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**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Canton High School
 634 Finney Road
 Canton, Mississippi 39046
 April 14, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

On April 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Canton Public School District held its regular monthly meeting at Canton High School, 634 Finney Road, Canton Mississippi 39046.

<p><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Mr. Johnny Brown, Chairman Mr. Lenderrick Taylor, Vice-Chairman 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
 Dr. Candra Nelson-Scott

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Canton Public School District convened on April 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Canton High School, 634 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.



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3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve the minutes for March 06, 2026 (Special Call Meeting), March 17, 2026 (Regular Meeting) and March 24, 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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CELEBRATION

Mrs. Beverly Luckett acknowledged and presented certificates to the Students, Teachers, and Staff Members of the Month.



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7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- 7.1 School Improvement Update.
- 7.2 Utility Report-March 2026 (Exhibit 7.2)
- 7.3 Teachers/Teacher Assistants; Attendance for March 2026. (Exhibit 7.3)
- 7.4 Month 6 ADA (Exhibit 7.4)
- 7.5 NJROTC Program Update: Conversion to NNDCC (Navy National Defense Cadet Corps).
- 7.6 The 5-year (2022-2026) compilation of dollars spent towards the top 5 consultant (Kids First, Kirkland Group, Greene Education, and Bailey Education).

Mr. Henry Doyle, Principal of Porter Middle School, provided the School Improvement updates.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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:	Aye
Dr. Jacqueline Griffin voted:	Aye
Mr. Peter Brown voted:	Aye

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 8.1 Requesting board approval to accept bid by Security Services for access control for CPSD not to exceed the amount of \$75,000. (Exhibit 8.1)
- 8.2 Requesting board approval of Staff Recommendations (additional teachers) for the 2026-2027 SY. (Exhibit 8.2)

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor to approve items 8.1-8.2. **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

9. FINANCIALS

- 9.1 Approval of Monthly Claims Docket # 28744-28892 (Exhibit 9.1)
- 9.2 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28578-28743. (Exhibit 9.2)
- 9.3 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28777-28806. (Exhibit 9.3)
- 9.4 Approval/Ratify payment of Claims Docket # 28863. (Exhibit 9.4)
- 9.5 Requesting board approval of disposals for fixed assets. (Exhibit 9.5)
- 9.6 Activity Fund Report for March 2026. (Exhibit 9.6)
- 9.7 Financial Statements for March 2026. (Exhibit 9.7)

Mr. Tony Foster gave the financial report including approval payment monthly of Claims Docket, # 28744-28892, # 28573-28743, # 28777-28806, and # 28863. Approval of disposals for fixed assets **Exhibit 9.5**. Approval of Activity Fund Report for March 2026 as shown in **Exhibit 9.6**, approval of the Financial Statements a copy of which will be attached to these minutes marked in **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. 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



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10. Agreements/Contracts/Proposals for Services

10.1 Requesting board approval of the MOU between Canton Public School District and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) for Kyree Freeman to serve as an Educator in Residence as a math coach for elementary schools (grades K–5). (Exhibit 10.1)

10.2 Requesting board approval of the MOU between Canton Public School District and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) for Patricia Frazure to serve as an Educator in Residence as a math coach for elementary schools (grades K–5). (Exhibit 10.2)

A motioned was made by Mr. Lenderrick Taylor 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:

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

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Requesting board approval for donation check #100223406 from BankPlus in the amount of \$2,700.00 to the Canton Career Center. (Exhibit 11.1)

11.2 Request board approval of the playoff incentive pay for the Canton High School Girls/Boys Basketball Staff. (Exhibit 11.2)

11.3 Requesting board approval to accept a donation check of \$250.00 from Ramona Blount to Goodloe Elementary School to assist with transportation cost for the 5th grade end of year trip. (Exhibit 11.3)

11.4 Requesting board approval of the MDE FY 2026 Enhancement Equipment Grant for Automotive Mechanics and Automotive Body Repair. (Exhibit 11.4)



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- 11.5 Requesting board approval for submission of the Accelerate MS EquipMS Grant application to support equipment needs for the Advanced Manufacturing Program at Canton Career Center. (Exhibit 11.5)
- 11.6 Requesting board approval for Air Filter Sales and Services to perform the air filtration services for the district's HVAC systems not to exceed the amount of \$15,000.00. (Exhibit 11.6)
- 11.7 Requesting board approval to purchase floor cleaning equipment from Jackson Newell not to exceed the amount \$22,000.00. (Exhibit 11.7)
- 11.8 Requesting board approval for the Automotive Mechanics and Automotive Body Repair Programs to purchase equipment not to exceed the amount of the MDE Enhancement Equipment Grant of \$26,345.00. (Exhibit 11.8)
- 11.9 Requesting board approval for Nichols Middle School students T. Brown, J. Myles, and L. Henderson to travel to Washington, DC for the House of Code Congressional App Challenge April 20-23, 2026. (Exhibit 11.9)
- 11.10 Requesting board approval for LaDonna Nichols Watkins, a teacher at Canton High School to travel to Washington, DC for the House of Code Congressional App Challenge April 20-23, 2026 as a chaperone for T. Brown, J. Myles, and L. Henderson. (Exhibit 11.10)
- 11.11 Requesting board approval to accept a donation check of \$250.00 from Angela Harris to Goodloe Elementary School to assist with transportation cost for the 5th grade end of year trip. (Exhibit 11.11)
- 11.12 Requesting board approval for the 2026-2027 Organizational Chart. (Exhibit 11.12)

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to take item 11.12 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



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A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve items 11.1-11.11. **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

11.13 Student Transfer(s) for 2026-2027 SY:

Requesting board approval of the following student transfer from CPSD for 2026-2027 SY:

11.13.1 Tucker Davis (kindergarten) and Lincoln Davis (2nd grade) – students’ mother is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

11.13.2 David Glasgow (7th grade)-student father is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026-2027 SY.

11.13.3 Harmon Abrams (1st grade) and Eva Abrams (6th grade) – students’ mother is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

11.13.4 Pryor Ramsey (2nd grade) – student mother is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

11.13.5 Blake Haile (12th grade) – student mother is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

11.13.6 Caelyn Love (10th grade)-student mother is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026-2027 SY.

11.13.7 Charlie Jones (4th grade) and Bryce Jones (8th grade) – students’ father is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

11.13.8 Ali Haile (12th grade) – student mother is employed by the Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

11.13.9 Cailyn Eldridge (5th grade) – student mother is employed by the



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Madison County School District for the 2026–2027 SY.

A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve items 11.13 (11.13.1-11.13.9). **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

12. Personnel

12.1 Leave of Absence

12.1.1 Stephanie Brooks- Counselor at Nichols Middle School, requesting a leave of absence beginning 03/06/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.2 Nadya Carlisle-Interventionist at Nichols Middle School, requesting leave of absence beginning 01/23/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.3 Jamiyah Walker- Teacher Assistant at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/16/2026 and ending 03/19/2026.

12.1.4 Olivia Burks-Interventionist at McNeal Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/19/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.5 Alma Jones-Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/03/2026 and ending 03/09/2026.

12.1.6 LaTanya Sanders-Teacher at Canton High School, requesting leave of absence beginning 04/03/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.7 Tanya Collins-Interventionist at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting a leave of absence beginning 03/30/2026 and ending 04/06/2026.

12.1.8 Jolynn Brown-Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/26/2026 and ending 04/07/2026.

12.1.9 Laquita Lyles- Custodian at Canton Career Center, requesting leave of absence beginning 03/30/2026 and ending upon doctor's release.

12.1.10 Shannon Smith-Exceptional Services Director, requesting leave of absence beginning 02/24/2024 and ending 03/20/2026.



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12.1.11 Brittany Denton-attendance clerk at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, requesting leave of absence beginning 04/17/2026 and ending 04/27/2026.

12.2 Resignation(s)

12.2.1 Jerrica Greer- Teacher at Reuben B. Myers CSAS, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.2 A'Jaylyn Harris-Teacher at Reuben B. Myers, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.3 Nichol Torrey-Teacher at Reuben B. Myers, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.4 Jocelyn Williams-Teacher at Reuben B. Myers, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.5 Olivia Jones-Teacher at Goodloe Elementary School, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.6 Torey McRenzie-Teacher at Nichols Middle School, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.7 Cassidy Gatson-Teacher at Canton High School, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.8 Alma Jones-Teacher at Canton High School, resigning effective 06/02/2026.

12.2.9 Sherry Denton- Custodian at Canton High School, resigning effective 03/20/2026.

12.3 Retirement(s)

12.3.1 Willie Veals-Custodian at Goodloe Elementary School, retiring effective 06/30/2026.

12.4 Employment

12.4.1 Reuben B. Myers CSAS

12.4.1.1 Andrea McDaniel Robinson-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.1.2 Teravia Jackson-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.1.3 Showjuanda Tucker-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.



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12.4.2 Canton Elementary School

12.4.2.1 Areale Harris-recommended for Interventionist for period commencing 07/27/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.2.2 Amy Smith-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.2.3 Alesha Myers-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.2.4 Jacqueline Henry-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.3 Goodloe Elementary School

12.4.3.1 Bryantae Garrett-recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 7/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.4 McNeal Elementary School

12.4.5 Imani Bailey-recommended for Teacher for the period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2026.

12.4.6 Nichols Middle School

12.4.6.1 Latarvis Rule-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.7 Canton High School

12.4.7.1 Tyronza Davis-Jackson-recommended for Teacher for period commencing 07/29/2026 and ending 06/02/2027.

12.4.8 Athletic Department

12.4.8.1 Martha Perry-recommended for Assistant Cheer Coach for the 2026-2027 SY.

12.4.8.2 Shania Young-recommended for Head Cheer Coach for the 2026-2027 SY.



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A motioned was made by Mr. Peter Brown and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Griffin to approve items 12.1.1-12.4.8.2. **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

13. For Your Information

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

May 12th- 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:

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

- 14.1 Karleshia Rhodes-Release from Contract
- 14.2 Tony Blackmon-Recommendation for Nonrenewal
- 14.3 Ashley Gore-Recommendation for Nonrenewal



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

After the school board returned to open session, Mr. Johnny Brown announced the school board voted to accept Superintendent Dwight Luckett’s recommendation to release an employee from his/her contract.

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.



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

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