

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
April 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson (D5); Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Vice Chair, (D3); Mrs. Julia Leonard, (D1); Mr. James Stevenson, (D2); and 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 Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the April 16, 2024 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

Food Service Report for March 31, 2024

Ms. Andrea Mahone, Director

- Budget- \$659,000.00
- Expended- \$411,657.31
- Obligated- (-0-)
- Balance- \$247,342.69
- Percentage Spent - 62% Percentage Remaining - 38%

Financial Report for March 31, 2024

Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

- Budget- \$8,855,631.62
- Expended- \$4,999,140.10
- Obligated – (\$67,726.88)
- Balance - \$3,719,535.22
- Percentage Spent- 58% Percentage remaining- 42%
- SPLOST Debt to Revenue Schedule – once Gymnasium is completed the balance of the SPLOST should be approximately \$523,141.18.
- **Curriculum**
Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent
- States Facilities review – went very well. There were glowing/positive comments regarding the cleanliness of the school.

- Parrish's demolition team have been on campus. Pictures are being taken of the progress being made to the gym.
- Homeless report – One of our homeless families is being staffed out due to their return to Florida. There are two homeless families being served now.
- Georgia Milestone Testing will begin on April 23, 2024. This will be used as a tool to show what students have or have not learned.
- GADOE is partnering with M-Impact to offer free tutoring for the 2024-2025 school year. They partner with Americorp a non-profit organization offering math and reading tutoring at no costs to our students in kindergarten – 8th grade.
- Federal Goals and budget for education have been released through the state. The area of focus are as follows:

1. Academic Excellence;
2. Boldly improve learning conditions;
3. Eliminate the educator shortage;
4. Support Student mental health and wellbeing;
5. Create pathways for global diversity including learning/teaching of many different languages;
6. Ensure that students have a pathway to college and/or career; and
7. Increase college affordability and completion

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mrs. Brenda Walker, Assistant Principal

- Mrs. Walker reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 36,387.62
Total Deposits	\$ -0-
Total Checks	\$ 2,867.32
Ending Balance	\$ 33,520.30

- Prom Update – On campus prom was April 13, 2024 – staff were present, along with a DJ and food was provided. None of this was at tax payer's expense.

- **Guidance Counselor Department**

Dr. Jenie Carter

Seniors recently had a classroom visit with a Gordon State College Admission Representative.

The Youth Empowerment Leadership students have completed their program with the Flint Energies Youth Empowerment Leadership program. Flint Energies celebrated and awarded each student a certificate of completion.

Chattahoochee-Flint RESA STEM Coordinator, Heidi Goodin has invited the 8th grade classes to participate in STEM Day at South Georgia Technical College on May 3rd.

The Senior Class is progressing towards graduation. A committee has computed and listed the honor graduates along with the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. To qualify as an Honor Student – one must possess at least an 85 average from the 9th grade through the first semester of their senior year. In order to qualify for Valedictorian/Salutatorian, the average must be at least 90.

The following 8 students have qualified as honor students:

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| 1. Nigel Mahone | 5. Tamia Neal |
| 2. T’Kandis Walker | 6. Janasia Copeland |
| 3. Junija Johnson | 7. Ci’Aja Gillis |
| 4. DeAnna Crawl | 8. Arkela Durham |

- **Action Items from Superintendent**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- **GLET Cybersecurity Awareness** – Mr. Juan Flute

The following students were awarded certificates for their participation in GLET Poster Contest:

Michael Bussey	Jhyasia Durham
Avana Jewell	Kor'zoria Oglesby

- **PBIS “Positive Behavior Intervention Supports”**

Ms. Daphne Daniels

- Ms. Daniels provided a PBIS End of Year Celebration slide show to the School Board.

- **American Rescue plan (ESSER III) – ESSER III**

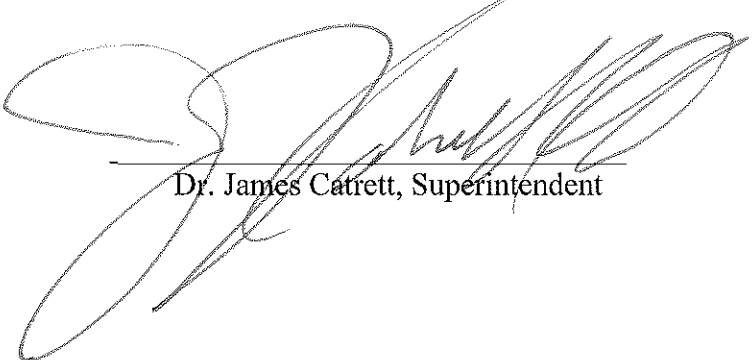
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American Rescue Plan ends September 30, 2024. One of the requirements is a survey for the public to complete. A percentage of this plan must be spent on learning loss.

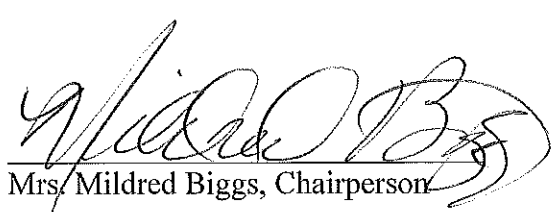
- **Field Trip Request**

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
Counseling Dept.	5/13/2024	Ft. Valley University	Leave: 9:00 a.m. Return: 3:15 p.m.	40	Campus Tour
Counseling Dept.	5/03/2024	South Georgia Tech	Leave: 7:50 a.m. Return: 2:30 p.m.	30	STEM Tour
JROTC	4/26/2024	Ft. Moore	Leave: 8:00 a.m. Return: 2:45 p.m.	40	Ranger in Action demonstration
JROTC	6/2 – 6/7/2024	Columbus State	Leave: 6:00 a.m. Return: 2:45 p.m.	10	Cadet Leadership Camp

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Field Trip Requests, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson