

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
Voting Work Session
January 4, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Cafeteria

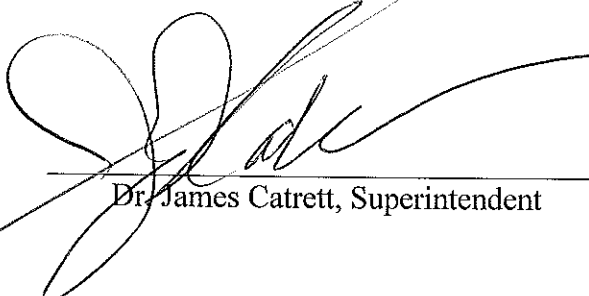
The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. James Steverson, Vice Chair (D2), Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4), Mrs. Mildred Biggs (D5), Mrs. Julia Leonard, (via telephone) (D1).

- 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.

Election of new Board Officers – Ms. Sharletta Hall asked for nominations for the position of school board chair. Mr. James Steverson nominated Ms. Sharletta Hall as chair person, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0

- Ms. Hall asked for a nomination for the vice-chair position. Mr. Carlton Mahone nominated Mr. James Steverson for the position of vice chair, seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve the agenda for January 4, 2022 agenda seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Covid19 – Mrs. Walker – A four week comparison report was presented. From December 21, 2021 through January 4, 2022 Covid19 cases increased by 93, antigen case by 17, deaths by 1 and hospitalizations by 3. Covid19 was on the rise during the holidays.
- Covid19 Threat Update – Mrs. Epps – Due to Covid19 numbers increasing during the holidays, we are at a high threat rate. New Quarantine Guidance rules have been issued by the Department of Public Health. New procedures for isolation and quarantine were issued based on individuals being vaccinated.
- Curriculum Update – Mrs. Epps – Ed Flex Waiver has been applied for; CTAE Pathways – electric Vehicle Career Pathway – enough student interest and instructors are needed for this pathway. All federal budgets have been approved; ARP Homeless Grant 1 - \$20,000 approved budget to purchase electronic devices for homeless children in addition to short term/temporary housing along with transportation to school, an avenue to find/attract and educate homeless families; and ARP Homeless Grant 2 – once budget is completed it will be presented to the board. This grant will be approximately \$6,000.

- School Report/Athletic Report – Mr. Taylor – Due to the rise in Covid19 all students will convert to “At Home” learning for the remainder of this week with students returning January 10, 2022 to in-person. Students with access to internet have been giving chrome books. Those students will use Microsoft Teams to receive live instructions from the teachers during their designated class times. Students without internet will be given work packages. All basketball games scheduled for this week have been cancelled. All Region games will be rescheduled for another date.
- Tentative Dates for 2022 School Board Meetings were presented.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Mildred Biggs to accept the Board Meeting Dates for 2022 the agenda for January 4, 2022 agenda seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A Resolution accepting the redrawing of election lines was presented.
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to accept the Resolution redrawing the district lines, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson