

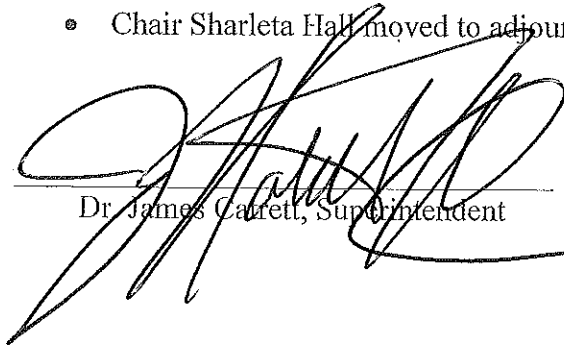
Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
March 2, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on March 2, 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).

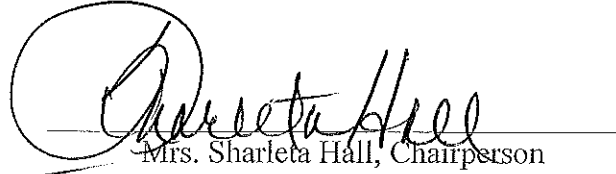
- The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharleta Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Sharleta Hall led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Sharleta Hall.
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the March 2, 2021 agenda seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- Covid-19 Update – Mr. Taylor – Back in school one week and no problems have arisen. We have deep cleaned the school as a precaution. Talbot County’s cases have increased by 12 with a total of 17 deaths. Surrounding counties have had considerable increases. Talbot County’s threat level is still high.
- Vaccinations – The Health Department has vaccinated between 300 – 400 people. The State Superintendent and Governor have made it a priority to vaccinate school district employees. March 12, 2021 is the date for the first vaccines for our employees. They will receive their second inoculation on Friday, April 9, 2021. A large percentage of our teachers have signed up for the vaccine. Starting next school year, the “covid” sick leave will not be given.
- U.S. Department of Education has insisted that our students are tested. If a student is doing virtual learning, they do not have to come into the school to take the Georgia Milestones test.
- Instruction/Special Education – Dr. Dixon – Reviewed the number of students being served by the special education teachers. The speech teacher serves 25 students; Occupational Therapist serves 11 students; elementary serves 23 students; middle school serves 13 and high serves 21 students.

- School Report – Mr. Taylor – Currently for all grade levels we have more in class students than at home students for a total of 465 students enrolled. Classes are going well. Because of the number of students we have teachers are doing virtual as well as in class learning at the same time. At home students are still struggling with completing their assignments. Students are given a grade of 55 until work is turned in. This seems to work for motivating students to complete their work.
- Read Across America – March 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Various activities are planned for elementary students.
- Prom – Strict guidelines are in place for all prom goers. A brief on-line application is required for attendees. Central Elementary-High's gym is the site for this year's prom. All Covid-19 guidelines will be strictly followed. Pre-packaged goodie bags with delectable foods prepared safely in advance will be provided. Security will be provided.
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve the prom as presented with adjustments (security) being provided, seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0
- Athletics – Central Lady Hawks were runner-ups in region 5A Basketball. The Lady Hawks hosted the first round of the State playoffs in which we lost to Towns County. The Lady Hawks had a good season while dealing with the pandemic and all of the restrictions. Congratulations to the Lady Hawks, Coach Epps and Coach Samuels.
- At the Regional Basketball meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> the All-Region Team for girls appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Renijua Johnson, Alaya Sparks and Tyshemia Bunkley. Honorable Mention went to Shakeirra Carter. For the boys – first team went to Jacari Bledsoe; 2<sup>nd</sup> team to Jhykevion Dozier and honorable mention to Okevious Mitchell. Great job team members.
- Baseball and Track Season is cancelled due to other teams in our region cancelling their seasons because of the pandemic.
- A meeting will be held with the middle school girls to see who is interested in playing softball for next school year.
- School Calendar was presented for 2021-2022 school year. We are returning to the normal school calendar. First day of school will be Monday, August 2, 2021 with the last day of school being Thursday, May 26, 2022.
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 4-1-0
- Mrs. Cynthia Epps article – Dr. Gary Wenzel with the Georgia Department of Education wrote a story about Mrs. Epps and her feelings of the pandemic and the effects it is having on our children. Mrs. Epps story will be in the Talbotton New Era.

- After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Mildred Biggs to revisit the 2021-2022 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.



Dr. James Carrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson