

**CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

MINUTES:

Board President Marilyn Richard called the meeting to order and a quorum was established with (5) members present:

Mr. Isaac Johnson
Mrs. Marilyn Richard
Mr. Randy Gibson
Mr. Tommy Campbell
Mrs. Beverly Skinner

Superintendent James and Board Attorney Alex Braswell were also present for the meeting.

INVOCATION:

Chris Holcombe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the agenda for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion- Gibson Seconded – Campbell Motion-Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Superintendent James recommended the approval of the January 13, 2026, Board meeting minutes, and January 28, 2026, called Board meeting minutes.

Motion-Johnson Seconded –Skinner Motion- Carried

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following to serve on the 2026-2027 Calendar Committee:

Kevin L. Howard, Chairman	Ludonda White
Marcus Ezell	Kimberly Cunningham
Jerry Bunch	Ronny McRae
Cathy Nickelson	Derek Wright
Kindra Tubbs	Paula Sullivan
Gloria Horne	Rhonda Johnson
Althia Moore	Jasmine Henderson
Dalton Holyfield	Emily Jenkins
Angela Allen	Christy Womack, CCEA President
Anjanette Taylor	ESP President

Jeremy Adams
Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Heidi Nettles, UniServ Director
Motion - Carried

APPROVAL OF THE AUXILIARY TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the Auxiliary Teacher Job Description that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Campbell

Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF THE HVAC REPLACEMENT BID# 26-008

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the HVAC replacement bid to the lowest bidder.

Died for a lack of a vote.

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the out-of-state field trip for Southern Choctaw Elementary School to travel to Biloxi, MS, on April 22, 2026. The purpose of the trip is to reward students who have acquired 100 or more accelerated reader points this school year.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Choctaw County High School to travel to Morton, MS, on March 11, 2026. The purpose of the trip is to pick up chicken tenders for a fundraiser.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Campbell

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Southern Choctaw High School to travel to Quitman, MS, on April 13, 2026. The purpose of the trip is to participate in a baseball game.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion - Carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Tywana McGrew, teacher at Choctaw County Elementary School for family medical leave, effective February 19, 2026.

Motion – Campbell

Seconded – Johnson

Motion-Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Ashanti Gibson, to be employed as a teacher at Choctaw County Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school term, effective February 23, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion- Skinner

Seconded- Gibson

Motion - Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Dehvin Campbell, to be employed as a bus driver at Choctaw County Transportation Department for the 2025-2026 school term, effective February 23, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion- Johnson Seconded- Skinner Motion-Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Linette Philon, to be employed as an instructional aide at Southern Choctaw Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school term, effective February 23, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Gibson Seconded – Johnson Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Chris McMichael, as an assistant softball coach at Southern Choctaw High School for the 2025-2026 school term, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Campbell Seconded – Skinner Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Tyneisha Reed, as an assistant softball coach at Choctaw County High School for the 2025-2026 school term, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Gibson Seconded – Johnson Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Jacob Mars, as an English after school tutor at Choctaw County High School for the 2025-2026 school term.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Gibson Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Robert Etheredge, as a volunteer baseball coach at Choctaw County High School for the 2025-2026 school term.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Campbell Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Harper Simmons, as a volunteer softball coach at Choctaw County High School for the 2025-2026 school term.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Gibson Motion - Carried

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Choctaw County Transportation Department for having 1 deficiency on their annual inspection. This was due to a major problem with one of the buses. The bus was taken to Meridian, MS to be repaired, and it was going to cost the system \$48,000.00 to repair. Ronny and Bobby brought the bus back to the bus shop to repair it themselves.
- JAG (Jobs for Alabama Graduates) received district honors in the following:

- 3rd place – Prepared Speaking
- 3rd place – In the Knowledge Bowl
- 1st place – Creative Decision Making
- 2nd place – Business Plan

Students who won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will travel to Birmingham, AL on March 10, 2026, to compete at the state level. There they will compete against students from across Alabama for a chance to advance to the National JAG Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in late April and early May.

NEXT MEETING

Superintendent James announced that the next Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Choctaw County Board of Education.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

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Superintendent of Education

President, Choctaw County Board of Education