

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
Voting Work Session
January 7, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on January 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chair (D5); Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Vice Chair (D3); Mrs. Julia Leonard, (D1); Mr. James Steverson (D2); and 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.
- Election of new Board Officers – Mrs. Mildred Biggs turned the meeting over to Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent, as Secretary of the Board. He explained that parliamentary procedure will be followed in the nomination and selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair.
- Dr. Catrett asked for nominations for the position of School Board Chair. Mrs. Sharleta Hall nominated Mrs. Mildred Biggs as Chair. Dr. Catrett asked if there was a second. There was a second from Mr. James Steverson. A vote was called for by a show of hands. 5-0-0
- Dr. Catrett asked for a nomination for the Vice-Chair position. Mr. James Steverson nominated Mrs. Sharleta Hall for the position of Vice Chair, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. A vote was called for by a show of hands. 5-0-0
- Dr. Catrett asked for Chair Mildred Biggs to resume her position as Chair over the meeting.
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the agenda for January 7, 2025 with changes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- **Action Items from Superintendent**
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- House Bill 581 Hearing Schedule was presented to the Board. The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 14, 2025	First Hearing	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Second Hearing	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	Third Hearing	6:00 p.m.

- **Central Elementary/Middle High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor

- Congratulations to the Middle School Girls' Basketball Team for winning Regional Class A Championship.
- Parent Engagement Flyer is being sent home to parents.
- The Board was provided with an updated basketball schedule and times.
- Upcoming Events:
 - High School Basketball today @ Schley 5:00 p.m.
 - Report Cards go home tomorrow
 - High School Basketball @ home Friday, January 10th vs. Webster 5:00 p.m.
 - Valley Health Care Job Fair Saturday, January 11th 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - High School Basketball @ home Saturday, January 11th vs. Taylor Co. 2:00 p.m.
 - Teachers' Letters of Intent are due back on Friday, January 10th.

- **Guidance Counselor Update**

Dr. Jenie Carter, Counselor

- The Toys for Tots event was very successful. The Talbot County Chamber partnered with Toys for Tots Organization so that every child in Pre-K to 7th grade were given a bag of toys. In addition, 10 students were given bicycles. Thanks to the Talbotton City Hall, every student in grades 8th – 12th were given a gift bag for Christmas.
- January 6th is the start of the Second Semester for the 2024-2025 school term. We have 35 students on track for graduation in May.
- Currently the senior's plans for the future consists of:
 - 8 – are considering both college and military
 - 9 – are considering either college or technical college
 - 1 – is considering technical college, trade and military
 - 5 – are considering completing a trade in technical college
 - 2 – are considering enlisting into the military
 - 4 – want to go directly into the workforce.
- NEDS Mindset Mission Assembly is visiting the school on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. NED and our students will take a journey to find their positive mindset. The show/assembly is for Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- Two recent graduates have been recognized on Georgia Southern University's Fall 2024 President's List. A student must have a 4.0 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester. The students are 2024 graduates – T'Kandis Walker and CiAja Gillis.

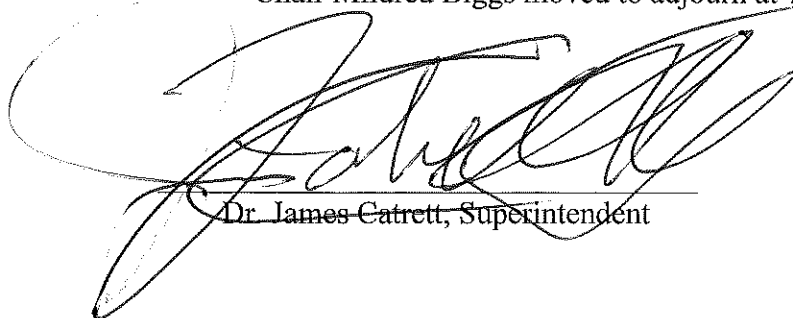
- **School Board Meeting Dates for 2025** – Dr. Catrett, Superintendent presented the meeting dates for the upcoming year.
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the School Board Meeting Dates for 2025, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Field Trip Request – Mr. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
JROTC	2/08/2025	Spencer High School	Leave 6:30 a.m. Return 5:00 p.m.	5	Drill Meet
CEMHS Band	1/30/2025	Harris County	Leave 11:00 a.m. Return 3:30 p.m.	45	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to approve the JROTC Field Trip Request, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Band's Field Trip Request, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Facility Requests – Mr. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

Name of Group	Date	Facility Used For	Location For Use	Hours
Talbot County 4-H	2/15/2025	Masquerade Ball Fundraiser	Gymnasium	2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve the Talbot County 4-H's Facility Request, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to accept Kimberly Hatcher's resignation, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.


Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent


Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson