

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
April 14, 2026– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on April 14, 2026 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 Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the April 14, 2026 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the March 3, 2026 and March 27, 2026 minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- **Food Service Report for March 31, 2026**
Ms. Andrea Mahone, Manager
 - Budget- \$659,000.00
 - Expended- \$413,936.98
 - Obligated- (\$311.92)
 - Balance- \$244,751.10
 - Percentage Spent - 63% Percentage Remaining – 37%
- **Financial Report for March 31, 2026**
Ms. Andrea Mahone on behalf of Mr. Torrence Freeman
 - Budget- \$7,742,351.82
 - Expended- \$ 6,406,607.45
 - Encumbrances - \$164,672.36
 - Balance - \$ 1,171,072.01
 - Percentage Spent- 68.99% Percentage remaining- 31.01%

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**
Ms. Daphne Daniels, Dean of Students

Ms. Daniels reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 20,936.81
Total Deposits	\$ 5,233.89
Total Checks	\$ 5,116.72
Ending Balance	\$ 21,053.98

- **Central Elementary/High School Events**

April 14, 2026 - Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration
 April 21, - May 5, 2026 – Georgia Milestones
 April 29 – May 8, 2026 – End of Course Assessments
 May 13, 2026 - Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration
 May 14, 2026- National Jr. Honor Society Induction 10:00-11:00am
 May 17, 2026- Baccalaureate
 May 19, 2026- Elementary Field Day
 May 20, 2026- 8th Grade Promotional Ceremony @ 10:00-11:00am
 May 20, 2026- Kindergarten Graduation @ 1:00-2:00 pm.
 May 21, 2026- Elementary Awards Day program @9:00-11:00am
 May 21, 2026- Middle/High School Awards Day program @1:00-2:30pm.
 May 22, 2026- Last day of school & Commencement @ 6:00pm

- **Special Education**
Mr. James Short, Director

- 52 Students with IEPS;
- Students are currently receiving virtual speech services. In-house OT and Speech Specialist positions have been advertised;
- Testing accommodations and AT devices are provided for students;
- Quotes are being obtained for a handicapped accessible playground which will provide equitable access to play for children with diverse physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities;
- GVRA (GA Vocational Rehab Agency) provides transition services to help potentially eligible students move from high school into further education, training and to competitive integrated employment.

- **Superintendent Items**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

- **Spread Hope, Inc.**
Mr. Omer McCants

Mr. McCants presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the school to support educational enrichment, student well-being and community engagement initiative that will benefit students, families and staff.

Spread Hope is a non-profit organization that will provide the following activities:

- Academic Support programs
 - Mentorship and character building programs
 - Literacy engagement events
 - Resource distribution
 - Community service or volunteer projects
- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the MOU with Spread Hope, Inc., seconded by Mrs. Julia Hall. 5-0-0

- **Final Candidate for Principal**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Michael Coley as the final candidate for Principal of Central Elementary/High School.

- **Physical Education Teacher/Head Basketball Coach**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Roderick Martin as the final candidate for Physical Education Teacher/Head Basketball Coach.

- **Field Trip Request**
Ms. Daphne Daniels, Dean of Students

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
Central Marching Band	May 1-3, 2026	Tampa, FL	Leave 9:00 a.m. Friday Return 8:00 p.m. Sunday	25	Music Festival
Pre-K	May 13, 2026	Pine Mountain Safari	Leave 8:30 a.m. Return 2:30 p.m.	16	Wild Life Safari
Kindergarten	May 13, 2026	Pine Mountain Safari	Leave 8:30 a.m. Return 2:30 p.m.	16	Wild Life Safari
JROTC	May 31, 2026	Ft. Benning, GA	Leave 6:00 a.m. Return 5:00 p.m.	14	JCLC Summer Camp
JROTC	June 5, 2026	Ft. Benning, GA	Leave 6:00 a.m. Return 5:00 p.m.	14	JCLC Summer Camp
Central Elem/High School	April 24, 2026	Macon, GA	Leave 11:00 a.m. Return 6:30 p.m.	3	98 th State FFA Convention

- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to approve the Band’s field trip, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve PreK and Kindergarten’s field trip, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve JROTC’s field trips, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Central Elementary/High’s field trip, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

- Project Request**

Ms. Daphne Daniels, Dean of Students

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Central Middle School	April 2026 – May 2027	Country Meat Sticks	Meat Stick Sales	Middle School Activities (NJHS, MS Graduation, Honor’s Day, etc.
Central Middle School	September 2026 – May 2027	Cookie Man Fundraiser	Cookie Sale	Middle School Activities (NJHS, MS Graduation, Honor’s Day, etc.
Central Middle School	August 2026 – May 2027	Popcorn Sale	Popcorn Sale	Middle School Activities (NJHS, MS Graduation, Honor’s Day, etc.
Central Marching Band	April 11 – 17, 2026	Fish Fry	Pre order fish plates	Festival fees, transportation, etc.
Kindergarten	April 13, 2026	Double Good Popcom	Popcorn sale	Field trip and graduation

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve Central Middle School’s Project Requests, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Band’s Project Request, seconded by Ms. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Kindergarten’s Project Request, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0

- Community Engagement Meeting – Strategic Planning**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Talbot County Schools is initiating a strategic planning process and invites the public to participate in gathering input from parents, citizens, district employees and students.

The Community Engagement session will be Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the school.

- GSBA Summer Conference Schedule/Highlights**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

The Board was presented with the schedule for the upcoming GSBA Summer Conference June 8 through June 10, 2026.

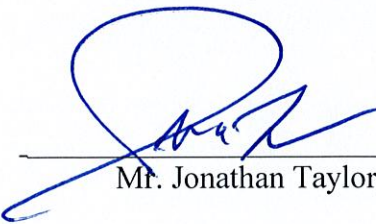
- Sports Complex Dedication Agenda**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

The Board was presented with a tentative agenda for the dedication of the sports complex on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

- Mr. Taylor asked for an Executive Session for personnel.

- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to go in to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the hiring of Mr. Michael Coley as Principal, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the hiring of Ms. Tandy Dorris as a Payroll Specialist, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the hiring of Mr. Roderick Martin as a Physical Education Teacher/Head Boys Basketball Coach seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the hiring of Mr. Curtis Moore as a History Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the hiring of Ms. Jolee Benton as a ELA Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the hiring of Ms. Tammy Selman as an Elementary Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.



Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson