

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
May 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on May 16, 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).

- 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. Sharletta Hall to approve the May 16, 2023 agenda, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
 - A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the April 11, 2023 and April 18, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
 - **Public Comment:** Ms. Emma Huff voiced concerns on the remodeling of the historic Arthur Miller Gymnasium.
 - Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
1. School Food Service
Ms. Mahone, Food Service Director

Food Service Report for April 30, 2023

- Budget- \$606,000.00
- Expended- \$474,743.79
- Obligated- (\$15,470.90)
- Balance- \$115,785.31
- Percentage Spent - 81% Percentage Remaining - 19%

2. School System Finance
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

Financial Report for FY23 to April 30,2023

- Budget- \$7,689,967.76
- Expended- \$4,896,155.24
- Obligated – (\$454,293.11)
- Balance - \$2,793,812.52
- Percentage Spent- 63.67% Percentage remaining- 36.33%

• **Curriculum Update**

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

Bi-Annual Attendance and School Climate Protocol Meeting with Judge Smith – May 19, 2023, noon Talbot Co. Family Connection.

Georgia Milestones testing window has closed. We are awaiting the scores to be forwarded.

Flint Rural Regional Leadership Program Collaborative Agreement for next year.

Annual Summer School Program will begin June 5, 2023 and end on June 30, 2023:

Transportation will be provided

Program hours are from 7:30 – 12:30

There are three parts to the program: Nutrition (breakfast and lunch served daily);

Academic remediation based on student’s Georgia Milestone Test Results; and

Recreation activities. The Summer Program focus on providing our students

with academic, social and personal enrichment opportunities.

• **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

Internal Accounts:

Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$37,966.52
Total Deposits	\$ 7,490.36
Total Checks	\$12,031.51
Ending Balance	\$33,425.37

Upcoming Events:

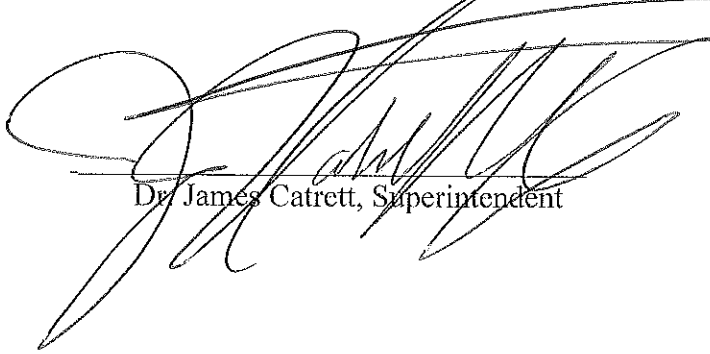
- a. Friday, May 19, 2023 – Senior Walk at 2:30 p.m.
- b. Sunday, May 21, Baccalaureate 10:00 a.m.
- c. Tuesday, May 23, 2023 Honors Day at 9:30 – elementary; 1:40 Middle/High School
- d. Wednesday, May 24, 2023 8th Grade Graduation at 6:00 p.m.
- e. Thursday, May 25, 2023 Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00
- f. Friday, May 26, 2023 Student’s last day
- g. Saturday, May 27, 2023 Commencement at 10:00 a.m.
- h. Tuesday, May 31, 2023 Report Cards go home
- i. Friday, June 2, 2023 Faculty/Staff last day – Teacher retirement celebration – noon
- j. June 5 – 30, 2023 Summer School – 7:30 – 12:30

Counselor Report

Dr. Jennie Carter, Counselor

- The MyOptions Encourage Program from ACT State Testing has been authorized in our school system for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a college and career planning program which students in grades 8 and up will have the opportunity to participate in a voluntary program to support them in planning their future. There is no cost to the school district.
- The REACH Scholarship Program for 2023-2024 has been renewed and fully funded through the Flint Energies Company. This allows 5 additional students to be accepted into the REACH Georgia scholarship program. Students must maintain a 2.5 gpa in order to receive the \$10,000 scholarship.
- Flint Energies has invited our 11th graders to participate in a regional youth leadership program.
- On Friday, May 5, 2023 seven middle school students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.
- Ms. Lynn Jordon is offering band/music students free tickets to the Blues Festival at the Zion Hill Church on May 20, 2023.
- The Jordon family presented six of our seniors with \$1,500 each from the Jordon Family Scholarship
- WRBL TV will spotlight three of our seniors with a GPA of 2.5 or greater, extracurricular activities and community volunteer work on May 18, 2023.
- **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.
- Baccalaureate and Graduation events were reviewed by Dr. Catrett and Mr. Taylor.
- School Board Retreat: May 31st and June 1 at Ellerslie Park. Ms. Zenda Bowie, GSBA will provide Whole Board Training.
- Construction Update: Currently waiting on the contract from Parrish Construction that will then be sent to the School Board's attorney for review.
- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0

- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to hire the teachers as presented by Mr. Taylor, Principal seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson