

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
October 22, 2024– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room
Amended

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on October 22, 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); and Mr. James Steverson, (D2); 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. Sharleta Hall to approve the October 22, 2024 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the September 3, 2024 and September 17, 2024 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0

- **Food Service Report for September 30, 2024**

Ms. Andrea Mahone, Director

- Budget- \$659,000.00
- Expended- \$128,613.13
- Obligated- (116.42)
- Balance- \$530,270.45
- Percentage Spent - 20% Percentage Remaining - 80%

- **Financial Report for September 30, 2024**

Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

- Budget- \$8,072,440.98
- Expended- \$3,903,928.45
- Balance - \$4,168,512.53
- Percentage Spent- 48.36% Percentage remaining- 51.64 %

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor

- Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 50,917.82
Total Deposits	\$ 11,474.75
Total Checks	\$ 9,659.71
Ending Balance	\$ 52,732.86

- **Upcoming Events:**

- October 15th – Active Shooter Training
- Monday, October 28th – Mornings with Mom
- Monday, October 28th – November 1st - Red Ribbon Week
- October 28th – November 1st – Book fair

- **Action Items from Superintendent**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) – Ms. Daphne Daniels

Ms. Daniels presented a slide show showing the first celebration for PBIS for the 2024-2025 school year.

The following students were selected for PBIS Ambassadors for the month of September. The students are awarded a certificate along with a gift card from Chick-Fil-A.

Elementary – Faithlynn Davis
 Middle School – Addison Heath
 High School – Braylen Williams

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

Mr. Torrence Freeman

American Rescue Plan ended September 30, 2024. A percentage of this plan was spent on learning loss.

Mr. Freeman reviewed the various ways that the American Rescue/ESSER money has been used throughout the school. \$900,000 has been approved for the HVAC system in the Arthur Miller Gym. These funds are to be expended by January 15, 2025.

Three million dollars in 2022 was used to capture anything related to COVID. Staff was hired to come in and prepare and deliver lunches door to door to students. Additional staff was hired to clean the schools every evening to prevent the spread of COVID; classrooms had updated filtering systems installed; every classroom had an updated multi-touch, interactive board (active live tv screen); we are one of the few schools to provide each student with a chrome book in addition to every classroom having a chrome book lab. Technology was updated for teachers allowing them to teach remotely when

necessary when the school closed and for students that could not be around the general population.

Once the Completion Report is submitted it will be available on Georgia Insight showing what the funds were spent on.

- **Field Trip Request**

Name of Group	Dates of Trips	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
Exceptional Students	November 29, 2024	Atlanta, GA	TBA	20	Tour of the Hawks facility with Central's athletics
Exceptional Students	December, 2024	Hughston Clinic, Columbus, GA	TBA	20	GVRA Transition

- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the Exceptional Student's Field Trip Requests, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0

- **Project Request**

Name of Group	Dates of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
JROTC	11/12 – 12/6/24	World's Finest Chocolate	Chocolate bar sales through direct sales methods	Operational items, military ball, awards other JROTC events
Junior/Senior Class	November 1, 2024	Donation Calendar	Students to ask community to pick a date and donate the amount of their choice	Money will be used to pay for Jr/Sr Prom.

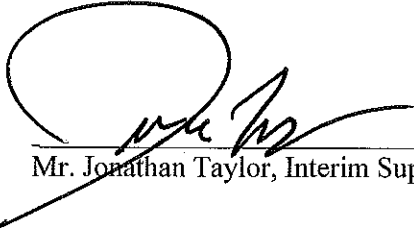
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve the JROTC's Project Requests, seconded by Ms. Nikki Hall. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Junior Senior Prom Request, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- **GSBA Regional Meeting at Muscogee County School District** – The board members and superintendent are invited to attend a GSBA Regional District Meeting on Thursday, November 7th.
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation concerning Ms. Lillian Dillingham and Ms. Omenisha Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to accept the Superintendent's retirement, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0

- **Amendment to Board Minutes**

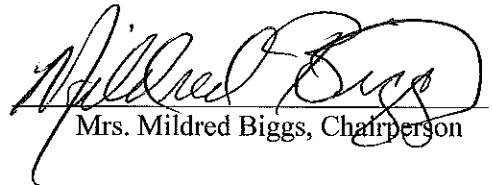
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Request was made to amend October 22, 2024 Board Minutes to grant permission to Human Resources to pay Dr. Catrett's travel allowance for October 2024 in the amount of \$1,000.

- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the amendment to Board Minutes for October 22, 2024, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion for the school board to give the Superintendent the authority to appoint Mr. Jonathan Taylor as Interim Superintendent, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.



Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Interim Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson