

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
June 17, 2025– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on June 17, 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) arrived at 6:05 p.m.

- 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 June 17, 2025 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the May 6, 2025 and May 22, 2025 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 4-0-0
- **Request to Speak to the Board:** Clarence Nappier
- **Food Service Report for May 31, 2025**
Mr. Torrence Freeman presented on behalf of Ms. Mahone
 - Budget- \$659,000.00
 - Expended- \$448,859.99
 - Obligated- (-0-)
 - Balance- \$210,140.01
 - Percentage Spent - 68% Percentage Remaining - 32%
- **Financial Report for May 31, 2025**
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO
 - Budget- \$7,538,982.00
 - Expended- \$7,306,989.13
 - Encumbrances - \$112,934.94
 - Balance - \$231,992.87
 - Percentage Spent- 94.76% Percentage remaining- 5.24

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

- Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 36,264.59
Total Deposits	\$ 715.00
Total Checks	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 36,979.59

- **Leadership Retreat – June 10 – 12, 2025**

- a. Student Achievement
- b. Student Attendance
- c. Student Behaviors

- **Action Items from Superintendent**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- **Summer School**

Ms. Theresa Cannon, Mathematics Teacher

Summer School Targeted students that needed to retake the Georgia Milestone and to prepare them for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Our goal is to move students from the beginner learner to the developing learner. To accomplish this will be to strengthen both math and reading skills. Summer school targeted areas that were outlined in the Georgia Milestones.

- **Lexile Scores**

Mr. Nasir Oglesby, English Teacher/Coach

Children come to us not ready for learning. We have to work and bring them up to where they need to be. We need to stand together to tackle this problem instead of bickering in the community.

Georgia Milestone's Lexile growth refers to how a student's reading ability has improved overtime. This tool matches readers with text based on their reading level.

Lexile Scores are a numeric scale to measure a student's ability to read complex text. The higher the number, they should be on grade level. If the student is not on grade level they will have problems with the Milestone Testing. If students are reading on fifth grade level and are in the 8th grade, their Milestone Test is based on the 8th grade curriculum. We have to work to bring them where they need to be. The Milestone Test is taken in the 3rd through 8th grade. This year 10th graders are taking the Milestone.

A student's reading comprehensive performance is translated to a Lexile measure using their test results. A passing score is a 2. A student could score a two but not meet the Lexile measurement and have to come to summer school.

In grades 3 – 5, the typical growth is 100 – 150 points per year; 6th – 8th grade it is 50 – 100 points per year; 25 – 75 point increase is for Lexile in high school. Fifty-nine students in the 4th and 5th grade showed growth. Three of these students exceeded a 300 point growth in their Lexile Score.

- **Board Training – Dr. Catrett**

Dr. Valerie Roberts will be the trainer for the upcoming board training. She will be working on the goals for next year.

- **Facilities Request – Mr. Taylor**

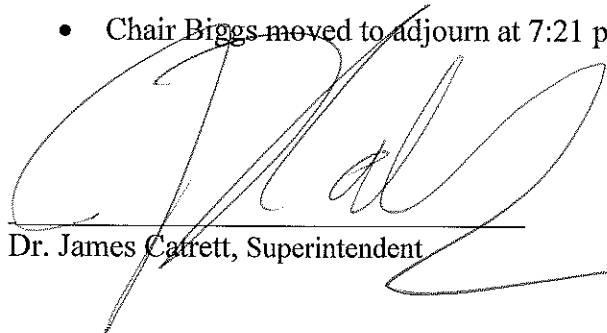
Name of Group	Date	Facility Used For	Location for Use	Hours
Andrew Hall	June 27-28, 2025	1 st Annual Instructional Football Camp	Athletic Complex	6/27/25 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. 6/28/25 9 a.m. - noon

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Facilities Request, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0

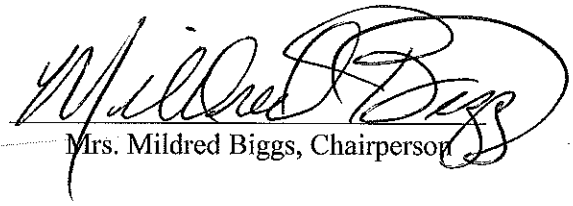
- **Project Request – Mr. Taylor**

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Athletic Department	6/30/2025	NFHS Network	School Run video pre-roll of athletic events	Athletic Department

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Project Request, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to accept Mr. Jonathan Taylor’s recommendation to employ Rodney Caldwell as a Technology Specialist, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson