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**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 McNeal Elementary School
 364 Martin L. King Drive
 Canton, Mississippi 39046
 September 09, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

On September 09, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at McNeal Elementary School, 364 Martin L. King Drive, 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:

Attorney Lisa Ross
 Superintendent Dwight J. Luckett Sr.
 Mr. Tony Foster

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School district convened on September 09, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at McNeal Elementary School, 364 Martin L. King Drive, 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. **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 August 12, 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: Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted: Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted: Aye
Mr. Glen Lacey voted: Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Gillum and Jimmie Davis both came before the board to voice concerns about Elior.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

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

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 7.1 Superintendent's Updates
- 7.2 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for August 2025 **(Exhibit 7.2)**
- 7.3 Utility Report-August 2025 **(Exhibit 7.3)**

Interim Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett, Sr. presented the board with monthly updates. He also provided an update on the new Central Office, Pre-K School, Maintenance Building and Maintenance Warehouse. In addition, Mr. Harris came before the board to share updates on the TigerLane project. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve the Superintendent's Report, items 7.1-7.3. **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

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 8.1** Requesting board approval to rescind the August 12, 2025 board action that approved Yates Air Conditioning & Refrigeration for the 2025-2026 SY in the amount of \$95,000.00. **(Exhibit 8.1)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown 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

9. FINANCIALS

- 9.1** Approval of monthly Claims Docket # 27672-27828. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
9.2 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 27673-27686. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
9.3 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 27724-27728. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
9.4 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 27750-27756. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
9.5 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 27769-27778. **(Exhibit 9.5)**
9.6 Requesting board approval of disposal for fixed assets. **(Exhibit 9.6)**
9.7 Activity Fund Report for August 2025. **(Exhibit 9.7)**
9.8 Financial Statements for August 2025. **(Exhibit 9.8)**
9.9 Requesting board approval to file a termination notice to that farm residential lease held be Terry Ross, Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 3 East containing 14.00 acres. **(Exhibit 9.9)**
9.10 Requesting board approval to advertise for an Agriculture Lease, Section 16 Township 9 North, Range 3 East, containing 31.02 acres, m/1. **(Exhibit 9.10)**



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9.11 Requesting board approval of authorization for services for the Mississippi Forestry Commission to perform timber sale preparation. **(Exhibit 9.10)**

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 27672-27828, # 27673-27686, 27724-27728, 27750-27756, 27769-27778. Approval of fixed assets as shown in **Exhibit 9.6**. Approval of -Activity Fund Report for August 2025 and August 2025 as shown in **Exhibit 9.7, and 9.8** approval of the Financial Statements 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 9.1-9.8. Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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 of MOU for the Career Coach Program, administered by Central Mississippi Planning and Development District in partnership with AccelerateMS for the 2025- 2026 SY. **(Exhibit 10.1)**
- 10.2** Requesting board approval of contractual agreement with the Excellence Group for professional services not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 10.2)**

After reviewing all matters for contractual agreement proposals. A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded Mr. Peter Brown 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:



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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 #100218418 in the amount of \$900.00 from BankPlus presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2 Requesting board approval of FY26 CPSD revised working day schedule. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3 Requesting board approval to create a District Athletic Compliance and Eligibility Coordinator position for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4 Requesting board approval for Brown CPA, LLC to provide professional auditing services for FY25. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5 Requesting board approval of FY26 Support Staff Salary Scale. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6 Requesting board approval for National Board salary supplement for Dr. Edith Coleman-Hambleton. **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7 Requesting board approval of School Plans (Crisis, Discipline, Parent Communication, and Wellness Plan) for the 2025-2026 SY. **(Exhibit 11.7)**
- 11.8 Requesting board approval of FY26 CPSD revised athletic supplements. **(Exhibit 11.8)**
- 11.9 Requesting board approval for regular payment of an existing contract for the website/robocalls etc. services not to exceed the amount \$22,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.9)**
- 11.10 Requesting board approval of FY26 Support Staff Salary. **(Exhibit 11.10)**
- 11.11 Requesting board approval for the adoption and implementation of Read 180 and Math 180 intervention programs in elementary and secondary schools to provide Tier II and Tier III support not to exceed the amount of \$135,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.11)**
- 11.12 Requesting board approval for the adoption and implementation of STEMscopes as the district's science instructional program not exceed the amount of \$40,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.12)**
- 11.13 Requesting board approval for the adoption and implementation of Writable, a digital writing program, in elementary and secondary schools not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00 **(Exhibit 11.13)**

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:



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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

11.14 Student Transfer(s) for 2025-26 SY

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

11.14.1 Destini Rials, 3rd Grade, - student mother is employed with Canton Public School District for the 2025- 2026 SY.

11.15 Student Transfer(s) for 2025-26 SY:

Requesting board approval of the following student transfer from CPSD for 2025-26 SY.

11.15.1 Jaxon Gross, Kindergarten, - student mother is employed as a teacher assistant for Madison County School District for the 2025- 2026 SY.

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.14 (11.14.1)-11.15 (11.15.1). **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



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12. Personnel

Leave of Absence

- 12.1 **Marquetta Williams**, Teacher Assistant at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 07/31/2025 and ending 08/06/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.2 **Melany Sanders**, Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/15/2025 and ending upon doctor's releases. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.3 **Arthur Watkins**, Custodian at Canton Educational Services Center, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/07/2025 and ending upon doctor's releases. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.4 **Lori Hendrix**, Speech-Language Pathologist for Exceptional Services, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/18/2025 and ending upon doctor's releases. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.5 **Carol Robinson**, Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 10/15/2025 and ending upon doctor's releases. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.6 **Willie Lewis**, Administrative Assistant at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/02/2025 and ending 09/08/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.7 **Yotunga Grant**, Assistant Principal at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 09/02/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.8 **Cynthia Whalen**, Cafeteria Manager for Child Nutrition, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/27/2025 and ending upon doctor's release. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.9 **Jermey Lynn**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/25/2025 and ending 08/28/2025. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.10 **Kristen Sawyer**, Teacher Assistant at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/05/2025 and ending 05/29/2026. **Reason: Personal**
- 12.11 **Sherry Denton**, Custodian for the Maintenance Department, requesting leave of absence beginning 08/26/2025 and ending upon doctor's release.. **Reason: Personal**

Resignation(s)

- 12.12 **Skylar Bush**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, resigning effective 07/31/2025.
Reason: Personal
- 12.13 **Marquetta Williams**, Teacher Assistant at Canton High School, resigning effective 09/04/2025.
Reason: Personal



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12.14 Cynthia Whalen, Cafeteria Manager for Child Nutrition, resigning effective 09/03/2025.
Reason: Personal

Employment

McNeal Elementary School

12.15 DaBrashia Stanford, recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 09/15/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.

Replacing: Mayoung Lockett

12.16 Dorriann Johnson, recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 09/15/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.

Replacing: Cordelia Carter

Goodloe Elementary School

12.17 Peggy Sutton, recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 08/01/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.

Replacing: Lakeisha Adams

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-9-14 the Superintendent shall have the authority to temporarily employ licensed and nonlicensed employees to fill vacancies which occur from time to time without prior approval of the board of trustees, provided that the board of trustees is notified of such employment and the action is ratified by the board at the next regular meeting of the board.

Canton High School

12.18 Audrey Carroll, recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 09/15/2025 and ending 06/02/2026.

Replacing: Marquetta Williams

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 12.1-12.18. **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



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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:

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 and the public would have to leave the room.

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to amend the contract of Interim Superintendent Dwight Lockett. Mr. Glen Lacey seconded the motion to amend the contract of Interim Superintendent Dwight Lockett. **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. 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

After the school board returned to open session, Chairman Johnny Brown announced that the school board voted to amend the contract of Interim Superintendent Dwight Luckett.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Glen Lacey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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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