

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
Voting Work Session
February 3, 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 February 3, 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) via telephone.

- 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 agenda for February 3, 2026, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- **Action Items from Superintendent**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent
- **Recognition of FBLA Students**
Mr. Ricardo Lawrence, Teacher

Mr. Lawrence presented the Future Business Leaders of America who competed at the Georgia FBLA Region Leadership Conference and will be going on to the State Leadership Conference.

Amiyah Harris – 1st Place, Region Winner in Future Business Leader, 10th place statewide

True Desue – 3rd Place in Intro to Information Technology

Ava Whittemore – 7th place in Intro to Information Technology

Richard Kirk – 11th Place Regionally in Customer Service - 77th out of 209 statewide

Annabella Edwards – 5th place in Future Business Leader, 12th place in Customer Service

Congratulations to all of our FBLA students.

- **2026-2027 School Calendar**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

The 2026-2027 School Calendar will have four remote learning days throughout the school year. This allows for the teachers to have training days. The students will receive packets of work for those days.

- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

- **School Board Retreat**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Mr. Taylor reviewed the School Board Retreat Agenda for Wednesday, February 11, 2026 and Thursday, February 12, 2026.

- **Strategic Improvement Plan Contract**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

A copy of the Strategic Improvement Plan Contract with GSBA was presented to the Board Members.

- **Pine Mountain Library Board of Trustees Apointment**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Mrs. Kasonya Banks was recommended to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Leticia Cook as a member of the Talbot County Library Board of Trustees. Mrs. Bank will serve through June 30, 2029.

- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Kasonya Banks to the Talbot County Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

- **Sheriff's Letter concerning After School Routes**
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

Mr. Taylor read the letter from Sheriff Bobby Gates concerning after-school bus drop-offs. Sheriff Gates stated after taking a closer look into the situation. He followed bus route 3 including the portion along Hwy 315. He did not see any students getting off the bus without an adult present. Each child was met by a parent or responsible adult. Based on his observation, he did not notice any safety issues with the drop-offs.

- **GSBA Delegate and Alternate**

Board Chair Biggs appointed Julia Ann Leonard as Talbot County Schools' Delegate for Georgia School Board Association, James Steverson will serve as the Alternate Delegate.

- **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
FBLA	March 13-15, 2026	Atlanta, GA	Leave 7:30 a.m. 3/13 Return 12:00 p.m. 3/15	4	FBLA Leadership Conference
Counselor Dept.	Feb. 13, 2026	Thomaston, GA	Leave 7:30 a.m. Return 12:00 p.m.	25	Upson Lee Career Fair
JROTC	March 7, 2026	Ft. Benning, GA	Leave 6:30 a.m. Return 5:00 p.m.	25	National Infantry Museum

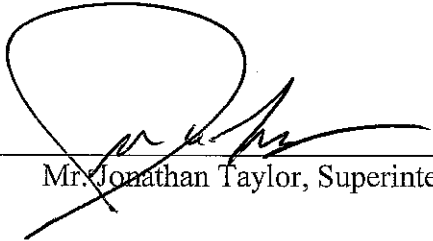
- Mrs. Sharleta Hall made a motion to approve FBLA's field trip, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the Guidance Department's field trip, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve JROTC's field trip, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0

- **GSBA Legislative positions**

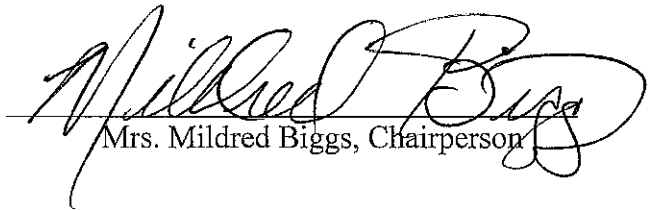
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent

The Board was presented with the list of GSBA's 2026 Legislative Positions. These legislative positions determine whether GSBA supports legislation, opposes it or remains neutral. Recommendations will be made to the Delegate Assembly in June.

- Chair Mildred Biggs moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.



Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson