

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
September 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson (D5); Mrs. Julia Leonard, Vice Chair, (D1); Mr. James Steverson, (D2); Mrs. Sharleta Hall, (D3). Ms. Nikki Waller (D4) was not in attendance.

- 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 September 19, 2023 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- A motion was made by Mrs. Julia Leonard to approve the August 1, 2023, and August 15, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- **Action Items from Superintendent**  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*

**1. School Food Service**

*Ms. Mahone, Food Service Director*

**Food Service Report for August 31, 2023**

- Budget- \$659,000.00
- Expended- \$82,014.62
- Obligated- (365.61)
- Balance- \$576,619.77
- Percentage Spent - 13%                      Percentage Remaining - 87%

**2. Financial Report for August 31, 2023**

*Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO*

- Budget- \$8,855,631.62
- Expended- \$1,094,135.38
- Obligated – (\$66,664.75)
- Balance - \$7,761,496.24
- Percentage Spent- 12.35%                      Percentage remaining- 87.65%

Mrs. Biggs asked that the check register be provided in the future.

- **Curriculum Update**

*Mrs. Cynthia Epps*

- The district has forwarded another donation request to Oglethorpe Power for After-School Snacks. In addition, Ms. Daphne Daniels has requested a donation from Oglethorpe Power for PBIS rewards for our students.
- The district's two year GBI Background Check Audit will take place on October 4, 2023.
- Federal Budgets are in the last phase of close-out/amendments for the FY23 school year. Completion reports will be due in October. FY24 budgets will be due by October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Attendance and School Climate Mandatory Protocol Meeting will convene on October 18, 2023 with the Honorable Judge Smith presiding. The meeting will take place at the Talbot County Family Connection's office at noon.

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

*Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal*

- Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:
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  - Beginning Balance     \$33,425.37
  - Total Deposits         \$ 16,517.86
  - Total Checks            \$ 22,300.65
  - Ending Balance         \$ 27,642.58
- Afterschool program – attendance is low. If your child is not passing, they should be attending the afterschool program.
- Motivational Speaker, Rev. Kenneth Parker – Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Homecoming – Friday, September 29, 2023:
  - a. Parade at 4:30
  - b. Football game – 6:30

- **Guidance Counselor Report**

*Dr. Jenie Carter*

- Chattahoochee Flint RESA – Student Advisory Board – students were recognized by the School Board. The Student Advisory Board is made up of students from schools in our RESA District. The students are in the decision making of how RESA can better serve the children, teachers and staff within the schools. The students will meet quarterly at various locations.

- The senior class will have the opportunity to speak with college and military representatives on campus beginning Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup> and September 29, 2023.
- Oglethorpe Power has donated \$2,000 toward our 2023 REACH Georgia Scholars Program. Mr. Davis Warnell, Oglethorpe Power assisted in the interviewing for the selection of the 2023 REACH Scholars. He stated he was very impressed with the answers and the manner in which the kids portrayed themselves.
- Talbot County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Flint Energies to sponsor Central students in the Empower Flint Regional Youth Leadership Program. This program is one of the first of its kind in Georgia. Its focus is to bring together neighboring districts' high school students to learn about leadership, professionalism, service and community development. Eight students were chosen based on their interviews with Natalie Bradley, Flint Energies and Mary Stevens, Talbot County Chamber of Commerce. The eight students attended the Empower kick-off on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Flint Energies Headquarters in Reynolds, GA. The students selected are:

Jordan Mahone  
Gracin Arnold  
Ci'Aja Gillis

Steven Mullinax  
Ikerria Carter  
T'Kandis Walker

Annataisa Grier  
Riley Thomas

- **Superintendent Items**  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- **American Rescue plan (ESSER III)** – Mr. Freeman – ESSER II expires September 30, 2023. We have expended 90% of this 1.3 million grant. The next grant is ESSER III – American Rescue Plan ends September 30, 2024, under ESSER III there is a Safety Grant and Technology grant.
- **PBIS Contributors and Celebrations** - Ms. Daniels informed the Board of the success of the PBIS program – Contributions have been received in order to reward the students with celebrations of their success.
- Project Request – Mr. Taylor

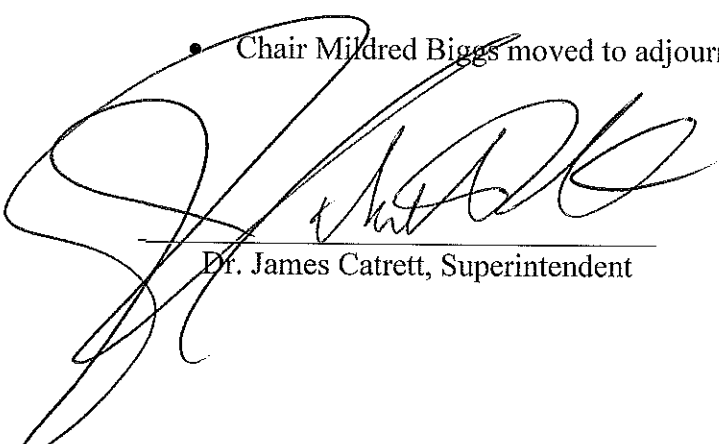
Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Junior/Senior Class	9/29/2023	Fish Fry	Students will sell fish sandwiches during a game	Prom decorations and food
CEMHS	9/25/2023	Florida Indian River Fruit Sale	Students will take order for fruit	Items needed for the band as well as expenses for the music department

- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the Project Request as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0

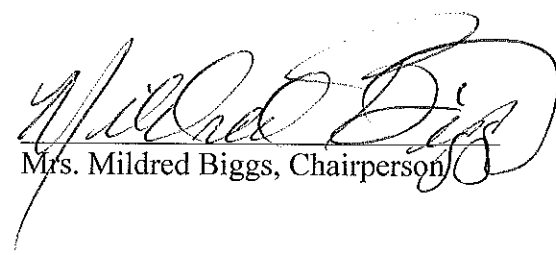
- Field Trip Request – Mr. Taylor

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
CEMHS Band	10/21/2023	Fort Valley, GA	Leave 7:00 a.m. Return 7:00 p.m.	TBA	To participate in FVSU homecoming
CEMHS Band	11/11/2023	Denmark, SC	Leave 12:30 a.m. Return 11:00 p.m.	TBA	To participate in VU homecoming
Varsity Football Team	10/08/2023	Fort Valley, GA	Leave 8:00 a.m. Return 11:00 p.m.	25	Campus visit and football game

- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve the field trip requests as presented, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Ms. Julia Leonard made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to hire Ms. Tina Baldwin and Ms. Victoria Prather as bus monitors/substitute teachers, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to hire Mr. Robert Jones as a para-professional, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- **Construction Update:** Parrish Construction has posted an Advertisement for Proposals soliciting qualified subcontractors.
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson