

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
January 16, 2024– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson (D5); Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Vice Chair, (D3); Mrs. Julia Leonard, (D1); Mr. James Steverson, (D2); Ms. Nikki Waller (D4).

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Mildred Biggs at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Mildred Biggs led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Mildred Biggs.
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the January 16, 2024 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the December 5, 2023 and December 13, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- **Action Items from Superintendent**
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

1. School Food Service
Ms. Andrea Mahone, Director

Food Service Report for December 31, 2023

- Budget- \$659,000.00
- Expended- \$275,477.46
- Obligated- -0-
- Balance- \$383,522.54
- Percentage Spent - 42% Percentage Remaining - 58%

2. Financial Report for December 31, 2023
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

- Budget- \$8,855,631.62
- Expended- \$2,857,915.86
- Obligated – (\$422,089.68)
- Balance - \$5,997,715.76
- Percentage Spent- 33.93% Percentage remaining- 66.07%

- **Curriculum Update**

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

- Progress Monitoring – Interventions: This is an application that every Georgia School system has to complete twice a year. We respond to pre-populated items as to how the educational goal is progressing. There are three options we can take; 1. The goal or strategy will continue as written in the consolidated application for Federal Grants; or 2. modify the strategy, or if we want; 3. to discontinue it. This report is due the end of January. Dr. Catrett has signed off on it.
- Spring 2024 Attendance and School Climate Protocol meeting has been tentatively scheduled to convene on May 20, 2024 at noon with Judge Smith presiding.
- Ms. Sommer Lewis with Amerigroup sent a heartfelt thank you letter for the Repack the Backpack. Approximately 150 students, parents, vendors and volunteers gained access to much needed school supplies, healthcare and wellness support.

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

- Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 41,869.07
Total Deposits	\$ 4,298.85
Total Checks	\$ 11,812.03
Ending Balance	\$ 34,355.89

- Letters of Intent have gone out to teachers – two teachers are retiring and two not returning.
- Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, January 16th – Varsity Basketball Game home vs. Marion
Friday, January 19th – Varsity Basketball Game @ Calvary Christian
Saturday, January 20th – Varsity Basketball Game home vs. Webster
Tuesday, January 23rd – Varsity Basketball Game @ Schley
Friday, January 26th – Varsity Basketball Game @ ChattCo
Saturday, January 27th – Varsity Basketball Game @ Randolph
Tuesday, January 30th – Varsity Basketball Game @ Macon

- **Superintendent Items**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- **PBIS “Positive Behavior Intervention Supports”**

Ms. Daphne Daniels

- Ms. Daniels brought three students before the school board to be recognized as PBIS Ambassadors for the month of December 2023. The students are:

Treyschaun Williams – Central Elementary
Carmen Cheney – Central Middle School
Amari Hall – Central High School

The students were presented with a certification of honor and a gift card to Chick-Fillet.

A slide show was presented of the PBIS celebration held today in the gym. There was 130 elementary; 50 middle school and 50 high school students.

- **American Rescue plan (ESSER III) – ESSER III – American Rescue Plan ends September 30, 2024.** There are more guidelines to follow under ESSER III. One of the requirements is a survey for the public to complete. A percentage of this plan must be spent on learning loss.
- **Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year – Mr. Taylor**
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the Calendar for 2024-2025, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- **FY24 Budget Amendment – Mr. Freeman**

A budget amendment was requested for the following: carry-over of federal funds that will go into the federal budget in addition to the re-classification of funds to pay for the four new school buses.


- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the FY24 Budget Amendment, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- **Board Meeting Dates for 2024**

Dr. Catrett presented the Board Meeting dates for February 2024 through January 2025. An asterisk denotes the meeting being moved from the traditional dates of, Work Session the first Tuesday of the month and Board Meeting the third Tuesday of the month, due to holidays.

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Dates with the correction of the year for January to 2025, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson