

**CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

MINUTES:

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

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

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

INVOCATION:

Ronny McRae

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the agenda for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Board meeting.

Motion – Gibson

Seconded – Richard

Motion – Carried

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ACADEMY

Superintendent James recognized Board member Isaac Johnson for receiving master level 13th year (gold date plate) for the 2024-2025 academy year.

BUDGET HEARING- 1ST READ

Budget Hearing – 1st Read presentation – Tenika White, CSFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Superintendent James recommended the approval of the August 12, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

Motion- Richard

Seconded- Gibson

Motion- Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENT & CASH REPORT/BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the financial statement & cash report/bank reconciliations as included in your Board packet, for the month of July 2025, with all accounts being reconciled.

Motion- Johnson

Seconded- Skinner

Motion-Carried

APPROVAL OF THE EDGENUITY PROGRAM/RENAMING THE VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the renewal of the Edgenuity program as a virtual learning option for the Bridge Academy Virtual Program. Additionally, I recommend that the Bridge Academy Virtual Program to be renamed as the “West Alabama Virtual Scholars Academy.”

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following consent items listed in a-f on Exhibit A.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Richard

Motion-Carried

Exhibit A- attached

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Kaylyn Nelson, teacher at Southern Choctaw Elementary School for family medical leave, effective December 1, 2025.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Richard

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the resignation of GlenNisha Hodges, teacher at Choctaw County Elementary School, retroactive to August 27, 2025.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Richard

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Mary Law, substitute CNP assistant, to be compensated for three (3) days during the summer program at \$18.00 per hour, retroactive to June 9th, 25th, and 26th, 2025.

Motion – Richard

Seconded – Johnson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Dana Boman, to be employed as a 21st century bus driver for the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to August 15, 2025, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Skinner

Seconded – Johnson

Motion – Carried

Board member Skinner – I have a question, there were two individuals listed on the recommendation, did we forget to list one?

Secretary to the Superintendent Jenkins – Ms. Fore was hired at the August Board meeting. I left Ms. Boman’s name off the list for the August meeting, which was my fault.

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Dominique Bollen, to be employed as a math teacher at Southern Choctaw High School for the 2025-2026 school term, effective September 15, 2025, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Gibson

Seconded – Richard

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve Krystal Landrum, to be employed as a teacher at Choctaw County Elementary School for the 205-2026 school term, effective September 22, 2025, contingent upon meeting all requirements for employment.

Motion – Richard

Seconded – Johnson

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following person (s) to be employed with the 21st Century Program at Southern Choctaw Elementary School for FY25-26:

Samantha Sims – Teacher/Substitute Lead Teacher

Gracia Hill – Substitute Site Coordinator

Motion – Richard

Seconded – Skinner

Motion – Carried

Superintendent James recommended the Board approve the following substitutes to be employed for the 2025-2026 school term:

Elizabeth Gore

Annie Scruggs

Charlena Thompson

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Richard

Motion - Carried

NEXT MEETING

Superintendent James recommended the next Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Choctaw County Board of Education.

Motion – Johnson

Seconded – Gibson

Motion – Carried

ADJOURN

Board President Tommy Campbell adjourned the meeting.

Superintendent of Education

President, Choctaw County Board of Education

Consent Agenda Items - Exhibit A

A. Approval of the 2025-2026 Social Studies Textbook Committee

Jerry Bunch, Choctaw County High School
Lareina Clark, Choctaw County Elementary School
Jason Davidson, Southern Choctaw High School
Mellisa Grayson, Southern Choctaw Elementary School
Gracia Hill, Southern Choctaw Elementary School
Dalton Holyfield, Southern Choctaw Elementary School
Valerie McGrew, Choctaw County Elementary School
Tyneisha Reeds, Choctaw County High School
Kristen Skinner, Southern Choctaw High School
Kindra Tubbs, Choctaw County Elementary School

B. Approval of Propane Contract

A one-year contract with Thompson Gas to be our propane vendor for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. Approval of Bids

Approval of the following bids, as these were the lowest bidders:

Newell Paper Company – Duplicating Paper
Newell Paper Company – Janitorial Supplies
Waring Oil Company – Diesel/Gasoline

D. Approval of Surplus Items (Including the old doublewide trailer)

I recommend that the Board approve the list of items included in your Board packet be declared surplus. I additionally recommend that the old doublewide trailer, that was once the maintenance office/Title I, be declared as surplus.

E. Cancellation of Lease Agreement

I recommend the Board cancel the lease agreement for the brick building that was the old Choctaw County Board of Education. Due to some personal issues, the tenant is not going to be able to lease the building.

F. Out-of-State Field Trip

I recommend the Board approve Southern Choctaw High School to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 27-31, 2025. The purpose of the trip is to attend their annual FFA convention. Their chapter will be receiving the 3-star national chapter award, and competing as a top 10 finalists at convention.