

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
January 20, 2026– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on January 20, 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 January 20, 2026 agenda, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the December 1, 2025 and December 16, 2025 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- **Food Service Report for December 31, 2025**
Ms. Mahone, Director - Food Services
 - Budget- \$659,000.00
 - Expended- \$278,405.50
 - Obligated-
 - Balance- \$380,594.50
 - Percentage Spent - 42% Percentage Remaining – 58 %
- **Financial Report for December 31, 2025**
Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO
 - Budget- \$7,685,353.91
 - Expended- \$ 4,141,635.43
 - Encumbrances - \$92,295.49
 - Balance - \$ 3,543,718.48
 - Percentage Spent- 53.89% Percentage remaining- 46.11%

- **Guidance Department**
Dr. Jenie Carter, Guidance Counselor

Boys Mentorship Program - Dr. McCamey and Life Center will begin a mentorship program on Wednesday, January 21st. Dr. McCamey will meet with the boys from ages 10 and up to discuss the program.

Lunch Hour Visit - Mrs. Hill with the Fort Valley State University Educational Talent Search completed her monthly visit on Tuesday, January 13th. We have 32 students enrolled in the Educational Talent Search program. Students were given various information on career planning information as well as information on the FAFSA (federal financial aid program).

Army Recruiters - Sgt Holliman and Sgt Austin will be conducting a classroom visit with the seniors and juniors later this month.

Flint Energies Youth Empower Students - students will be visiting Perry, GA on Thursday, January 22nd for a lesson in economics. Mary Stevens with the Talbot County Chamber will accompany us on the trip.

Chatt-Flint RESA Student Advisory Board - Students will be visiting the Georgia Capitol and the Department of Education on Thursday, January 29th.

Morehouse School of Medicine - Morehouse School of Medicine is interested in providing our juniors and seniors with training and education in various health careers. The MSM S.T.E.A.M. Academy (9-12) will introduce students to biomedical research and health careers. Participants will be immersed in scientific instrumentation and laboratory techniques, as well as participate in mini-courses and workshops on health equity, careers in the sciences and health professions, critical thinking and career planning.

Recent Graduate Update - Annatasia Grier has completed her 1st semester at Georgia Southern University as a freshman. She has entered her 2nd semester as a sophomore as a result of completing dual enrollment classes during her 11th & 12th grade years.

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

- Ms. Daniels reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 25,021.58
Total Deposits	\$ 4,057.50
Total Checks	\$ 7,541.22
Ending Balance	\$ 21,537.86

- **Upcoming Events**

01/24/26-Varsity Basketball ChattCo @ home 6:00p.m.

01/24/26-JROTC Military Ball @ 6:00 pm in Columbus

01/27/26- Varsity Basketball - Schley County away @ 6:00p.m.

01/30/26- Varsity Basketball - Webster County @ home 6:00p.m.

01/31/26- Varsity Basketball - Taylor County @ home (Senior Night) 2:00p.m.

02/03/26 -Varsity Basketball - Crawford County away @ 6:00p.m.

02/05/26- Midterm ends

02/06/26- Varsity Basketball ChattCo away @ 6:00p.m.

- **Special Education**

Mr. James Short, Director

Pancakes With Parents – 65 parents attended; had a \$20 gift card;

Inclusive Postsecondary Education Grant (IPSE) – for students with documented intellectual disability, pays for standard tuition, funding based on legislative allotment, must attend public institution;

Special Education Scholarships – For students on IEP's or 504 Plans

GVRA Bud McCall Scholarship ; up to \$17,725 for postsecondary education

John T. Wheeler Memorial Scholarship – students with profound hearing loss - \$5,000

Alfred & Cora Camp Memorial Scholarship – students who are legally blind \$1,000

Special Education Staff

JC Gary – Registered Behavior Therapist, in the TAPP program, K-8 GMAS Testing

Lauren Dean – Speech Therapist, virtual and in-person

- **Superintendent Items**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

- **Valley Health Care/School Clinic**

Dr. Asante Hiltz

Moving forward with bringing Valley Health Care's School Based Services to Central.

Next step is sending home consent forms to parents to find out the services needed.

- **Strategic Improvement Plan - GSBA**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

GSBA will assist the school district with creating a new Strategic Plan. The Board and Superintendent will provide feedback on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facilitated by GSBA. A Planning Team and Action Team will be formed from within the school district and the community to work on creating this plan. The estimated cost is \$10,000.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve contracting with GSBA, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

- **School Board Retreat Tentative Agenda**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

The School Board Retreat is scheduled for February 11th and 12th at Ellerslie Park. The first day will be Team Building through RESA, State of the Departments and a Finance Overview.

- **Board Meeting Dates 2026**

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Board meeting dates for 2026 were presented to the Board for approval.

- A motion was made by Mr. James Stevenson to approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2026, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0

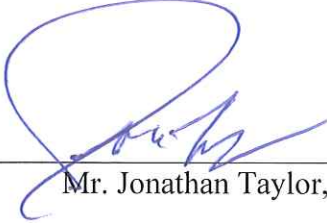
- **Project Requests**

Ms. Daphne Daniels, Dean of Students

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used for
Media Program	March 2 – 6, 2026	Spring Book Fair Read Across America Week	School wide celebration of literacy that encourages students to discover the joy of reading	Purchase new high interest books for the Media Center and support reading incentive programs and literacy events
CEMHS Band	February 2 – 28, 2026	Seven Days of the week - monthly challenge	Students are given a calendar for February. Actual days of the week are replaced with numbers 1-7. Students ask an individual to mark the day of the week and the individual will pay that amount.	Assist with transportation for festival and other expenses.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Sharleta Hall to approve the Media Program’s Project Request, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Stevenson to approve the CEMHS Band’s Project Request, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mr. Taylor asked for an Executive Session for personnel.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Julia Leonard to go in to Executive Session at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0

- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to come out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to hire Lakevious Monyae Collier as a Pre-K para-professional, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.



Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson