

**CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING – 4:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026**

MINUTES:

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

Ms. Marilyn Richard
Mr. Isaac Johnson
Mr. Tommy Campbell
Mr. Randy Gibson
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 the July 14, 2026, Board meeting.

Motion- Johnson

Seconded- Gibson

Motion-Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the June 1, 2026, called Board meeting minutes, June 9, 2026, Board meeting minutes.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – 3-2 Abstain – Richard
Campbell

FY25 AUDIT PRESENTATION

Sherry Owen, Examiners of Public Accounts

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK

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

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Campbell

Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 SALARY SCHEDULE

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve 2026-2027 Salary Schedule that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – Carried

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Superintendent James recommend the Board approve the out-of-state field trip for Choctaw County High School to travel to Meridian, MS on August 31, 2026, and September 3, 2026. The purpose of the trip is to compete in two volleyball games.

Motion – Campbell

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the retirement of Jacqueline Frost, Custodian at Southern Choctaw High School, effective August 1, 2026.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following to be employed as TEAMS Teachers at Choctaw County High School for the 2026-2027 school term:

Christopher Harper – TEAMS Science

Leon Walker – TEAMS Science

Anita Waltman – TEAMS Math

Motion – Gibson

Seconded – Johnson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following supplemental positions at Southern Choctaw High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jeremy Noland – Athletic Director

Larry Boykin – Head Football Coach

Angelina Causey – Head Cheer Coach Football/Basketball

Kurt Jackson – Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

Chandraia Whitted – Head Girls' Basketball Coach & Head Volleyball Coach

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Jason Davidson, to be employed as an Assistant Football Coach at Southern Choctaw High School for the 2026-2027 season. The funding source for this position will be LSA football account.

Motion – Campbell

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Christopher Harper, as Head Softball Coach at Choctaw County High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Savanna Mayfield, to be employed as a teacher at Choctaw County Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school term, effective August 4, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Gibson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Heidi Gardner, to be employed as Pre-K Lead Teacher at Southern Choctaw Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school term, effective August 4, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Campbell

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following to be employed as Bus Drivers, for the 2026-2027 school term, effective August 7, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Jeremy Noland

DeMorrius Manuel

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion - Carried

NEXT MEETING

Superintendent James recommended the next regular scheduled Board meeting be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Choctaw County Board of Education.

Motion – Campbell

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into executive session – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

30 minutes

CSFO Report

Action as of result of executive session – Charlena Thompkins as needed to help with reports at an agreed upon rate to get reports up to date

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Richard

Motion - Carried

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Superintendent of Education

President, Choctaw County Board of Education