

**CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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. Tommy Campbell
Mr. Randy Gibson
Mrs. Beverly Skinner

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

INVOCATION:

Randy Gibson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the agenda for Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion- Gibson

Seconded – Johnson

Motion-Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Superintendent James recommended the approval of the July 14, 2026, Board meeting minutes, and the July 28, 2026, called Board meeting minutes.

Motion- Skinner

Seconded – Campbell

Motion- Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & CASH REPORT/BANK RECONCILIATION UPDATE

Tenika White-Hicks, CSFO

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the Financial Statement & Cash Report/Bank Reconciliations for the months of November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026, with all accounts being reconciled.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion - Carried

APPROVAL OF THE CSFO CONTRACT

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the CSFO Contract that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – 3-2 Opposed – Campbell
Gibson

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOK ADDITION “TAYLOR’S LAW”

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve ACT 2009-713, “Taylor’s Law” to be added to the Student Handbook.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Campbell

Motion – Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following contracts for the Special Education Department. The funding source will be Special Education:

Emily Knowles – Speech and Language Assistant, to provide speech and language intervention services and evaluations of 3-21-year-old students at a rate of \$34.00 per hour, beginning August 12, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Mallory Boykin-Hicks – to provide clinical review/supervision and quarterly speech and language evaluations of 3-21-year-old students at a rate of \$85.00 per hour, beginning August 12, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Johnson

Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEM

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve (1) 2005 Chevrolet 2500 Truck, to be declared as salvage.

Motion – Gibson

Seconded – Campbell

Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE RATE INCREASE

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the substitute rate increase that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – Carried

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE LIST

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the Substitute list that was included in your Board packet.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the termination of Tabitha Logan, as an Auxiliary Teacher K-3 at Southern Choctaw Elementary School, retroactive to July 31, 2026, due to funding restraints.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion - Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the suspension of Katherine Gibson, for one (1) workday without pay, due to tardiness.

Motion- Johnson

Seconded- Gibson

Motion - Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the resignation of Maeghan Gatlin, Special Education Teacher at Southern Choctaw High School, retroactive to July 29, 2026.

Motion- Campbell

Seconded- Johnson

Motion-Carried

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

Joe Roscoe – Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

Jeffrie Banks – Assistant Football Coach

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

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

Felicia Dubose – Cheerleader, Softball, and Volleyball

Angela Ward – Cheerleader

Tenitcha Williams - Softball

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Justin Manuel, as an Instructional Aide in Alternative Placement at Choctaw County High School for the 2026-2027 school term, effective August 17, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion - Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Janet Glover, to be employed as Receptionist/Secretary at Choctaw County Board of Education, effective August 13, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – 4-1 Opposed - Skinner

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Natasha Jones, as CTE Director/Central Office Administrator at Choctaw County Board of Education, effective August 17, 2026, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – 2-3 Opposed – Campbell
Skinner
Gibson

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Choctaw County High School has been named the 2025-2026 School of Distinction by the National BETA club. Congratulations!
- Choctaw County High School students competed in the Distinguished Young Women of Choctaw County on Saturday, August 8, 2026.
 - Makenzie Richard – brought home \$6900 in scholarships. 2nd Alternate, Self-Expression, Runner-Up, Interview winner, UWA Leadership Scholarship, and Book Scholarship.
 - Kamyiah Chess – brought home \$3000 in scholarships. UWA Leadership Scholarship, and a Book Scholarship. Congratulations!

NEXT MEETING

Superintendent James announced that the next Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Choctaw County Board of Education.

Motion – Campbell

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

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Superintendent of Education

President, Choctaw County Board of Education