150,000.00. **(Exhibit 10.2)**
- 10.3** Requesting board approval for Memorandum of Understanding between Canton Public School District (CPSD) and Smiles To Go, LLC to provide preventive/restorative dental treatment to the students of CPSD for the 2025-2026 SY and 2026-2027 SY. **(Exhibit 10.3)**



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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. **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

## **11. Consent Agenda**

- 11.1 Requesting board approval to purchase (3) new buses from Empire Truck Sales not to exceed the amount of \$400,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2 Requesting board approval of Canton Public School District 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3 Requesting board approval of Staff Recommendation (Certified & Classified) for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4 Requesting board approval for Victoria Johnson to attend the Association of Middle Level Educators Leadership Conference on July 12-16, 2025 in Scottsdale, AZ. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5 Requesting board approval for board for Kari Johnson and Courtney Knight to attend the National Conference of School Leadership on July 9-12, 2025 in Seattle, WA. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6 Requesting board approval for Bessie Dedeaux to attend the National Career Academy Coalition's Onsite Study Visit on February 25-26, 2025 in Louisville, KY. **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7 Requesting board approval for Kara Paige and Fekearia Beal to attend the Summer Model Schools Conference on June 22-25, 2025 in Oxon Hill, MD. **(Exhibit 11.7)**
- 11.8 Requesting board approval for Alphaia Myers, Kyairra Thomas, and Detanya Parker to attend the National Conference of School Leadership on July 10-13, 2025 in Seattle, WA. **(Exhibit 11.8)**
- 11.9 Requesting board approval for payment to be made to G&S Holdings for bus repair not to exceed the amount of \$11,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.9)**
- 11.10 Requesting board approval for Mayhew Electric Company to perform electrical update for Nichols Middle School cafeteria not to exceed the amount of \$50,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.10)**
- 11.11 Requesting board approval of \$30,000.00 to deposited into Dragonfly Athletics LLC for the purpose of paying game officials and MHSAA dues and fees. **(Exhibit 11.11)**
- 11.12 Requesting board approval of FY26 CPSD working day schedule. **(Exhibit**



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- 11.12)**  
**11.13** Requesting board approval of FY25-26 CPSD teacher salary scale. **(Exhibit 11.13)**  
**11.14** Requesting board approval to purchase the EDPlan Special Education module from Public Consulting Group (PCG) for the 2025-2026 SY not to exceed the amount of \$11,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.14)**  
**11.15** Requesting board approval to purchase 2024 State Championship Track Team's rings not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.15)**

A motioned was made by Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 11.1-11.15 with the exception of 11.3. **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

Mr. Johnny Brown exits the room. A motioned was made by Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve item 11.3. **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

## **12. Personnel**

### **Leave of Absence**

- 12.1** **Cynthia Whalen**, Cafeteria Manager for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/29/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**  
**12.2** **Tami Rigby**, Bookkeeper for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/11/2025 and ending 01/21/2025. **Reason: Personal**





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- 12.3 **Shondell Bullock**, Teacher Assistant at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/10/2025 and 01/21/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.4 **Marsha Hales**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/13/2025 and ending 01/16/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 **Susan Williams**, Interventionist at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/13/2025 and ending 01/17/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.6 **Laquita Zollicoffer**, Cafeteria Worker for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/21/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.7 **Keaira Smith**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 12/16/2024 and ending 01/06/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.8 **Alvin Williams**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/07/2025 and ending 01/13/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.9 **Justin Elam**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/28/2025 and ending 02/03/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.10 **Vicki Sims**, Custodian at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/28/2025 and ending 02/04/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**

## **Retirement(s)**

- 12.11 **Carolyn White**, Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, retiring effective 06/02/2025.
- 12.12 **Connie Williams**, Custodian at Canton High School, retiring effective 05/30/2025.

## **Resignation(s)**

- 12.13 **Ta'Preikah Sutton**, Communications Assistant for Public Relations, resigning effective 01/14/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.14 **Curtis Clark**, Custodian at Canton Elementary School, resigning effective 01/14/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.15 **Lashanda Hobbs**, Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, resigning effective 06/02/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.16 **Edison Brown**, Teacher at Canton High School, resigning effective 06/02/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**





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**12.17 Horatio Jackson**, Teacher at Canton High School, resigning effective 06/02/2025.

**Reason: Personal**

**12.18 Johnalynn Ingram**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, resigning effective 06/02/2025.

**Reason: Personal**

### **Employment**

#### **Canton Elementary School**

**12.19 Marcus Evans**, recommended for Custodian for the period commencing 02/18/2025 and ending 06/02/2025.

**Replacing: Curtis Clark**

#### **Canton Career Center**

**12.20 Terra Smith**, recommended for Custodian for the period commencing 02/18/2025 and ending 06/30/2025.

**Replacing: Rodney Ward**

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve items 12.1-12.20. **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 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**



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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**

#### **14. Consideration of Executive Session**

**N/A**

#### **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. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Absent
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

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