

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
December 16, 2025– 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on December 16, 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. Sharleta Hall to approve the December 16, 2025 agenda with changes, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the November 4, 2025, November 10, 2025 and November 18, 2025 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- **Food Service Report for November 30, 2025**  
*Ms. Mahone, Director - Food Services*
  - Budget- \$659,000.00
  - Expended- \$207,064.83
  - Obligated-
  - Balance- \$451,935.17
  - Percentage Spent - 31%                      Percentage Remaining – 69 %
- **Georgia Department of Public Health**  
*Ms. Mahone, Director - Food Services*

The lunch room received a score of 100 “A” for their Food Service Inspection on December 10, 2025. Congratulations to the lunchroom staff.
- **Financial Report for November 30, 2025**  
*Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO*
  - Budget- \$7,732,759.91
  - Expended- \$ 3,456,931.48

- Encumbrances - \$92,626.69
- Balance - \$ 4,275,828.43
- Percentage Spent- 44.71%                      Percentage remaining- 55.29%

- **Financial Comparison Report**

*Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO*

Mr. Freeman reviewed the Financial Comparison Report for School Nutrition.

- **Guidance Department**

*Dr. Jenie Carter, Guidance Counselor*

Team Members for Cartwheel Mental Health support services are Mr. Short, Coach Teat, Nurse Davis, Ms. Daniels and Dr. Carter.

December 5<sup>th</sup> seven students signed their commitment to follow the guidelines for the REACH Scholarship. The REACH Scholars are Emmanuel Hatchett, Sasha Mata, Samiya Mata, TaNiyah Matthews, DeAsia Thomas, London Nieves and Olivia Mahone. These students will receive a \$10,000 scholarship after high school graduation that will be disbursed in increments of \$2,500 per year for 4 years thanks to donations from Flint Energies and Oglethorpe Power.

Gionna Trice, a former student of Central and also a REACH Scholar, transferred to Columbus High School. She is doing well in this magnet school. And since she started with us, she will be able to receive the scholarship as well, upon graduation.

Our seniors are receiving college acceptance letters from Georgia State University, Georgia Southern University, Columbus State University, University of Georgia, Bethune-Cookman University, Tuskegee University, Alabama State University, Jackson State University, just to name a few.

The Eastern Stars, Francis Willard Chapter #400 provided personal care bags for the middle and high school girls in October. They provided personal care bags for the middle and high school boys last week.

The Talbot County Chamber, once again, has partnered with us in providing toys for the elementary students. Students from Pre-K through 5th grade each will receive a bag of toys on Thursday, December 18th. With the assistance of JROTC, each child will be given the opportunity to have his/her picture taken with Santa.

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

*Ms. Daphne Daniels, Dean of Students*

- Ms. Daniels reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 25,503.63
Total Deposits	\$ 9,604.47
Total Checks	\$ 10,086.52
Ending Balance	\$ 25,021.58

- **Upcoming Events**

End of the 2nd nine week will be on December 17, 2025

The Central Elementary-Middle-High School Music Department Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday at 6:00 in the Author Miller Gymnasium

Central Elementary/High Boys' Varsity Basketball team will be playing Furlow ( away) on Friday December 19th at 5:00 pm.

PBIS Celebration will take place on Friday December 19th starting with the elementary at 9:30-11:30; middle school at 11:30-1:20; high school at 1:30-3:00pm.

Christmas Holidays will start December 22-January 02, 2026

Teacher will have an in-service day on January 05, 2026

Report cards will be sent home on January 07, 2026

- **Special Education**

*Mr. James Short, Director*

**Special Education**

68 Students receiving Special Education services

Three self-contained classes – 2 elementary/1 middle/high school

Four Communication devices for non-verbal students

Six co-teaching methods

GVRA Program – Students with IEP/504 Plan eligible for scholarships up to \$17,725

**Federal Programs**

Columbus Tech and Rivertown School of Beauty campus visits

Donuts with Dads – 85 parents participated

Turkey Giveaway – November 19<sup>th</sup>

Pancakes with Parents – January 14th

- **Superintendent Items**

*Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent*

- **Portable STEM Lab**

*Mr. Juan Flute, Cyber Teacher/Director Technology*

Mr. Flute is exploring the offer of a portable STEM Lab for Central Elementary-High School campus. An anonymous benefactor is offering to cover the costs of the lab.

- **CCRPI "College & Career Ready Performance Index"**  
*Ms. Keniece Adams*

Update on performance of Federally Identified Schools:

- **Central Elementary**  
Content Mastery 34.5 increase; Progress 71.2 increase; Closing Gaps 100.0;  
Readiness 81.9 increase
- **Central Middle School**  
Content Mastery 29.2 increase; Progress 100.0 increase; Closing Gaps 41.7;  
Readiness 77.1 increase
- **Central High School**  
Content Mastery 23.6 decrease; Progress 72.9 increase; Closing Gaps 58.3;  
Readiness 69.8 increase; Graduation Rate 91.6 increase
- Central is a CSI Progress School – Spring Scores will determine if we are removed from the list. This information will be made available in December 2026.

- **Property Tax Collected Confirmation**  
*Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO*

Mr. Freeman reviewed the Tax Confirmations from the Department of Audits. Total delinquent taxes for Talbot County Schools as of June 30, 2025 is \$291,995.19.

- **ESPLOST Update**  
*Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO*

FY26 Splost Report – Collected Total as of 10-30-25: \$11,136,652.99;  
Set aside for Bond: \$491,234.02  
Available for Use: \$645,418.97  
Owed back to GF: \$967,364.77  
Amount Transferred: -0-

- **Registration Fees**  
*Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO*

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated 21-2-131(1) Paragraph (B) provides that such qualifying fees for county offices shall be three (3) percent of the total gross salary of the office for the preceding calendar year including all supplements authorized by law if a salaried office.

District 2 \$ 4,800.00 \$ 144.00  
District 3 \$ 4,800.00 \$ 144.00

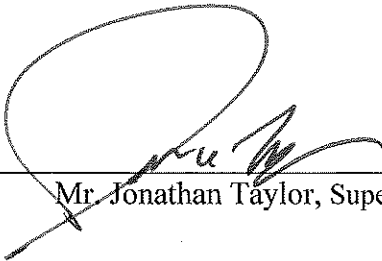
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the fees for Districts 2 and 3, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0

- **Project Requests**

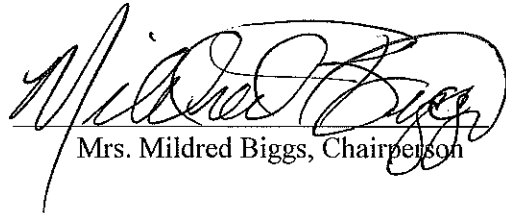
*Ms. Daphne Daniels, Dean of Students*

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used for
Central Middle School	Jan.-May 2026 Aug.-Dec. 2026	Cookie, Candy, Candles	Students will sell products from the Candle Fundraising Company	Graduation, Honor's Day, good behavior, NJHS, honor roll celebrations
Central Middle School	Jan.-May 2026	Popcorn Sale	Students will sell popcorn from Deanna Popcorn Co.	Graduation, Honor's Day, good behavior, NJHS, honor roll celebrations

- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the Project Requests, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.



Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson