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**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Canton Elementary School
 365 Van Buren Street
 Canton, Mississippi 39046
 November 11, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

On November 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Canton Elementary School, 365 Van Buren Street, Canton Mississippi 39046.

<p><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman () Mr. Glen Lacey, Secretary Mr. Peter Brown, Trustee Dr. Jacqueline Griffin, Trustee</p>	<p><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></p>
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OTHERS PRESENT:
 Interim Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett Sr.
 Mr. Tony Foster
 Ms. Victoria Johnson
 Mr. Rodney Harris

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School district convened on November 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Canton Elementary School, 365 Van Buren Street, Canton, Mississippi. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnny Brown and commenced as an open meeting.

2. INVOCATION

Mr. Glen Lacey 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: 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 October 15, 2025 (Regular Meeting) and October 28, 2025 (Board Retreat 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. 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

Superintendent's Updates

- 7.1 Utility Report-October 2025. **(Exhibit 7.1)**
- 7.2 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for October 2025. **(Exhibit 7.2)**
- 7.3 Month 2 ADA Report. **(Exhibit 7.3)**
- 7.4 MDE-Assigned Accreditation Status: Accredited. **(Exhibit 7.4)**
- 7.5 Release from Teacher Contracts Update. **(Exhibit 7.5)**
- 7.6 School Improvement Updates. **(Exhibit 7.6)**
- 7.7 Strategic Plan Update Summary. **(Exhibit 7.7)**
- 7.8 Construction Update. **(Exhibit 7.8)**



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Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett, Sr. presented the board with the monthly updates. He reviewed the MDE Assigned Accreditation Status, as well as the Teachers’ and Teacher Assistants’ Attendance for the month of October. Ms. Johnson provided a School Improvement Update for Porter Middle School and also presented the Strategic Plan Update. Lastly, Mr. Harris shared the construction updates for the old Canton Elementary School and Canton High School.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve the Superintendent’s Report, items 7.1-7.8 with exception of 7.5 (Table). **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

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 8.1** Requesting board approval of an agricultural lease for Terry Ross, 16-9N-3N, containing 30.72 acres, m/1, for market rent \$2,456.60. Negotiated by Mike Ainsworth. **(Exhibit 8.1)**
- 8.2** Requesting board approval to cancel Billy V. Cooper leasehold rights to 16-9N-3E, containing 5.00 acres, m/1 due to none-payment of rent. **(Exhibit 8.2)**
- 8.3** Requesting board approval to file a termination on an agricultural lease held by J&H Farms Partnership, 16-8N-3E, containing 380.00 acres, m/1. **(Exhibit 8.3)**
- 8.4** Requesting board approval to file a termination on an agricultural lease held by Warren Farms Joint Venture, 16-9N-2E, containing 598.00 acre, m/1. **(Exhibit 8.4)**
- 8.5** Requesting board approval to file a termination on an agricultural lease held by Circle P. Farms, 16-9N-2E, containing 79.00 acres m/1. **(Exhibit 8.5)**
- 8.6** Requesting board approval to file a termination on an agricultural lease held by Mid-Mississippi Farms, 16-8N-3E, containing 270.00 acres, m/1. **(Exhibit 8.6)**
- 8.7** Requesting board approval to advertise for sealed bids 16-9N-3E, containing 380.00 acres m/1. **(Exhibit 8.7)**
- 8.8** Requesting board approval to advertise for sealed bids 16-9N-3E, containing 79.00 acres m/1. **(Exhibit 8.8)**



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- 8.9** Requesting board approval to advertise for sealed bids 16-9N-2E, containing 598.00 acres m/1. **(Exhibit 8.9)**
- 8.10** Requesting board approval to advertise for sealed bids 16-8N-3E, containing 270.00 acres m/1. **(Exhibit 8.10)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 8.1-8.10. **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 # 28018-28174. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28081-28090. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3** Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4** Activity Fund Report for October 2025. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5** Financial Statements for October 2025. **(Exhibit 9.5)**

Ms. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 28018-28174, # 28081-28090. Approval of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.3**. Approval of -Activity Fund Report for October 2025 as shown in **Exhibit 9.4**, approval of the Financial Statements a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked, and **Exhibit 9.5**.

Mr. Foster also provided the board with information on the purchasing procedures involving Elio, as well as information on DonorsChoose.

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

10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services
N/A

11. Consent Agenda

- 11.1 Requesting board approval of donation check # 5585 in the amount of \$7,065.00 from Madison County Business League and Foundation presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2 Requesting board approval of donation check #100220310 in the amount of \$2,700.00 from BankPlus presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3 Requesting board approval to purchase from Education Resources, LLC services for Comprehensive Needs Assessment for schools, parents, and stakeholders for the 2025-2026 SY not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4 Requesting board approval to purchase from SAAVAS mathematics textbooks as part of MDE's adoption schedule for grades 6-8 not to exceed the amount of \$104,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5 Requesting board approval for Melissa Otto to volunteer as sponsor of the Cosmetology Club at Canton High School. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6 Requesting board approval to purchase a new baseball scoreboard at Canton High School not to exceed the amount \$12,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7 Requesting board approval to add dishwasher and disposal equipment for Nichols Middle School cafeteria inventory to be purchased by Elior from Singer not to exceed the amount of \$18,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.7)**
- 11.8 Requesting board approval to purchase network infrastructure equipment (hardware and software) from Converge One not to exceed the amount of \$450,000.00 (E-Rate funds will be used for eligible items). **(Exhibit 11.8)**

A motion 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:



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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 **Melissa Turner**, Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/14/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 **Chrissy Bates**, Teacher Assistant at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/22/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.3 **Jessica Jobe**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/13/2025 and ending 10/16/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.4 **Natascha Beals**, Interventionist at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/05/2026 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 **Shavonda Griffin**, Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/29/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.6 **Lori Mathis**, Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/21/2025 and ending 10/27/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.7 **Jessica Clifton**, Counselor at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/31/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.8 **Karleshia Rhodes**, Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, Requesting leave of absence beginning 10/28/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.9 **Larry Smith**, Custodian at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/13/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.10 **Olisha Jones**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/16/2025 and ending upon doctors release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.11 **Johnalynn Ingram**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 11/07/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**



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Employment
McNeal Elementary School

12.12 Karla Levy, recommended for Custodian for the period commencing 11/18/2025 and ending 06/01/2026.
Replacing: Vicki Sims

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 12.1-12.12 with exception of 12.9 (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:	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 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. 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:



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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

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.

- 14.1 Jermey Lynn-Release from Contract***
- 14.2 Donna Monsour-Release from Contract***
- 14.3 Octavia Chambers-Release from Contract**
- 14.4 Cyntrilla Alexander-Release from Contract**

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion and second by Mr. Glen Lacey to accept Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett Sr. recommendation to release Donna Mousour and Jeremy Lynn from their contracts, and not to release Octavia Chambers and Cyntrilla Alexander from their contracts. **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. 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: Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted: Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted: Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted: Aye



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Mr. Johnny Brown announced that the board had returned to 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:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted:	Aye

Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman

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