

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
July 15, 2025– 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Board Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on July 15, 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 July 15, 2025 agenda, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the June 3, 2025, June 10, 2025, June 17, 2025 and June 24, 2025 minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0

- **Food Service Report for June 30, 2025**

Ms. Mahone

- Budget- \$659,000.00
- Expended- \$478,496.03
- Obligated- (-0-)
- Balance- \$180,503.97
- Percentage Spent - 73% Percentage Remaining - 27%

- **Financial Report for June 30, 2025**

Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

- Budget- \$7,538,982.00
- Expended- \$7,623,434.03
- Encumbrances - \$85,255.85
- Balance - \$
- Percentage Spent- 101.12% Percentage remaining- -1.12%

- **Amendment to Board Minutes October 22, 2024**

Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

Request was made to amend October 22, 2024 Board Minutes to grant permission to Human Resources to pay Dr. Catrett's travel allowance for October 2024 in the amount of \$1,000.

- **Amendment to Board Minutes March 18, 2025**

Mr. Torrence Freeman, CFO

Request was made to amend March 18, 2025 Board Minutes to grant permission to The Maintenance Department to purchase a Stihl Zero Turn Mower in the amount of \$15,299.99

- A motion was made by Ms. Nikki Waller to approve the Amendment to Board Minutes for October 22, 2024 and March 18, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0

- **Elementary/Middle/High School**

Ms. Daphne Daniels

- Ms. Daniels reviewed the internal accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$ 36,979.59
Total Deposits	\$
Total Checks	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 36,979.59

- **Action Items from Superintendent**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- **Facilities Request** – Ms. Daniels

Name of Group	Date	Facility Used For	Location for Use	Hours
Talbot County Parks & Recreation	July 21, 22 & 23, 2025	Basketball training and Flag Football	New Gym & Athletic Complex	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to approve the Facilities Request, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0

- **Esports Team** – Juan Flute

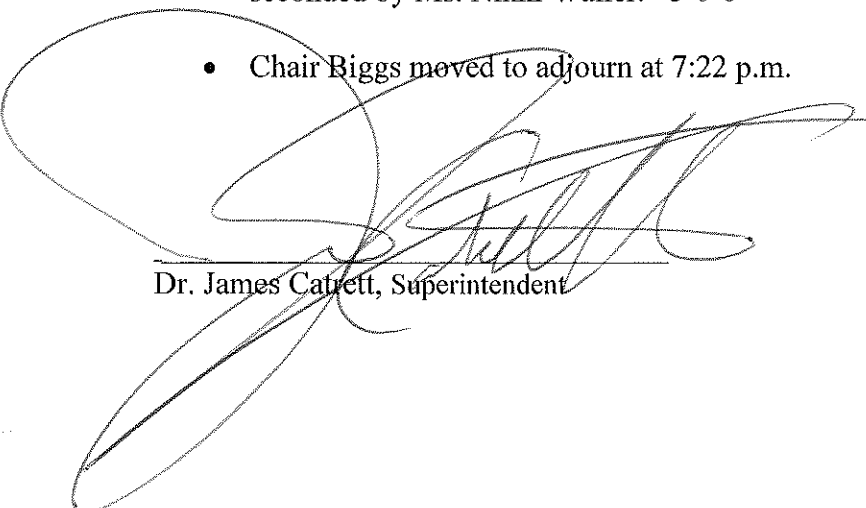
- Mr. Flute made a proposal to establish an Esports Team at Central High School. Esports is competitive video gaming. It is one of the fastest growing extracurricular activities in education. Research shows that Esports fosters teamwork, strategic thinking, problem solving and STEM engagement while providing opportunities for scholarships and career pathways.

- Board Chair Biggs directed Dr. Catrett to allow Mr. Flute to proceed with an Esport team after visiting a nearby school district that participates in Esports and reporting back to the Board.

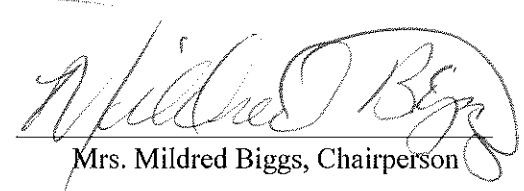
- **Board Training** – Dr. Catrett

- Dr. Catrett reviewed with the Board members the agenda for the board training Wednesday, July 16 and Thursday, July 17, 2025 at the lodge at Ellerslie Park.

- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45p.m., seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Julia Leonard made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to hire GSBA to update Talbot County Schools' Policy Manual, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Ms. Nikki Waller made a motion to hire Helms and McCorkle, LLC to perform a superintendent search, seconded by Ms. Sharleta Hall. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to hire Clotee Smith as a cafeteria substitute, seconded by Ms. Nikki Waller. 5-0-0
- Chair Biggs moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.



Dr. James Catlett, Superintendent



Mrs. Mildred Biggs, Chairperson