

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
March 18, 2025– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room
AMENDED

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on March 18, 2025 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. Julia Leonard to approve the March 18, 2025 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the February 4, 2025 and February 18, 2025 minutes, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- **Food Service Report for February 28, 2025**
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO in Ms. Mahone's absence
 - Budget- \$659,000.00
 - Expended- \$323,698.29
 - Obligated- (-0-)
 - Balance- \$335,301.71
 - Percentage Spent - 49% Percentage Remaining - 51%
- **Financial Report for February 28, 2024**
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO
 - Budget- \$8,072,440.98
 - Expended- \$5,230,681.25
 - Encumbrances - \$62,102.26
 - Balance - \$2,779,657.47
 - Percentage Spent- 67.83% Percentage remaining- 32.17 %

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

- Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 48,502.26
Total Deposits	\$ 8,002.89
Total Checks	\$ 3,375.44
Ending Balance	\$ 53,129.71

- **Curriculum Night** – *International Cultural Festival and Social Studies Fair*– March 24, 2025 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Everyone is invited.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- a. District Assessment Week
- b. Report Cards go home today
- c. Friday Track Meet at Brookstone
- d. Curriculum Night

- **Guidance Office**

Dr. Jenie Carter, Guidance Counselor

- Jakendra Caslin, a former Central High School graduate, graduated in 2021 cum laude from Georgia State University earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a concentration in Pre Law. Ms. Caslin is an Administrative Assistant at Seyfarth Shaw, LLC. Immigration Law Firm in Atlanta. She has been accepted into three law schools – Mercer University School of Law, Florida A&M University and North Carolina Central University. Her intent is to practice criminal law with a focus on representing the under-served, unrepresented young adults.
- College and Career Day was a success. With 30 universities, colleges, technical colleges, businesses and public service agencies represented. Sharing their careers with our students were several from Central graduates:

Asha Rush – Delta Airlines
Courtney Holmes – Valley Healthcare
Bernard Gamble – Commercial Trucking
Aaliyah Walker – F&M Bank and Trust
Dr. Danessa Thomas – DKT Writing Services
Dr. Terrance Ferguson – The Critter Fixer

Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina was present. Eight members of the senior class completed their application for attendance. Voorhees will offer up to 20 E.E. Wright Tuition Waivers to our seniors in honor of its founder Elizabeth Evelyn Wright a native of Talbot County.

Dr. Carter then presented a slideshow highlighting College and Career Day 2025.

- **Action Items from Superintendent**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- **PBIS** – Ms. Daphne Daniels – The following students were recognized as Monthly Ambassadors for the month of February:
 - Dior’e Anthony – 5th grade with 543 dojo points
 - Phoebe Guthrie – 7th grade 50 dojo points
 - Jada Strickland – 11th grade with 115 dojo points

Each child was awarded a certificate and a gift card to Chick-Fil-A.

- **Teen Health Clinic** – Mindy Sampson, RN, Georgia Department of Public Health - Georgia ranks high in Sexually Transmitted Infection cases. Nurse Sampson in conjunction with Dr. Carter, Guidance Counselor and Nurse Davis, School Nurse would like to hold an age appropriate clinic with parent’s permission promoting abstinence as the main goal however information will be discussed concerning sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Field Trip Request** – Mr. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
Counselor Department	3/22/2025	Atlanta, GA	Leave 7:30 a.m. Return 4:00 p.m.	10	Black Expo Fair
Counselor Department	5/02/2025	Atlanta, GA	Leave 5:00 p.m. Return 4:00 a.m.	35	2025 Grad Nite at Six Flags Over Georgia

- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve the Counselor Department’s Field Trip Requests, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

- **Facilities Report** – Dr. Catrett, Superintendent

The final punch list on the gym should be completed next week. The project has come in under budget. The work on the Arthur Miller Gym was done with ESSER money and one cent sales tax. Mrs. Epps is in charge of grand re-opening of the gym.

- **2025 Legislative Positions** – GSBA has provided their Legislative Positions for Board members to review the current positions and proposed changes that have been submitted by local boards to them. The Delegate Assembly in June will adopt these positions.
- **2025 Minibus** has been delivered. It is having a radio and camera installed and then will be placed into service.

- **Amendment to Board Minutes**

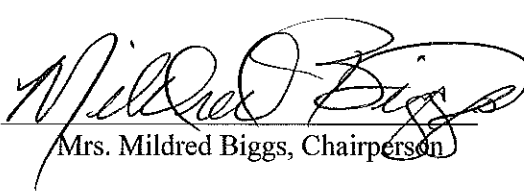
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

Request was made to amend March 18, 2025 Board Minutes to grant permission to The Maintenance Department to purchase a Stihl Zero Turn Mower in the amount of \$15,299.99

- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the Amendment to Board Minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to accept Mr. Taylor's recommendation to allow Ms. Rakshitha Trichuri to volunteer at the school, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to accept Mr. Taylor's recommendation to hire Ms. Kacie Kitchens as an Elementary Teacher and Ms. Skyler Phillips as a Middle School Science Teacher, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson