

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
November 2, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. James Steverson, Vice Chair (D2), Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4), Mrs. Mildred Biggs (D5). Vacant, (D1).

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharleta Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Sharleta Hall led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Sharleta Hall.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Mildred Biggs to approve the agenda for November 2, 2021 agenda seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 4-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Celebration of 97.6 Graduation Rate – Dr. Catrett / Mrs. Epps
- It is celebration time in Talbot County! The 2020-2021 Graduation Rate came in a few weeks ago. Talbot County's graduation rate is 97.6. The state graduation rate is 83.7. Talbot County surpassed all neighboring counties with our 97.6 graduation rate. This is the core of what we do, supporting the schools and students. Celebrate! Dr. Catrett expressed how proud of the students and parents he was in achieving this goal. The graduation rate of 97.6 covers the past four years.
- Board Candidates District 1:

Quintella Carter
Sally Howard

Sheree Foster
Julia Ann Leonard

Dr. Catrett explained the procedure in appointing a new board member. Each candidate has five minutes to speak. The candidates are called in alphabetical order. Ms. Sally Howard decided not to address the board.

- Board member election:

Dr. Catrett explained the election process to the board members in appointing a new board member. It was explained that Robert's Rule of Order will be followed. A special election will be held in March 2022 to fill the unexpired term which will be 3 years. Dr. Catrett asked for a nomination of the Board.

- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to nominate Mrs. Julia Ann Leonard as a board member from district one, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 4-0-0
- Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Leonard as the new D-1 Board Member. Mrs. Leonard expressed her overwhelming feelings and thank you for their vote.
- Curriculum Update
Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent
- Trio Day November 20, 2021, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Greenville Middle/High School. Trio Day is sponsored by Morehouse College for Meriwether County and Talbot County Schools.
- Graduation Rate – Talbot County had 42 seniors and we graduated 41. We lost one student to drop out. Drop out is a significant factor in the graduation rate. If a student withdraws from our school and enrolls in another school we are allowed to count them. If they leave and do not enroll in another school it lowers our graduation rate.

The celebration continues for our graduation rate of 97.6%.

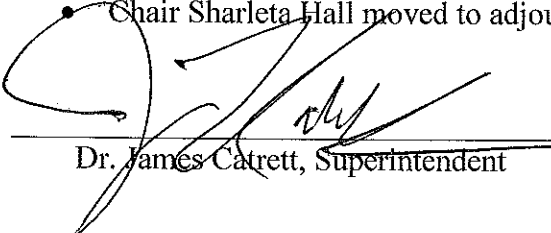
It is our goal to keep children in school. There are various ways to keep students interested in school. Odyssey ware, in-school suspension to name a few.

- Central High School
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal
- Homecoming week was very successful. Homecoming Queen – Tadoria Baldwin; Homecoming King – Jacari Bledsoe
- Senior Night is Friday, November 5, 2021. We play Schley County. This is the last game of the year.
- Basketball season Starts Friday, December 3, 2021. It is a home game vs. Marion County.
- Covide19 Update
Mrs. Brenda Walker, Assistant Principal
- Covid numbers are on the decline in Talbot County. There are currently no active cases in the school district. Currently the threat level is medium. Talbot County's numbers are as follows: 585 confirmed cases; deaths – 27 since Covid started; 60 hospitalized.

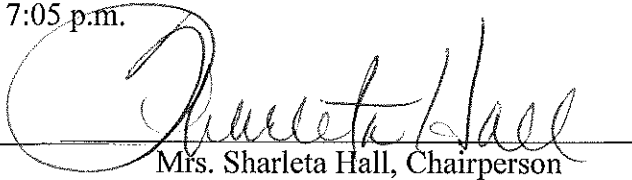
- Counselor Update
Dr. Jody Tarleton, Director
- We have three seniors that have been accepted to college on early acceptance. The colleges are Tuskegee University, Clarke University and Bethany College.
- There are six seniors interested in the military.
- The PSAT was administered Tuesday, October 26, 2021 to all 10th graders. The results will be in within a month. ASVAB has rescheduled for December 1st.
- We will have a STAR student and Teacher this year. The STAR student will be identified after the November 6th SAT exam scores are in. This is the last qualifying date to be the STAR.
- Red Ribbon Essay Contest winners are:

Madison Daniel
Tiana Wright
Isaac Passmore

- Special Education – Professional Development
Dr. Fenton Dixon, Director
- Special Education student numbers: Elementary 16; Middle School 12; High School 15. One student is receiving physical therapy and eleven students are receiving occupational therapy via a Teletherapist; Currently there 25 students receiving speech.
- Family Life Center has placed 4 new students with us. They are 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson