



Board of Trustees
 Johnny Brown, Chair
 Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
 Glen Lacey, Secretary
 Peter Brown, Trustee
 Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Porter Middle School
 551 Finney Road
 Canton, Mississippi 39046
 February 10, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

On February 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Porter Middle School, 551 Finney Road, 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> |
|---|--|

OTHERS PRESENT:

Interim Superintendent Dwight J. Lockett Sr.
 Mr. Tony Foster
 Mr. Rodney Harris
 Ms. Victoria Johnson
 Dr. Candra Nelson-Scott

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School District convened on February 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Porter Middle School, 551 Finney 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.



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 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 Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve the minutes for January 13, 2026 (Regular Meeting) and February 02, 2026 (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. Jacqueline Griffin voted: | Aye |
| Mr. Peter Brown voted: | Aye |
| Mr. Glen Lacey voted: | Aye |

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tristan Brown from Nichols Middle School came before the Board to speak on the possibility of the district offering different programs so that students in the Canton Public School District can have more opportunities available to them upon graduation.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

Mrs. Beverly Luckett acknowledged and presented certificates to the Students, Teachers, and Staff Member of the Month. Board members were also acknowledged for Board Recognition Week.



Board of Trustees
 Johnny Brown, Chair
 Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
 Glen Lacey, Secretary
 Peter Brown, Trustee
 Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent’s Updates

- 7.1 Utility Report-January 2026. (Exhibit 7.1)
- 7.2 Teachers/Teacher Assistants' Attendance for January 2026. (Exhibit 7.2)
- 7.3 Month 5 ADA Report (Exhibit 7.3)
- 7.4 School Improvement Update.
- 7.5 Canton High School Real Estate Academy update.
- 7.6 Food Service financial update for the 2025 vs 2026 SY. Update covers the 2025-2026 SY.
- 7.7 Construction update.
- 7.8 FY24 and FY25 Audit updates.

Superintendent Dwight J. Luckett, Sr. presented the Board with the monthly updates, which included a review of the January 2026 utility report, Teachers’ and Teacher Assistants’ attendance for the month of January 2026, and the Month 5 ADA report.

Ms. Victoria Johnson discussed secondary teachers’ attendance for the month of January 2026, and Dr. Candra Nelson-Scott provided the same update for elementary teachers. Ms. Devonda Cheeks, Assistant Principal of Porter Middle School, provided the School Improvement updates. Ms. Kari Johnson provided an update on the Canton High School Real Estate Academy. Mr. Tony Foster gave the food service financial update as well as the FY24 and FY25 audit updates. Mr. Rodney Harris provided construction updates for Canton High School.

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 open bids for Section 16, Township 9, North Range 3 East, containing 48.00 acres. (Exhibit 8.1)



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

- 8.2 Request board approval to accept the opened bid regarding Section 16, Township 9, North Range 3 East, containing 48.00 acres. (Exhibit 8.2)
- 8.3 Requesting board approval of the agricultural lease agreement regarding Section 16, Township 9, North Range 3 East, containing 48.00 acres. (Exhibit 8.3)

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 8.1-8.3. **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: | 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 # 28469-28572. (Exhibit 9.1)
- 9.2 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28432-28443. (Exhibit 9.2)
- 9.3 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28437. (Exhibit 9.3)
- 9.4 Requesting board approval of disposals for fixed assets. (Exhibit 9.4)
- 9.5 Activity Fund Report for January 2026. (Exhibit 9.5)
- 9.6 Financial Statements for January 2026. (Exhibit 9.6)

Ms. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 28469-28572, # 28432-28443, 28437. Approval of disposals for fixed assets **Exhibit 9.4**. Approval of Activity Fund Report for January 2026 as shown in **Exhibit 9.5**, approval of the Financial Statements a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked in **Exhibit 9.6**.

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:



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

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 a contractual agreement between Lisa M. Ross, Esquire (Board Attorney), and the Canton Public School District for the period beginning January 30, 2026, and ending January 30, 2027.(Exhibit 10.1)

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Glen Lacey to approve items 10.1. A copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked in **Exhibit 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. 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 from Madison County Business League & Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for ACT Prep. (Exhibit 11.1)
- 11.2 Requesting board approval of donation check from Junior Auxiliary League of Madison County in the amount of \$1,200.00. (Exhibit 11.2)
- 11.3 Requesting board approval of donation check from Junior Auxiliary of Madison County Mini Grant in the amount of \$400.00 to the Canton Career Center. (Exhibit 11.3)
- 11.4 Requesting board approval of Staff Recommendations (Principals) for the 2026-2027 SY. (Exhibit 11.4)



Board of Trustees

Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

- 11.5 Requesting board approval for Capital Hardware to install new cylinders, re-keying, provide new keys, hinges, and door closer at Porter Middle, Canton Career Center, Canton Elementary, McNeal Elementary, Goodloe Elementary, Reuben B. Myer CSAS, Ninth Grade Academy, and Canton High School not to exceed the amount of \$22,000.00. (Exhibit 11.5)
- 11.6 Requesting board approval to allow Rho Xi Lambda Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc to provide a Comprehensive STEM Program 4 week workshop for students in grades 9-12 and HSEP Program at no cost to the district. (Exhibit 11.6)
- 11.7 Requesting board approval of Carl Perkins Funds to purchase equipment for the Health Science Program at Canton Career Center from Pocket Nurse not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. (Exhibit 11.7)
- 11.8 Requesting board approval for Kametriss Handy to serve as Assistant Test Coordinator at Nichols Middle School for the remainder of the school year and receive a \$750.00 supplement. (Exhibit 11.8)
- 11.9 Requesting board approval for Chief Robert Jackson to attend the 2026 National Student Safety and Security Conference workshop on April 27-May 1, 2026, in Orlando, FL. (Exhibit 11.9)
- 11.10 Requesting board approval for Monica McGhee to attend the Level UP GED Conference on July 29-31, 2026 in Atlanta, GA. (Exhibit 11.10)
- 11.11 Requesting board approval for Koche Anderson to attend The Innovative School Summit conference on July 24-29, 2026 in Nashville, TN. (Exhibit 11.11)
- 11.12 Requesting board approval for 100 Black Men of Canton to provide mentoring services to identified elementary and secondary schools in the district, pending background checks. (Exhibit 11.12)

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to approve items 11.1-11.12. **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 |



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

12. Personnel

12.1 Leave of Absence

12.1.1 Gladys Kiner-Teacher assistant at McMeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/05/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.2 Felicia Maye- Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/06/2026 and ending 01/08/2026.

12.1.3 Ashley Gore-Secretary for Exceptional Services, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/05.2026 and ending 01/20/2026.

12.1.4 Kiara Jordan-Teacher at Porter Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/02/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.5 Ardajha Brooks- Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/14/2026 and ending 01/20/2026.

12.1.6 Yolanda Grant-Teacher at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/23/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.7 Nadya Carlisle-Interventionist at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/22/2026 and ending 03/23/2026.

12.1.8 James Gillum- Support Services Technician, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/12/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.9 Kodi Travis- Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/22/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.10 Leunika Davis-Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/27/2026 and ending 02/02/2026.

12.1.11 Shirley Bennett-Custodian at Canton Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/21/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.12 Rieka Adams-Teacher at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/02/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.13 Olivia Burks-requesting leave of absence beginning 01/05/2026 and ending 01/20/2026.

12.2 Resignation(s)

12.2.1 Sherman Johnson-ISS Teacher at Porter Middle School, resigning effective 01/28/2026.

12.2.2 Shenik Davis-Teacher Assistant at Canton Elementary School, resigning effective 01/20/2026

OMIT 12.2.3 Shannon Smith, Director of Exceptional Services resigning effective 06/30/2026. OMIT



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

12.3 Retirement(s)

12.3.1 Sherry Denton-Custodian at Canton High School, retiring effective 05/30/2026.

12.3.2 Suzan Ball-Librarian at Canton Elementary School, retiring effective 06/03/2026.

12.4 Reassignment(s)/Transfer(s)

12.4.1 Lakesha Meeks-reassignment from Accounting Clerk for the Business office to Payroll Clerk for the 2025-2026 SY. Replacing: Deon Gamble

12.4.2 Jacqueline Davis-reassignment from Business Office Assistant for the Business Department to Accounting Clerk for the 2025-2026 SY. Replacing: Lakesha Meeks

12.5 Employment

12.5.1 Canton Elementary School

12.5.1.1 Haliliha McCloud-recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 08/03/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.5.2 Reuben B. Myers CSAS

12.5.2.1 Natalie Cox-recommended for Teacher Assistant for the period commencing 02/17/2026 and ending 06/02/2026.

12.5.3 Maintenance Department

12.5.3.1 Quadaruise Giles-recommended for Maintenance Technician for the period commencing 02/17/2026 and ending 06/30/2026.

12.5.4 Public Relations

12.5.4.1 Tackery Hill- recommended for Communication Assistant for the period commencing 02/17/2026 and ending 06/30/2026.

12.5.5 Athletic Department

12.5.5.1 Morgan Williams-recommended for Head Softball Coach for the 2025-2026 SY.

12.5.5.2 Azariyah Harris-recommended for Assistant Softball Coach for the 2025-2026 SY.



Board of Trustees
 Johnny Brown, Chair
 Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
 Glen Lacey, Secretary
 Peter Brown, Trustee
 Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to take items 12.5.4 and 12.5.5 into 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 |

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve items 12.1.1-12.5.3. **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: | Aye |
| Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted: | Aye |
| Mr. Peter Brown voted: | Aye |
| Mr. Glen Lacey voted: | Aye |

13. For Your Information

Locations/Time of Regular Board Meetings @ 5:30 P.M.

March 17th- Canton High School

****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. Lenderrick Taylor seconded the motion. **The motion having received the majority of the affirmative votes was passed and carried.** The trustees voted as follows:



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

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. Lenderrick Taylor 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 enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. 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

Mr. Johnny Brown announced that the school board voted to enter executive session. The meeting room was cleared.



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

Thereafter, Mr. Peter Brown made a motion to deny a certified employee’s request to be released from his/her contract and directed Superintendent Dwight Luckett to report the certified employee to the Mississippi Department of Education for violating Standard 10(a) of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics. Mr. Lenderrick Taylor seconded the motion. **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. Peter Brown made a motion to exit executive session. Dr. Jacqueline Griffin 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 |

The school board returned to open session. Mr. Johnny Brown announced that the school board voted to reject a certified employee’s request to be released from her/his contract and to notify the Mississippi Department of Education that a certified employee violated the Mississippi Educator’s Code of Conduct.

15. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the school board, Mr. Peter Brown 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.



Board of Trustees
Johnny Brown, Chair
Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glen Lacey, Secretary
Peter Brown, Trustee
Jaqueline Griffin, Trustee

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 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

Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice Chairman

Mr. Glen Lacey, Secretary

Mr. Peter Brown, Trustee

Dr. Jacqueline Griffin, Trustee