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**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Reuben B. Myers CSAS
 357 Old Yazoo City Road
 Canton, Mississippi 39046
 October 14, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

On October 14, 2025 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 Road, Canton Mississippi 39046.

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

Attorney Lisa Ross
 Interim Superintendent Dwight J. Luckett Sr.
 Ms. Tracy Lewis

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School district convened on October 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Reuben B. Myers CSAS, 357 Old Yazoo City Road, 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 which was amended to add Section D – Security Update for the 2025 Homecoming under the Superintendent’s Report. **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:	Absent
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. Glen Lacey and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve the minutes for September 09, 2025 (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:	Absent
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

Ms. Johnson acknowledged and presented certificates to student, teacher, and staff of the month.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Superintendent's Updates

- A. Board Retreat Date.
- B. Pre-K Survey Results.
- C. Food Service Survey Update.

7.2 MDE-Summer Food Service Program Review. (Exhibit 7.2)

7.3 MDE -Accreditation Record Summary for 2024-2025 and Recommended Accreditation Status for School Year 2025-2026. (Exhibit 7.3)

7.4 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for September 2025. (Exhibit 7.4)

7.5 Utility Report-September 2025. (Exhibit 7.5)

7.6 Month 1 ADA Report. (Exhibit 7.6)



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Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett, Sr. presented the board with monthly updates. Dr. Scott provided an overview of the Pre-K results, followed by Ms. Johnson, who shared the results from the Food Service Survey. Chief Jackson, along with Mr. Harris, gave an update on the homecoming game and tailgating activities. Mr. Lockett then reviewed the MDE Summer Food Service Program Review, the MDE Accreditation Record Summary for 2024–2025 and the Recommended Accreditation Status for the 2025–2026 school year, as well as the Teachers and Teacher Assistants' Attendance for September.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the Superintendent's Report, items 7.1-7.6. **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:	Absent
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 8.1 Requesting board approval for Southern Procurement Inc. to start advertising process on access control project. **(Exhibit 8.1)**
- 8.2 Requesting board approval to open bid for an agricultural lease, Section 16, Township 9 North Range 3 East, containing 30.72 acres. **(Exhibit 8.2)**
- 8.3 Requesting board approval for the 2025-2026 salary scale for athletics extra duty. **(Exhibit 8.3)**
- 8.4 Requesting board approval to increase the hourly rate for security detail from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per hour for athletic and other events. **(Exhibit 8.4)**
- 8.5 Requesting board approval to increase security detail for athletic and other events up to 20 officers for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 8.5)**

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 8.-8.5. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:



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

9. FINANCIALS

- 9.1** Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 27831-28006. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 27829. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 27916-27917. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5** Activity Fund Report for September 2025. **(Exhibit 9.5)**
- 9.6** Financial Statements for September 2025. **(Exhibit 9.6)**
- 9.7** Requesting board approval for the FY25 amended combined and combining budget. **(Exhibit 9.7)**

Ms. Tracy Lewis gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 27831-28006, # 27829, 27916-27917. Approval of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.4**. Approval of -Activity Fund Report for September 2025 and September 2025 as shown in **Exhibit 9.5 and 9.6**, approval of the Financial Statements a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked, and **Exhibit 9.7**.

After reviewing all of the financial matters, Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to approve financial items 9.1-9.7. 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: Absent
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 of MOU with Tougaloo College's Upward Bound Program to provide afterschool tutorial services to students at Nichols Middle School and Canton High School. **(Exhibit 10.1)**
- 10.2** Requesting board approval of MOU with G.A. Carmichael Family Health



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- Center for students to participate in a shadowing program. **(Exhibit 10.2)**
- 10.3** Requesting board approval to enter into a state agreement with Pitney Bowes for the term of 60 months commencing December 1, 2025 through November 20, 2030. **(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:	Absent
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 the Cisco Umbrella security plan for the district devices. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2** Requesting board approval for the Canton-Madison (MS) Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. to make donations to Nichols Middle School for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3** Requesting board approval to receive the SBHSN Mental Health Grant that provides fully funded mental health professionals for school campuses at no cost. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4** Requesting board approval of donation checks from New Bethel Baptist Church in the amount of \$500.00 present to the Athletic Department. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5** Requesting board approval of donation checks from Carl Lacey Ground Zero in the amount of \$500.00 present to the Athletic Department. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6** Requesting board approval of the Canton High School, Nichols Middle School, and Porter Middle School girls and boys basketball team orders. **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7** Requesting board approval of the updated Homeless Procedures for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.7)**





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- 11.8** Requesting board approval of the updated Foster Care Plan for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.8)**
- 11.9** Requesting board approval for the Kirkland Group to provide 30 days math teacher coaching and student pull-outs at Nichols Middle School not to exceed the amount of \$60,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.9)**
- 11.10** Requesting board approval to purchase a new set of bleachers for the Canton High School baseball field. **(Exhibit 11.10)**
- 11.11** Requesting board approval to accept two 86- inch televisions from Nissan. **(Exhibit 11.11)**
- 11.12** Requesting board approval for the adoption of SAVVAS Learning, myView Reading Program for K-5 not exceed the amount of \$260,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.12)**
- 11.13** Requesting board approval of Canton High School Band volunteers to serve as chaperones for the 2025-2026 SY. Upon board approval, a background check will be conducted for each volunteer. **(Exhibit 11.13)**
- 11.14** Requesting board approval to use Bridlewood of Madison as the 2026 prom venue. **(Exhibit 11.14)**
- 11.15** Requesting board approval for Lighthouse Construction top perform building repairs at Canton Career Center, Canton Elementary School, Nichols Middle School, Central Office and Canton High School not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.15)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.15 with the exception of 11.3 (Omit). **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:	Absent
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

11.14 Student Transfer(s) for 2025-26 SY.

Requesting board approval of the following student transfer to CPSD for 2025-26 SY:

11.16.1 Jimmy Pomerlee, Kindergarten; Jordan Pomerlee, Kindergarten - student mother is employed with Canton Public School District for the 2025- 2026 SY.



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A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 11.16 (11.16.1). **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

12. Personnel

Leave of Absence

- 12.1 TaQuisha Washington**, Office Clerk at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/14/2025 and ending 09/02/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 Beverly Luckett**, Director for Public Relation, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/27/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.3 Gabrielle Spencer**, Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/19/2025 and ending 08/25/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.4 Earl Sawyer**, Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/22/2025 and ending 09/29/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 Timika Williams**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/26/2025 and ending 08/29/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.6 Youlanda Trotter**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/11/2025 and ending 09/16/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.7 Whitney Robinson**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/02/2025 and ending 09/05/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.8 Henry Robinson**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/09/2025 and ending 09/15/2025. **Reason: Personal**



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- 12.9 **Larry Smith**, Custodian at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/23/2025 and ending 09/25/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.10 **Shavonda Griffin**, Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/09/2025 and ending upon doctors release. **Reason: Personal**

Resignation(s)

- 12.11 **Ivvy Collins**, Teacher Assistant at Canton Elementary School, Resigning effective 09/12/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.12 **Eric White**, School Resource Officer for the Security Department, Resigning effective 09/08/2025.
Reason: Personal

Employment

McNeal Elementary School

- 12.13 **Diane Gibson**, recommended for Custodian for the period commencing 10/21/2025 and ending 06/01/2026.
Replacing: Vicki Sims

Canton Elementary School

- 12.14 **Cmerial Slaughter**, recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 10/21/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.
Replacing: Ivvy Collins

Canton High School

- 12.15 **Carl Roberts**, recommended for Long Term Substitute Teacher for the period commencing 01/05/2026 and ending 06/02/2026.
Replacing: Barbara Brown

Athletics Department

- 12.16 **Darico Johns**, recommended for Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 SY.
Replacing: New Position
- 12.17 **Thomas Simmons**, recommended for Assistant Football Coach for the 2025-2026 SY.
Replacing: New Position



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A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 12.1-12.17. Item 12.2 was signed off and approved by Executive Director Victoria Johnson. **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:	Absent
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 8th – **Canton Career Center**
- August 12th – **Canton Career Center**
- September 9th – **McNeal Elementary**
- October 14th – Reuben B. Myers CSAS**
- November 11th – **Canton Elementary**
- December 16th – **Goodloe Elementary School**
- January 13th – **Nichols Middle School**
- February 10th – **Porter Middle School**
- March 17th, April 14th, & May 12th - **Canton High School**
- June 9th – **Canton Career Center**

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

14. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Glen Lacey 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:



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

Mr. Johnny Brown announced to the public that the school board was entering executive session to consider a recommendation from the interim superintendent to release a certified employee from his/her contract. The room was cleared.

Board members discussed the interim superintendent’s recommendation. No action was taken.

Mr. Glen Lacey made a motion to exit executive session. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion to exit executive session. All trustees voted 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: Absent
 Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted: Aye
 Mr. Peter Brown voted: Aye
 Mr. Glen Lacey voted: Aye

Mr. Johnny Brown opened the meeting room door and announced that the school board had returned to open session. Having properly exited executive session no action was taken in open session.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Glen Lacey 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: Abs
 Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted: Aye
 Mr. Peter Brown voted: Aye
 Mr. Glen Lacey voted: Aye



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