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**-CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES'  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Nichols Middle School  
529 Mace Street  
Canton, Mississippi 39046  
January 14, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

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On January 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Nichols Middle School, 529 Mace Street. 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 Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman <b>(Via Phone)</b> Dr. Shivochie Dinkins, Secretary 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 January 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Nichols Middle School, 529 Mace 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. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins 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 Dr. Shivochie Dinkins and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve the minutes for December 10, 2024 (Regular Meeting) and December 18, 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:	Aye
Mr. Lenderrick Taylor voted:	Aye
Dr. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

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

Canton High School seniors discuss having the class of 2025 graduation at the coliseum.

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

Mrs. Beverly Luckett presented awards for the parent 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 December 2024 (**Exhibit 7.3**)
- 7.4 Utility Report- December 2024 (**Exhibit 7.4**)
- 7.5 Month 4 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:



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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

## 8. DISCUSSION/ACTION N/A

## 9. FINANCIALS

- 9.1 Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 26490-26597. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26339. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26459. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 26534-26535. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5 Activity Fund Report for December 2024. **(Exhibit 9.5)**
- 9.6 Financial Statements for December 2024. **(Exhibit 9.6)**

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 26490-26597, # 26339, # 26459, # 26534-26535. Approve Activity Fund Report for December 2024 as shown in **Exhibit 9.5** approve the Financial Statements for December 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 9.1-9.6. 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. 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 to enter into an agreement with Rollins & Sumrall Education Group Inc. for E-Rate consulting for the 2025-26 SY. **(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

Omit



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of the 2024-2025 SY. This increase will not exceed the amount of \$150,000.00. **(Exhibit 10.2)**

After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins 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. Shivochie Dinkins voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

## 11. Consent Agenda

- 11.1 Requesting board approval for J&G Consulting to provide math instructional coaching and student pullouts for all secondary schools (contingent upon availability of funds) **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2 Requesting board approval of Canton Public School District 2024-2025 Test Security Plan. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3 Requesting board approval of Canton Public School District 2024-2025 Corrective Action Plan. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4 Requesting board approval for Canton Career Center to purchase equipment from Southern Equipment Systems, Inc. not to exceed the amount of \$16,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5 Requesting board approval for board for Michael Ellis, Kari Johnson, and Alisha Davis to attend the National Career Academy Coalition's Onsite Study Visit on February 25-26, 2025 in Louisville, KY. (5 the district will reimburse for two attendees) **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6 Requesting board approval for Kids First to provide ELA and Science instructional coaching and student pullouts for all secondary schools. (contingent upon availability of funds) **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7 Requesting board approval for Kirkland Group Education Services to instructional teacher coaching and student pullouts in the area of mathematics and science for all elementary schools. (contingent upon availability of funds) **(Exhibit 11.7)**
- 11.8 Requesting board approval for Greene Education to provide instructional coaching and student pullouts in the area of ELA for all elementary schools. (contingent upon availability of funds) **(Exhibit 11.8)**



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A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.8. **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 **Yoland Grant**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 12/02/2024 and ending 12/16/2024.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 **LaDonna Nichols**, Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 12/02/2024 and ending upon doctor's release.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.3 **Arthur Lee Watkins**, Custodian at Canton Education Service Center, requesting leave of absence beginning 12/02/2024 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.4 **Nancy Ray**, Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 12/02/2024 and ending 12/06/2024. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 **Kari Johnson**, Principal at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/06/2025 and ending 01/13/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.6 **Jacqueline Davis**, Business office Assistant for the Business Office, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/06/2025 and ending 01/13/2025. **Reason: Personal**

### Resignation(s)

- 12.7 **Helen Owens**, Teacher Assistant at Canton High School, resigning effective 01/06/2025.  
**Reason: Personal**
- 12.8 **Deandra Everett**, Cafeteria Manager for Child Nutrition, resigning effective 12/10/2024.  
**Reason: Personal**

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



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- 12.9 Otha Ollie, reassignment from Cafeteria Worker at McNeal Elementary School to Cafeteria Manager in Training.

### Employment Child Nutrition

- 12.10 Nieca Ard, recommended for Cafeteria Manager for the period commencing 01/15/2025 and ending 05/30/2025.  
**Replacing: Deaundra Everett**

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Shivochie Dinkins to approve items 12.1-12.10. **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**

## 14. Consideration of Executive Session

N/A



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## 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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