

**CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

MINUTES:

Board President Marilyn Richard called the meeting to order and a quorum was established with (4) members present:

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

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

INVOCATION:

Kevin Howard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the agenda for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion- Johnson Seconded – Skinner Motion- Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Superintendent James recommended the approval of the April 14, 2026, Board meeting minutes.

Motion - Skinner Seconded –Gibson Motion- Carried

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Quindarius Pringle – coaching position

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 PROPOSED CREDIT RECOVERY PLAN

Superintendent James recommend the Board approve the 2026-2027 Proposed Credit Recovery Plan that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Gibson Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK DRESS CODE POLICY SECTION

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the 2026-2027 student handbook dress code policy section that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Skinner Seconded – Johnson Motion – 3-1 Opposed - Skinner

APPROVAL OF THE 2026 SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the 2026 Summer Feeding Program that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Skinner Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS BUSES

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the list of buses, included in your Board packet, to be declared as surplus.

Motion – Gibson Seconded – Johnson Motion – Carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the termination of Crystal Todd, CNP assistant worker at Southern Choctaw High School, effective May 13, 2026.

Motion – Skinner Seconded – Gibson Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the resignation of Kaylyn Nelson, teacher at Southern Choctaw Elementary School, effective May 22, 2026.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Skinner Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Natasha Jones, CTE Director/Central Office Administrator at Choctaw County Board of Education, effective June 1, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Died for a lack of a Second.

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the suspension of Jamal Smith, part-time P.E. teacher at Choctaw County High School, for two (2) workdays without pay due to tardiness.

Motion – Johnson Seconded – Skinner Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following **Stipends** to be paid from the 2025-2026 First Class Pre-K Grants:

 Kindra Tubbs - \$7,204.00

 Dalton Holyfield - \$3,000.00 Pre-K 1, and \$3,000.00 Pre-K 2

Motion – Skinner Seconded – Johnson Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following to be employed for the **Extended Learning** Programs:

CCES

Amy Elliott – Lead Teacher, Extended Learning Math Program
Lora Willingham – Teacher, Extended Learning Literacy Program
Aretha Tanks and Joyce Wallace – Summer CNP worker

SCES

Brenda Jones and Tresia McGrew – Summer CNP worker
LaStencia Boykin – Lead Teacher, Extended Learning Math Program
Angelina Causey, Samantha Sims, and Amber Robinson – Teacher, Extended Learning Math Program
Brittany Carithers and Priscilla Grayson – Extended Learning Literacy Intervention Program
Shelia Fore – Extended Learning Bus Driver

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following to be employed for the **21st Century** Program:

CCES

Bessie Ray – 21st Century Custodian
Anja Bright and Althia Moore – Paraprofessional
Shelley Mason – 21st Century Site Coordinator
Gloria Horne, Arquetta Howard, Kimberly Johnson, and Kenitta Willis – 21st Century Teacher
Dehvin Campbell and Sabrina McIntosh – 21st Century Bus Driver

SCES

Angela Allen and Reid-Claire Allen – 21st Century Paraprofessional
Mellisa Grayson, Anjanette Taylor, and Jody Smith – 21st Century Teachers
Gracia Hill – 21st Century Site Coordinator
Jody Smith – 21st Century Substitute Site Coordinator
Stephanie Simon – 21st Century Bus Driver

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following to be employed for the **ACCESS Distance Learning** Program:

CCHS

Ecstasy Dees – ACCESS Facilitator
Cathy Nickelson – Substitute ACCESS Facilitator

Motion – Gibson

Seconded – Johnson

Motion - Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following **reassignments** for the 2025-2026 school term:

CCES

Tanya Irby – from Local Reading Specialist, to 2nd grade teacher.

Lora Willingham – from 3rd grade teacher, to 5th and 6th grade ELA teacher

CCHS

Pamula Manning – from ELA teacher 7th – 9th grade, to ELA teacher 10th – 12th grade

Jacob Mars – from ELA teacher 10th – 12th grade, to ELA teacher 7th- 9th grade

SCES

Bailey Belk – from 5th grade teacher, to 6th grade teacher

Gracia Hill – from 6th grade teacher, to 5th grade teacher

Jody Smith – from 5th grade teacher, to 6th grade teacher

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following **non-renewals** for the 2026-2027 school term:

CCES

Anja Bright – Paraprofessional

Lareina Clark – 1st grade Teacher

Vanessa Williamson – 5th and 6th grade Math Teacher

CCHS

Mario Deloach – STEM Teacher

SCES

Linette Philon – Instructional Aide

Rhonda Williams – Part-Time Interventionist

SCHS

Dominique Bollen – Math Teacher

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Demorrius Manuel – Bus Driver

Jeremy Noland – Bus Driver

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion - Carried

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- JAG National Recap
- McKenzie Richards, one of our students at Choctaw County High School was selected to serve as the 2026-2027 JAG Alabama State Vice-President. The very first student in CCHS history to receive this honor.

NEXT MEETING

Superintendent James announced that the next Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Choctaw County Board of Education.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

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Superintendent of Education

President, Choctaw County Board of Education