

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
Voting Work Session  
February 7, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on February 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chair (D5); Mrs. Julia Leonard, Vice Chair (D1); Mr. James Steverson (D2); Mrs. Sharleta Hall (D3); and Mr. Carlton Mahone (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 Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the agenda for February 7, 2023, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- David Guerra, Architect – presented to the Board the plans for the upcoming renovation to the Arthur Miller Gym, Paint School Corridors and modify Administration reception area.
- Curriculum Update – Mrs. Epps
  - Covid19 Emergency Declaration ends May 11, 2023. Everything is back to normal after this date.
  - Learning Loss during COVID – the pandemic has set the students back approximately one-third of a year. Students need to attend afterschool and summer school to get caught up.
  - Rural Technology Grant was approved last month. Talbot County Schools is on the road to receive \$100,000.
  - Superintendent Woods is asking to add \$500,000 to the state budget.

- School Report – Mr. Taylor
  - After School Program is going well. Students that are attending are making gains.
  - Athletic Report – Regional Basketball Tournament Brackets were presented to the Board for the girls and boys basketball team.
  - Middle School Baseball Schedule was presented to the Board members.
  - Friday, February 17, 2023 Black History Program at 10:00 a.m. in gymnasium
  - February 20 – 24, 2023 Winter Break
  - Monday, March 6, 2023 PTO Family Night 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
  - 2023 – 2024 School Calendar
- March Work Session – Request was made to change March 7, 2023 Work Session due to Mrs. Biggs and Leonard are attending a mandatory Board Chair Training.
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to move the March Work Session to Wednesday, March 8, 2023, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- 2023-2024 School Calendar - Mr. Taylor – presented the 2023-2024 school calendar to the Board. It was tabled until February 14, 2023 Board Meeting.

• **Field Trip Request**

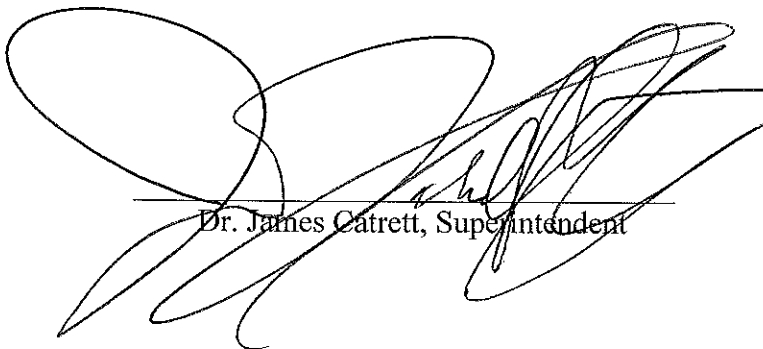
Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return Time	Number of students	Purpose of Trip
Counselor's Office Upward Bound	Feb. 18, 2023	Morehouse College	Leave – 7:00 a.m. Return – 4:00 p.m.		Upward Bound class 9:00 – 2:00
JROTC	March 11, 2023	National Infantry Museum	Leave – 6:00 a.m. Return – 6:00 p.m.	15	Area drill meet
JROTC	March 25, 2023	Griffin High School	Leave – 6:00 a.m. Return – 6:00 p.m.	15	State drill meet
FFA	Feb. 16, 2023	Camp John Hope, Ft. Valley	Leave – 2:30 p.m. Return – 6:00 p.m.	4	Nursery Landscape CDE
FFA	March 9, 2023	LaGrange, GA	Leave – 2:30 p.m. Return – 6:00 p.m.	4	Leadership Career Development event

- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the Field Trip Requests, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0

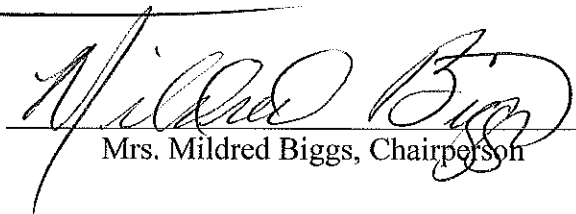
• **Project Request**

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
FFA	Feb. 23-24, 2023	Strawberry Fundraiser Sale	Partnering with Florida Fruit Association to the community.	The money will be used to help support our FFA students to leadership camp/conf.
FFA	Feb. 14, 2023	Valentine's Candy Gram	FFA will make and sell goodie bags.	Money will be used for field trips/CDE, SAE, Projects

- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve the Project Request for FFA seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:43p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to hire the three teachers as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to hire the para-professional as presented, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to go back into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson