

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

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on April 20, 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 April 20, 2021 agenda seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021 board minutes, seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0

1. School Food Service

Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service Director

Food Service Report for March 31, 2021

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$318,148.33
- Obligated- (\$15,086.43)
- Balance- \$276,851.67
- Percentage Spent- 53% Percentage Remaining- 47%

2. School System Finance

Mrs. Chemia Henderson, Finance

Financial Report for March 31, 2021

- Budget- \$6,873,139.00
- Encumbered- \$ 539.78
- Expended- \$482,644.32
- Percentage Spent- 69% Percentage remaining- 31%
- *Reports given*
 - Expenditure Summary
 - Check Register 431976-432026

- Curriculum Update

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

Assessment Calendar for Georgia Milestones is enclosed. Testing starts on Monday, May 10, 2021. The state has given us flexibility with testing. Testing should end by May 31, 2021. The course grade weight for end of course assessment is 0.01% of students' grades. A flexibility contract was issued to use other information when determining scores for promotion/retention. Finally, it was directed that virtual students can decline to attend school in-person solely to participate in testing.

We aren't going to reflect on the negative we are going to "accelerate" and move forward with our students. We are moving on.

- Elementary/ Middle/High School

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

Mrs. Brenda Walker, Director

Internal Account – February 16th – April 20th beginning balance is \$16,920.46 total deposits - \$10,423.00; total checks - \$7,325.26; ending balance is \$20,018.20.

Enrollment: Elementary 211; 153 in class, 58 at home; Middle 117 total enrollment; 68 in class; 49 at home; High School 143 total enrollment 92 in class; 51 at home. 471 total enrollment; 158 at home learners with 313 in class learners.

Summer camp will be July 12, 2021 through July 23, 2021. It will be open to everyone. If a student has failed two or more classes it is recommended they attend.

Prom went very well. Pictures are posted online. Mr. Steverson represented the School Board.

Athletic Banquet will be Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Board members are invited to attend and speak.

Interviews for new teachers and Head Football Coach are ongoing.

- Guidance Counselor

Dr. Tarleton, Counselor

The Counseling Department is meeting with students and their families in person, by telephone and via zoom to offer advisement and counseling. Three students participated in the re-enactment staging to prevent drunk driving prior to prom. These students received a Good Citizenship Award.

Nine Voorhees scholarships have been awarded to our students. We have three students entering the military; one employment; three to technical school and 32 to college. One student made a 1070 on their SAT. The ASVAB will be given a second time in May. Four students have applied for Work Force Development. Sixteen different agencies are offering scholarships to our Seniors.

Mrs. Battle has started groups for third grade girls to work on building better relationships and positive behavior.

- Special Presentation

Dr. Fenton Dixon, Instruction/Special Education

Dr. Dixon - Introduced the new Speech Therapist – Ms. Quasheba Jones.

Dr. Catrett, extended a welcome to our guests. Talbot County Schools has had the opportunity to work with students that needed us. The five young men being honored have a home with Talbot County Schools. The students are with The Life Center.

Dr. Dixon introduced Mr. Tom Moore, Chairman of Stewardship Committee; Mr. Rick Allen, Leadership Committee; Senator Ed Harbison and Dr. McCamey, Director of the Life Center. Leg-Up, Catch-Up Presentation for the Life Center Students.

Mr. Tom Moore – Mrs. Davo called the Lithia Church asking for assistance for these students. “How are we living so that others can be influenced by us” was his message to the students.

Mr. Rick Allen – Thank you for allowing Lithia Church to help make something positive in these student’s lives.

Senator Harbison – Honored to be here to honor the relationship between the school and The Life Center. Senator’s message to the students is that love conquers hate. Love in spite of hate.

Several Staff and Board Members made donations towards gifts for the children. Mr. Mahone; Mr. Harrison; Ms. Marshall; Ms. Hatcher; Ms. Adams and Mrs. Davo. Mrs. Theresa Davo contacted her church, Lithia Church in Columbus, GA. for assistance for these students.

- Dr. Catrett asked for a 10 minute recess at 7:17 p.m. in order to take pictures.

- The Board meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

- Superintendent Items

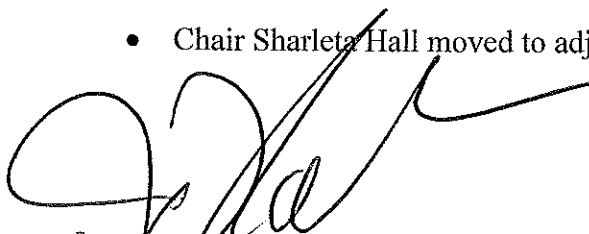
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- Covid Threat – Mrs. Epps and Mrs. Walker - The Department of Health and our county nurse state the numbers are declining. Surrounding counties have increased somewhat. Talbot County has not reported any additional cases of Covid.
- Covid-19 update – Mrs. Epps – Our status is changing from high to medium high. Talbot County has not reported cases in two weeks.

- Project Request

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
Media Department	6/14 – 18/2021	Scholastic Book Fair	To provide an avenue for students to buy exciting brand new titles at a convenient location to grow their at home book collection	The funds raised will assist with purchasing library books, supplies and reading incentive awards for students
Central Middle School	4/01/2021	Cookie Man Fundraiser	Students will sell products from Cookie Man to raise funds for middle school	Money will be used to financially support middle school activities, ie graduation, honor's day, good behavior, etc.
Central Middle School	May 2021	Popcorn Sale	Students will sell popcorn to raise funds for middle school	Money will be used to financially support middle school activities, ie graduation, honor's day, good behavior, etc.

- Mr. Anton Turner made a motion to approve the Scholastic Book Fair Project Request, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to approve the Central Middle School Project Requests, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Administrative Contracts are next.
- Dr. Catrett, Superintendent, asked to move into Executive Session for personnel.
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to accept the Administrator's contracts as presented by Dr. Catrett, Superintendent for 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Ms. Sharletta Hall, Chair Person directed Dr. Catrett, Superintendent to make a contract with Mr. Fredrick Cotton to seek assistance in an inpatient facility, and gave him the authority to randomly drug test Mr. Cotton.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson