

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
July 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Anton Turner (D1) arrived at 6:04 p.m.; 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. James Steverson to approve the July 20, 2021 agenda seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 4-0-0
- A motion was made by Mrs. Mildred Biggs to approve June 1, 2021 and June 22, 2021 board minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0

1. School Food Service

Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service

Food Service Report for June 30, 2021

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$439,523.48
- Obligated- (\$11,200.17)
- Balance- \$151,300.21
- Percentage Spent - 74% Percentage Remaining - 26%

2. School System Finance

Dr. Catrett, Superintendent presented the report in Mrs. Henderson's absence

Financial Report for June 30, 2021

- Budget- \$6,873,139.00
- Encumbered- \$4,481.79
- Expended- \$472,152.82
- Balance - \$748,478.77
- Percentage Spent- 86% Percentage remaining- 14%

○ *Reports given*

- Expenditure Summary
- Check Register 432125-432173

- Curriculum Update

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

It's Back to School Time! Let's Get Ready to Accelerate! Mrs. Epps relayed an encounter with a six year old child that reflected how much that child paid attention and learned from her teacher in-person.

Federal Programs Consolidated Application for the new school is in progress. The current school year's funding will end September 30, 2021. Expending the rest of this year's funding is a prioritized focus.

Georgia is seeking some undetailed federal waivers for school systems to help meet the challenges of returning back to school, i.e. curriculum and federal spending requirements.

Georgia is not anticipating any testing flexibilities or waivers this coming year. All students will be expected to participate in Georgia Milestones and the GAA. The EOC course weight of 0.01% has ended and returned to 20%.

- High School

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

Mr. Taylor reviewed the pre-planning calendar for teachers returning Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Pre-planning will continue through Friday, July 30, 2021. Open house will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2021. In addition, Mr. Taylor presented the school district's Critical Dates calendar. Personal leave will not be granted for days prior to or following a holiday nor the first/last week of school. Teachers will go through Code of Ethics Training.

- Special Education/Instruction

Dr. Fenton Dixon, Special Education Director

Expressed his thanks to the Board members' participation in graduation. Current enrollment for special education is 18 elementary, 16 middle school students and 15 high school students. There are three seniors in special education this year. Dr. Dixon reviewed IEP's with the board members.

- Superintendent Items

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- Presentation to School Nutrition Team – Dr. Catrett presented to Ms. Andrea Mahone and her lunchroom staff certificates and a plaque for *Georgia League of Hunger Heroes. No Kid Hungry Georgia.*
- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Epps – CDC is not recommending removing any mitigation strategies in schools where most children are under age 12 and not eligible to be vaccinated. The Delta variant and other variants of concern should be one factor in schools' decisions on prevention strategies. Talbot County is still at medium threat level.

- Chromebook Update – Mr. Freeman – Every child will have access to a chromebook one on one. The school year will start off with the chromebooks being in classroom sets. The high school will receive the chromebooks first. As the new ones come in they will be distributed throughout the school. Over 30 families requested and received chromebooks last year. Out of those only 8 were returned unusable. Seniors still have use of the chromebooks to help prepare for college. The wifi system was upgraded to handle more devices and give us more access.
- Transportation – drivers are being trained here at the school on computers going through different models for their yearly certification.
- Football Coach Introduction – Mr. Taylor introduced the new football coach, Christopher Cowart. Coach Cowart presented his plan for the football team.
- Non-violent Crisis Intervention – Mr. Taylor – this training is to build knowledge and skills needed to recognize and manage a range of crisis behaviors and teaching staff de-escalation techniques as well as restrictive and nonrestrictive interventions.
- Facilities Request

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Location For Use
Talbot County Sheriff Department	July 28, 2021 9:00 a.m.	Back to School	Hand out school supplies and backpacks	Parking Lot

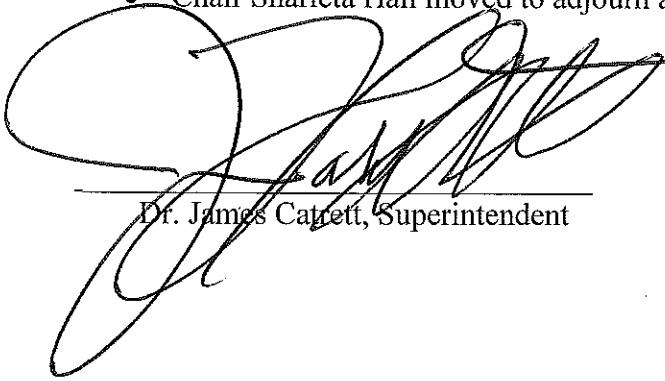
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to approve the Facility Request, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Project Request

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Athletic Department	TBA	3 on 3 basketball tournament	Teams will pay an entry fee to participate in the tournament. Winner will receive a trophy.	To raise money for uniforms and equipment
Athletic Department	TBA	Car wash/fish Fry	Students and coaches will wash cars for the community for a donation. Coaches will be responsible for frying fish.	To raise money for uniforms and equipment
Athletic Department	TBA	Spirit Shirts	Dept. will sell spirit shirts to be worn on spirit day	To raise money for uniforms and equipment
Athletic Department	TBA	Church basketball tournament including concessions	Different churches will compete against each other in a tournament. \$50 entry fee per team. Concessions will be sold.	To raise money for uniforms and equipment
Athletic Department	TBA	Church softball tournament including concessions	Different churches will compete against each other in a tournament. \$50 entry fee per team. Concessions will be sold.	To raise money for uniforms and equipment
Athletic Department	TBA	Double Good Pop Up popcorn sale	The students will sell products from the Double Good Popcorn Company	To raise money for uniforms and equipment

JROTC	8/15-31/2021	World's Finest Chocolate Sale	Chocolate bars sale through direct sale. Each cadet will be responsible for one box of chocolate	Operational items, military ball, JROTC opening picnic awards and JROTC events
JROTC	10/18-31/2021	Cookie Dough Sale	Cookie dough sales through brochure sales.	Operational items, military ball, JROTC opening picnic awards and JROTC events

- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the Project Request, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone with the exception of the two church game fundraisers. They are tabled at this time. 5-0-0
- Paid Parental Leave – Board Policy – Employees are given 120 hours to use for child birth/adoption/foster care
- . This a state mandate however local funds are used to pay for this. The Board decided to review the policy and vote on it at a later date.
- Dexter Mosely Act SB 42 – Home study students in grades 6-12 can participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in their resident public school system with the following qualifications: 1. Parent notification within 30 calendar days before first day of school; 2. Student Progress Verification; 3. Qualifying Course Enrollment – student must enroll and successfully complete one qualifying course for each semester of the regular school year; 4. Student must meet established age, behavioral conduct and other rules applicable to all students; 5. Policy Adherence student must abide by same student code of conduct; and 6. E/I Activity and Selection Requirements – student must meet the tryout process for participation.
- Board Retreat Tentative Agenda – A tentative agenda was presented to the board to review. In addition, to further accommodate everyone’s schedule the date of the retreat was changed to August 11th – 13th, 2021.
- Dr. Catrett asked for an Executive Session for personnel.
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to come out of Executive Session and move into Regular Session at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent and Dr. Fenton Dixon, Special Education Director to hire Tiffany G. Warner as a para-professional, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent and Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal to hire Carolyn Nicholson as a Substitute Lunchroom worker, seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0
- Ms. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson asked for a new resignation letter to be written by 1st Sgt Walker.

- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.



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Dr. James Carrett, Superintendent



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Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson