

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
March 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on March 21, 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).

- 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 March 21, 2023 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the February 7, 2023, and February 14, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- Public Agenda – Lawrence and Wilson – Applicants did not attend.
- Action Items from Superintendent  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- 1. School Food Service  
*Ms. Mahone, Food Service Director – Mr. Freeman presented in Ms. Mahone's absence*

**Food Service Report for February 28, 2023**

- Budget- \$606,000.00
- Expended- \$387,596.72
- Obligated- (\$14,941.00)
- Balance- \$203,462.28
- Percentage Spent - 66%                      Percentage Remaining - 34%

- 2. School System Finance  
*Mr. Torrence Freeman, Interim*

**Financial Report for FY23 to February 28, 2023**

- Budget- \$7,689,967.76
- Expended- \$3,921,744.89
- Obligated – (\$448,444.94)
- Balance - \$3,768,222.87
- Percentage Spent- 49%                      Percentage remaining- 51%

- **Curriculum Update**

*Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent*

FACE Grant budgets and expenditures have been submitted  
Georgia Mile Stones testing will begin April 24, 2023 through May 9, 2023

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

*Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal*

Internal Accounts:

Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$33,219.51
Total Deposits	\$11,307.40
Total Checks	\$ 5,180.99
Ending Balance	\$39,345.92

JROTC Accreditation received a score of 95.5  
Read Across America was a great success

Upcoming Events:

Report Cards were sent home today  
March 23, 2023 CEHS Career Day 9-12  
Spring Break – April 3 – 7, 2023

- **Counselor Report**

*Dr. Jennie Carter, Counselor*

Students are utilizing the Counseling Department for personal and academic concerns

Seniors are narrowing down their choices for colleges and universities

Several local organizations have provided scholarship applications to our seniors

ASVAB – March 15, 2023 – 3 sophomores, 1 junior and 9 seniors took the test.

Monthly Middle School monitoring at-risk of failing students are seeing progress

Gordon State College is interested in collaborating with us to have more of our students attend their college.

College and Career Day will take place Thursday, March 23, 2023.

- **SB68 Presentation**

Carol Howell, Georgia Department of Audits reviewed the following topics with the Board:

- SB 68 details
- Background of Deficiencies
- School District’s Risk of Designation
- School District’s Findings
- School District’s Deficits
- Next Steps

- **Superintendent Items**

*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*

- **American Rescue plan (ESSER III)** – Mr. Freeman – provided the board members with a review of the ESSER III grant. This money will expire in FY2025. Mr. Freeman reviewed the policies that have to be followed in spending these funds.

- **District 4 Board of Education Candidates**

Letters of Interest were presented to the School Board for the District 4 Vacancy

Emma Jean Huff  
Deonesia Johnson  
Nikki A. Waller

- **District 4 Vacancy Timeline**

- March 8, 2023 - Vacancy Advertised
- March 15, 2023 – Vacancy Advertised
- March 16, 2023 – Letter of Interest Due
- March 21, 2023 – Board to review Letters of Interest
- March 28, 2023 – Called meeting to meet and interview candidates

- **Facility Request**

Name of Group	Date	Facility Used For	Location for Use	Hours
Gov. Office of Hwy Safety	4/20/2023	Highway Officer Training	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Cafeteria

- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the Facility Use Request; seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0

• **Project Request**

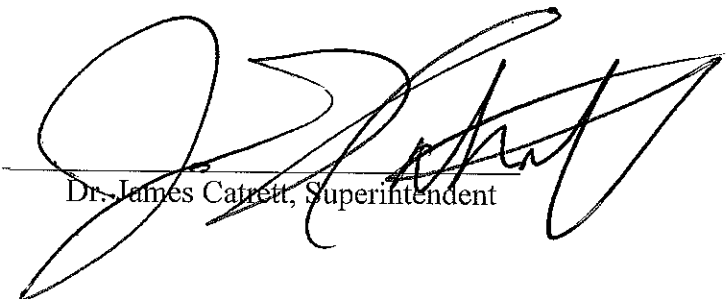
Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Athletic Department	TBA	Sponsor Package	Sponsors will have 4 packages to chose from to sponsor the Athletic Department	Funds will be used for uniforms, operational items/equipment, etc.
Athletic Department	TBA	BBQ and Fish Fry	Community BBQ Sale	Funds will be used for uniforms, operational items/equipment, etc.
Athletic Department	TBA	Double Good Pop Up Popcorn Sale	Students will sell products from Double Good Popcorn through an online store	Funds will be used for uniforms, operational items/equipment, etc.
Athletic Department	TBA	Calendar fundraiser	Students will ask individuals to sponsor a date on a calendar. The date is the amount of the money they donate.	Funds will be used for uniforms, operational items/equipment, etc.

- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the Project Requests for the Athletic Department, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0

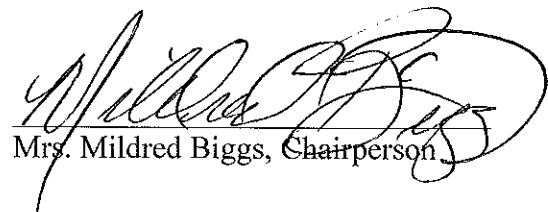
• **Field Trip Request**

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return Time	Number of students	Purpose of Trip
JROTC	March 23, 2023	Columbus Police Dept. Columbus, GA	Leave 8:00 a.m. Return 2:30 p.m.	15	Police Headquarters and 911 Call Center Tour

- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the Field Trip Requests, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Mrs. James Steverson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:19p.m., seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to hire Dylan Carey, Biology Science Teacher, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to hire Juan Flute, Cybersecurity Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to hire Becky Lightner, Entrepreneurship Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson