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**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Nichols Middle School
 529 Mace Street
 Canton, Mississippi 39046
 January 13, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

On January 13, 2026 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.

<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
 Mr. Rodney Harris
 Ms. Victoria Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School District convened on January 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. 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. Glen Lacey gave the invocation.



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3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey 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. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve the minutes for December 16, 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

N/A

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

Mrs. Beverly Luckett acknowledged and presented certificates to the Student, Teacher, and Staff Member of the Month.

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent’s Updates

7.1 Utility Report-December 2025. **(Exhibit 7.1)**

7.2 Teachers/Teacher Assistants’ Attendance for December 2025. **(Exhibit 7.2)**



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- 7.3 Month 4 ADA Report. **(Exhibit 7.3)**
- 7.4 School Improvement Updates.
- 7.5 Canton High School graduation update.
- 7.6 Canton High School Real Estate Academy update.
- 7.7 Strategic Plan Update Summary.
- 7.8 Construction Update.

Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett, Sr. presented the Board with the monthly updates, which included a review of the December utility report as well as Teachers' and Teacher Assistants' attendance for the month of December 2025. Ms. Victoria Johnson provided Strategic Plan updates regarding the additions made. Mr. Rodney Harris gave construction updates for Canton High School and shared updates on the old Canton Elementary School space.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve the Superintendent's Report, items 7.1-7.8. **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 to approve a Resolution Opposing Public and Private School Choice Programs. **(Exhibit 8.1)**
- 8.2 Requesting board approval of the Canton Public School District's Strategic Plan for 2025-2030. **(Exhibit 8.2)**
- 8.3 Requesting board approval to advertise for sealed bids 16-9N-3E, containing 48.00 acres m/1. **(Exhibit 8.3)**
- 8.4 Requesting board approval to accept a bid for timber sales from Good Hope Inc. for \$2,500.00. Section 16 Township 9N, Range 1E, Madison County, Mississippi. **(Exhibit 8.4)**
- 8.5 Requesting board approval of the Proposal for Appraisal Report Parcels 9-13 (Land), Nissan Parkway, Canton, MS 39046 from BBG in the amount of \$2,500.00. **(Exhibit 8.5)**
- 8.6 Requesting board approval of the Proposal for Appraisal Services, Parcels 9-13, totaling approximately 5.13 acres, located along the south side of



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Nissan Parkway Section 34, Township 09N, Range 02E from John B. Stewart, Real Estate Appraiser and Consultant, LLC in the amount of \$2,750.00. **(Exhibit 8.6)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 8.1-8.6. **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 # 28356-28431. **(Exhibit 9.1)**
- 9.2** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28202. **(Exhibit 9.2)**
- 9.3** Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket #28347-28355. **(Exhibit 9.3)**
- 9.4** Activity Fund Report for December 2025. **(Exhibit 9.4)**
- 9.5** Financial Statements for December 2025. **(Exhibit 9.5)**

Ms. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 28356-28431, # 28202, 28347-28355. Approval of Activity Fund Report for December 2025 as shown in **Exhibit 9.4**, approval of the Financial Statements a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked in **Exhibit 9.5**.

After reviewing all of the financial matters, Mr. Glen Lacey made a motion to approve financial items 9.1-9.5. 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



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10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services

- 10.1** Requesting board approval to extend the Excellence Group contract until June 30, 2026 for professional services, with no additional cost involved. **(Exhibit 10.1)**
- 10.2** Requesting board approval to enter into an agreement with Government Consultants as Municipal Advisor for Certification of Participation funding options. **(Exhibit 10.2)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Glen Lacey and seconded by 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:

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 accept a donation check in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Madison County Business League & Foundation America 250 to purchase academic and teacher supplies to help teach the American History for third- and fourth-grade students. **(Exhibit 11.1)**
- 11.2** Requesting board approval of donation check #100221337 in the amount of \$900.00 from BankPlus presented to CPSD Canton Career Center. **(Exhibit 11.2)**
- 11.3** Requesting board approval of Fiscal Year 26, IDEA for Part B and Preschool Application and Assurances 85 percent Allocations. **(Exhibit 11.3)**
- 11.4** Requesting board approval for Wayne Day and Charles Matthews to attend the Alabama Automotive Workshop on January 28-30, 2026 in Tuscaloosa, AL. **(Exhibit 11.4)**
- 11.5** Requesting board approval for Shoney Harris to attend the Innovative School Summit on July 24-29, 2026 in Nashville, TN. **(Exhibit 11.5)**
- 11.6** Requesting board approval of FY27 CPSD working day schedule. **(Exhibit 11.6)**
- 11.7** Requesting board approval for Porter Middle School to hold afterschool tutoring services at from February 2, 2026-April 30, 2026, three days per



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- week from 3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m., and to pay identified teachers at a rate of \$40.00 per hour (pending availability and release of funds). **(Exhibit 11.7)**
- 11.8** Requesting board approval for Mary Ware formal Canton Public School District Sped teacher for tutorial services at Porter Middle School, not to exceed four hours a day, three days a week. The services will take place from January 14, 2026- April 30, 2026 at the rate of \$40.00 an hour, not to exceed the amount of \$8,000.00. **(Exhibit 11.8)**
- 11.9** Requesting board approval for the 2026-2027 Teacher Recommendations. **(Exhibit 11.9)**

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.9. **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** **Olivia Jones**, Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 12/15/2025 and ending 12/18/2025. **Reason: Personal**

Resignation(s)

- 12.2** **Rose Johnson-Murry**, Teacher Assistant at Canton Elementary School, resigning effective 01/05/2026.
Reason: Personal
- 12.3** **JaMarkus House**, In School Suspension Teacher at Nichols Middle School, resigning effective 06/02/2026.
Reason: Personal
- 12.4** **John Warren**, Long Term Substitute Teacher at the High School Equivalency Program, resigning effective 06/02/2026.
Reason: Personal



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A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 12.1-12.4. **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 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. Peter Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Glen Lacey seconded the motion for closed determination. **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. Peter Brown made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Dwight Luckett to release an employee from his/her contract of employment. Mr. Glen Lacey seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Dwight Luckett to release an employee from his/her contract. **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

Dr. Jacqueline Griffin made a motion to extend a contract for the 2026-2027 school year to employ Dwight Luckett as Superintendent of the Canton Public School District. Mr. Peter Brown seconded the motion to extend a contract to Dwight Luckett to serve as Superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.**



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

Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to exit executive session. Mr. Glen Lacey seconded the motion to exit executive session. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.**

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 the school board voted to accept Superintendent Dwight Lockett's recommendation to release an employee from his/her contract. In addition, Chairman Johnny Brown announced that the school board voted to offer Dwight Lockett a contract to serve as Superintendent of the Canton Public School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

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.



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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

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