

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
Voting Work Session
January 6, 2026 – 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 6, 2026 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).

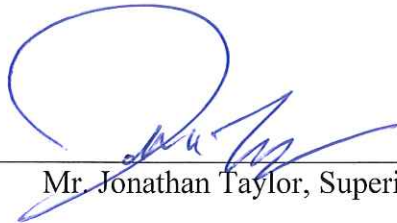
- The meeting was called to order by Chair Mildred Biggs at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Mildred Biggs led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Mildred Biggs.
- **Election of new Board Officers** – Mrs. Mildred Biggs turned the meeting over to Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent, as Secretary of the Board. He explained that parliamentary procedure will be followed in the nomination and selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair.
- Mr. Taylor asked for nominations for the position of School Board Chair. Mrs. Sharleta Hall nominated Mrs. Mildred Biggs as Chair. Mr. Taylor asked if there was a second. There was a second from Mrs. Julia Leonard. A vote was called for by a show of hands. 5-0-0
- Mr. Taylor then turned the meeting back over to Mrs. Biggs for selection of a Vice Chair.
- Mrs. Biggs 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
- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the agenda for January 6, 2026, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- **Action Items from Superintendent**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent
- **Active Shooter, Gangs & Human Trafficking**
Capt. Middlebrooks – Talbot County Sheriff's Dept.
- Capt. Middlebrooks reviewed the training given to teachers and staff in the event of an active shooter in the school.
- Capt. Middlebrooks explained Human Trafficking to Board members. There is trafficking for servitude and for sexual purposes. Talbot County is not exempt from this happening here.

- Gangs were explained to the Board members by Capt. Middlebrooks. Talbot County has several gangs active within the county. They are responsible for much of the shooting and murders.
- **CCRPI**
Ms. Keniece Adams
- College & Career Ready Performance Index
States are federally required to identify their lowest performing 5% of Title 1 Schools. There will always be identified schools even as performance increases.
 - Of 394 students, 100% are economically disadvantaged; 21.1% of students have disabilities;
 - **Central Elementary School's Score**
 - Content Mastery – showed an increase 34.5
 - Progress – an increase of 71.2
 - Closing Gap – an increase of 100
 - Climate Star Rating of 83.50
 - **Central High School's Score**
 - Graduation Rate – 91.6
- Georgia Department of Education recognized Talbot County Schools as a 2025 CSI Progress School.
- **School Board Training Dates**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor
- Several dates were presented to the Board for Whole Board Training – February 11th and 12th were chosen.
- **School Board Meeting Dates for 2026**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor
- Dates were presented to the Board for 2026 Work Sessions and Board Meetings.
- **Bank Account Consolidation**
Mr. Torrence Freeman
- The general fund account and payroll account will be combined at the recommendation of the auditors. This will be finalized March 1, 2026.

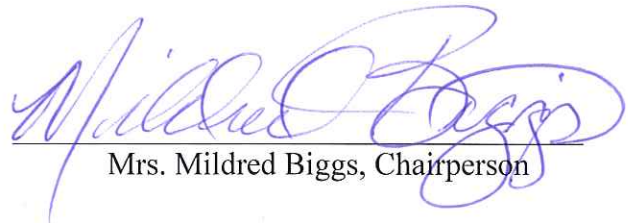
- **Field Trip Request**
Mr. Taylor, Superintendent

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
CEMHS Band	1/19/2026	Harris County	Leave 11:30 a.m. Return 3:00 p.m.	25	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to approve the Band’s Field Trip Request, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to hire JiBrael Duckworth as an Elementary Teacher, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to hire J.C. Gary as an Interrelated Special Education K-8Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.



Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson