

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
September 21, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Anton Turner (D1); Mr. James Steverson, Vice Chair (D2); Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4), and Mrs. Mildred Biggs (D5).

- 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 Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve the September 21, 2021 agenda seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve August 3, 2021, August 17, 2021, August 24, 2021 and August 27, 2021 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0

1. School Food Service

Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service

Food Service Report for August 31, 2021

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$66,418.68
- Obligated- (\$ 28,524.07)
- Balance- \$528,581.32
- Percentage Spent - 11% Percentage Remaining - 89%

2. School System Finance

Mr. Torrence Freeman, Interim

Financial Report for August 31, 2021

- Budget- \$6,873,139.00
- Encumbered- \$
- Expended- \$539,902.82
- Revenue for August – 490,417.04
- Balance - \$
- Percentage Spent- % Percentage remaining- %

- Curriculum Update
Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

New standards have been established for curriculum, refocusing on reading across curriculum. Georgia's graduating class 2020/2021 was the 4th in the country to meet the standards on the SAT. For the 4th year in a row Georgia school students out-performed their counterparts in the nation's public schools recording a mean score 39% higher than other public school students.

Talbot County Schools has received the FY22 feminine hygiene grant. The grant was based on the number of students that receive free and reduced lunch.

State Superintendent, Richard Woods has fought the battle of covid19. Even though he was vaccinated he had a break through case that required hospitalization. He is strongly recommending people to be vaccinated.

- Elementary/Middle/High School
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Internal Accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$22,508.04
Total Deposits	\$13,388.20
Total Checks	\$ 9,513.43
Ending Balance	\$26,382.81

Total enrollment is at 421; in-school – 395; Odysseyware – 26.

Odysseyware hours of operation is 7:30 – 3:30 Hours are adjusted to meet IEP accommodations for 12 elementary students; 7 middle grade students; and 7 high school students.

The following teachers are Odysseyware Teachers:

Ms. Adams – oversees the program and makes necessary accommodations
Ms. Daniels – grades 3-5 ELA/Math
Mr. Chet – Middle School – Math
Ms. Cook – High School – Math
Ms. Davis – Middle/High School - ELA

- Counselor Update
Dr. Jody Tarleton, Director

Dylan Leverett has completed basic training and is now in San Antonio, TX receiving medical training. He is the student that graduated at the board meeting in early May.

College Freshman at Georgia Southern, Demoni Reeves made the Dean's list this past term.

September is Suicide Prevention Month – Suicide Prevention Flyers are posted throughout the school.

We have thirty-two seniors this year. All have been encouraged to take the SAT and ACT college entrance exams. One of our seniors has scored 100 on his SAT Exam. Five students are interested in Voorhees; one wants to join the Air-force and one would like to go into law enforcement.

Our Community Prevention and Alliance Workgroup (CPAW) met September 14, 2021. The group is sponsored by Morehouse School of Medicine with Debra Ayers hosting. The group discussed several items in regards to alcohol and marijuana abuse.

- **Instructional/Special Education**
Dr. Fenton Dixon, Director

There are a total of 43 students in Special Education: 14 in elementary; 12 in middle school and 17 in high school.

Team Central – Focus Walks – Mr. Taylor, Ms. Walker and I do these reviews of the classrooms to make sure they are ready at the start of the school year; the four instructional strategies – do they know the learning target before the students leave the classroom.

Notice of Concern forms are used to notify parents of problems with a student. In addition, a Student/Parent Contact Log is maintained to record contact with parents of students.

Partners-In-Education – CEHS Alumni Association, United Way – Stuff the Bus; Fort Benning and Wild wings café are Talbot Co. Schools current Partners In Education.

- **Superintendent Items**

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

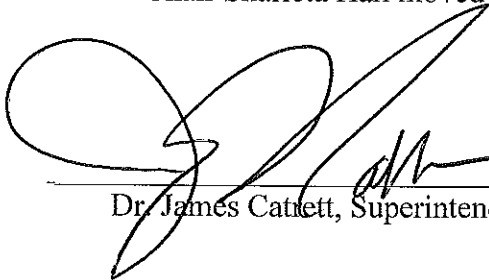
- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Epps – Nurse Chaney gets a lot of chatter from the students about who at home is being tested for Covid. She then follows up on these statements – contacting the parents checking for validity of what is being said. We are trying to do tracing and reporting of students who are positive. Should we have more cases this week we will move to shut down for a deep-cleaning. Our protocols are working to keep the cases down. With a kindergarten student testing positive we followed our protocols that are in place – due to that, not another kindergarten student became ill.

- During the last two weeks Talbot County had an increase of 35 cases of Covid.

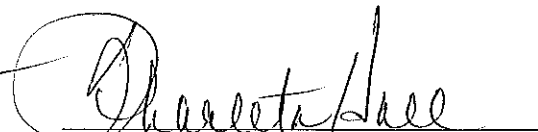
- **Project Request**

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Athletic Department	October 2021	T-Mobile Sponsorship	T-Mobile will provide \$2,500 for a marketing partnership at the school that includes elements such as signs and PA announcements at athletic events	To raise money for uniforms and equipment

- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to approve the Project Request, seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0
- Georgia Lottery FY 2020 – In FY2020, there were 110 students from Talbot County participating in the HOPE Grant/Scholarship programs. They received close to \$368,000.00 in Hope Scholarships. Twenty-two pre-K students generate the school district approximately \$90,000. \$457,000 have been received by our students through scholarships from the state’s lottery money or by attending pre-k for 2020.
- Jasmine K. Sparks – Leadership Program - Ms. Sparks is one of Talbot County’s elementary teachers. She is from Talbot County and is a great educator. She has been encouraged to get her Master’s Degree. Prior to Covid she was place in charge of our behavioral management program in how to deal with students and teaching teachers in how to work with kids in elementary behavioral management. She has discussed with me about becoming an administrator. Her name has been submitted to the RESA leadership program. Mr. Ricky McCorkle, RESA director came last week and bestowed upon her the interest in the accreditation of the program.
- Georgia Accrediting Commission, Inc. – Dr. Catrett presented certificates to the administrators from the Georgia Accrediting Commission, Inc. certifying that the educational programs of Talbot County Schools had met all necessary standards to Accredited with Quality for the Scholastic year 2021-2022. The Programs receiving certificates are as follows: PreK-12; Pre-K – Kindergarten; K-5; 6-8; and 9-12.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson