

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
September 20, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Cafeteria

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Julia Leonard (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 Mrs. Mildred Biggs to approve the September 20, 2022 agenda seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve August 2, 2022, August 16, 2022, August 23, 2022, August 25, 2022 and August 30, 2022 board minutes, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- Public Agenda – Two parents, Joy Leonard and Dawn Wilson presented concerns to the school board.

1. School Food Service

*Mr. Torrence Freeman presented in Ms. Mahone's absence*

**Food Service Report for August 31, 2022**

- Budget- \$606,000.00
- Expended- \$84,937.57
- Obligated- (\$14,941.00)
- Balance- \$506,121.43
- Percentage Spent - 16%                      Percentage Remaining - 84%

2. School System Finance

*Mr. Torrence Freeman, Interim*

**Financial Report for FY23 to August 31, 2022**

- Budget- \$7,002,707.00
- Expended- \$1,130,362.42
- Balance - \$5,872,344.58
- Percentage Spent- 16.14 %                      Percentage remaining- 83.86%

- Curriculum Update  
*Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent*

Consolidated Application Program – has been submitted, however there is a minor revision that needs to be made. Once the CLIP is approved the budget will be completed. Moorehouse Upward Bound, Mr. Gillstrap has met with Dr. Carter, Guidance Counselor to help build community support.

School Safety – we need to be proactive with safety. Cell phone policies are being changed in surrounding schools. If cell phones are removed during the day, what effect will that have on students?

We are currently serving three homeless families through our grant.

- Elementary/Middle/High School  
*Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal*
- Mr. Taylor reviewed the internal accounts:

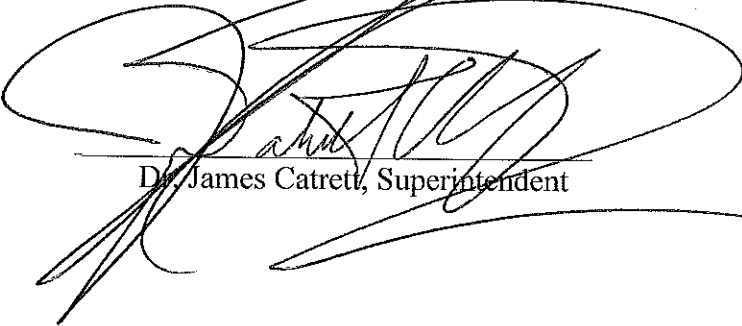
Beginning Balance	\$39,704.75
Total Deposits	\$ 7,045.80
Total Checks	\$ 8,526.23
Ending Balance	\$38,224.32

- Home Game Guidelines – A Clear Bag Policy will be enforced at all Football Games. The Sheriff Department will check all bags as well as use metal detectors on all people entering the game. Fans will not be allowed to cross over to the opponent's side. There will be no in and out at the games.
- After School Program – 120 students have signed up for after school; 80-90 attend on a regular basis. This is a great opportunity for our students who need extra help with their assignments.
- Superintendent Items  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- American Rescue plan (ESSER III) – Mr. Freeman – provided the board members with a review of the ESSER III grant. This money will expire in FY2025. Mr. Freeman reviewed the policies that have to be followed in spending these funds.
- Policy Manual Revision – Sections I, K & L – Dr. Catrett reviewed the revisions for section I, K and L. The board asked for a day workshop to review the remaining Policy Manual Revisions in their entirety.
- Esplost Update – Election day is November 8, 2022.

- Facility Requests:

Name of Group	Date of Event	Location	Event to be Held
Frances Willard Chapter #400	October 22, 2022 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Prayer Breakfast

- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the Facility Request, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Julia Leonard. 5-0-0
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson