

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
February 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on February 14, 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.
 - Dr. Catrett, Superintendent asked for a change in the Agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the February 14, 2023 agenda with the change requested, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
 - Dr. Catrett read the resignation letter from Mr. Carlton Mahone whereby he resigned his position effective immediately from District 4 School Board seat.
 - A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to accept Mr. Carlton Mahone's resignation, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
 - A motion was made by Mrs. Julia Leonard to approve the January 10, 2023, and January 17, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
 - 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 January 31, 2023

- Budget- \$606,000.00
- Expended- \$345,865.26
- Obligated- (\$14,941.00)
- Balance- \$275,075.74
- Percentage Spent - 57% Percentage Remaining - 43%

2. School System Finance

Mr. Torrence Freeman, Interim

Financial Report for FY23 to January 31,2023

- Budget- \$7,002,707.00
- Expended- \$3,516,555.55
- Obligated – (\$96,044.94)
- Balance - \$3,486,151.45
- Percentage Spent- 55% Percentage remaining- 45%

● **Curriculum Update**

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

Testing beginning in April with End of Course testing will be in May.

Employees health insurance will have a record increase for FY24.

Talbot County Truancy – Judge Art Smith has assumed the position as Chief Judge for this Circuit.

● **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

Internal Accounts:

Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$32,653.01
Total Deposits	\$13,115.13
Total Checks	\$12,548.63
Ending Balance	\$33,219.51

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Baseball Game
- Friday, February 17, 2023 Black History Program
- Winter Break February 20 -24, 2023
- PTO Family Night – March 6, 2023

● **Counselor Report**

Dr. Jennie Carter, Counselor

There have been two mandatory reporting cases to the DFACS office in January. We are awaiting a follow-up.

Senior Report - 19 seniors and two juniors that attended the Upson College and Career Fair. Seniors are in the process of applying for college scholarships, several have received letters.

Teen Summit – Middle School Students from 6 to 8th grade attended the 2023 Teen Summit at Columbus State.

- **Special Education/Discipline**
Dr. Fenton Dixon, Director

Speech is provided through Teletherapy – there are 19 students receiving services; Occupational Therapist is serving 8 students; Special Education Elementary 24 students; Middle School -13 students; High School 23 students.

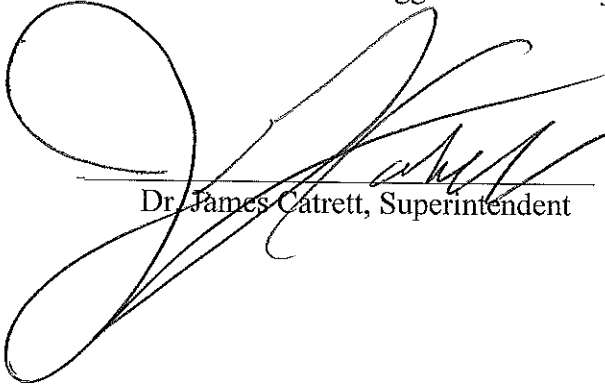
Discipline Report – Dr. Dixon reviewed the discipline summary report.

- **Superintendent Items**

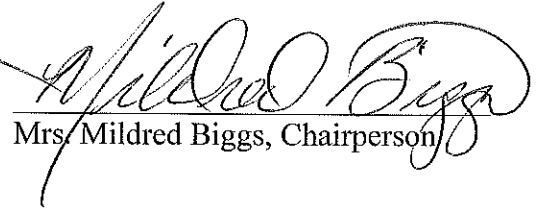
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- **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.
- **American Rescue Plan** was approved recently – this budget will be posted on our website. The budget chart shows funds to be expended over a two year period 22/23 and 23/24. By law we have to allocate 20% of the total budget to learning loss. That amount equates to \$618,730.80.
- **2023-2024 School Calendar** – Mr. Taylor presented the school calendar for 2023-2024.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Dr. Catrett presented a question from David Guerra, Architect – Would the Board members like to interview the CM for the upcoming renovation. The Board Chair directed Dr. Catrett to have the CMs make presentation to the Board.
- Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts will speak at the March 21, 2023 Board Meeting in compliance with SB 68.
- County Commissioner Meeting – Recreation Department – Dr. Catrett met with Mr. Couch, County Commissioner concerning use of school facilities. Dr. Catrett asked Board Chair Biggs to appoint a committee to meet with the County concerning joint recreation.
- Mrs. James Steverson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:13p.m., seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0

- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Teacher Renewal list as presented, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 4-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson