

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
January 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/Middle/High School  
Virtual Voting Work Session

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Anton Turner (D1), Mr. James Steverson (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.
- Swearing in of newly elected Board Members, Mr. Anton Turner (D1), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4) and Mrs. Mildred Biggs (D5). Probate Judge Terry performed the swearing-in of the newly elected Board Members.
- Election of new Board Officers – Dr. Catrett acting as school board secretary assumed the duties of the board in the place of Ms. Sharletta Hall for the following appointments. Dr. Catrett stated that the two new board members, Mildred Biggs and Anton Turner are duly sworn in and serving on the school board, representing their districts.

The office of Chair and Vice Chair serve for one year and are elected in January. After electing the chair and vice chair, should the Chair be unable to serve then at that time the vice chair will assume the duties of the chair with full rights and responsibilities. Dr. Catrett asked if there were any questions about the offices and/or procedure. No questions were posed.

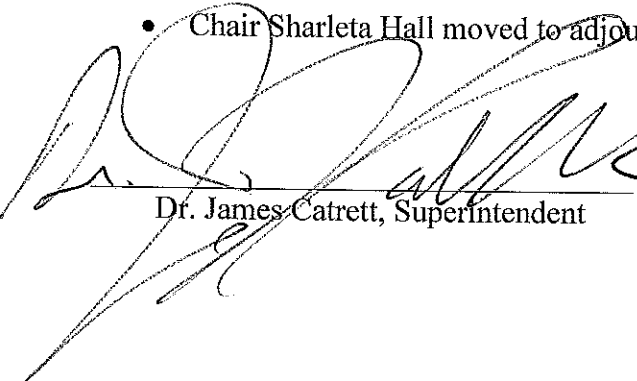
Dr. Catrett asked for nominations for the position of school board chair. Mr. James Steverson nominated Ms. Sharletta Hall as chair person, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0

Dr. Catrett asked for a nomination for the vice-chair position. Mr. Carlton Mahone nominated Mr. James Steverson for the position of vice chair, seconded by Ms. Sharletta Hall. 3-2-0 Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Turner abstained.

Dr. Catrett relinquished his role and turned the meeting back to Ms. Sharletta Hall, Chair.

- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the January 5, 2021 agenda seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone 5-0-0

- Action Items from Superintendent  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*
- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Epps – Talbot County has 255 confirmed cases. Nine new cases have been reported this week. Numbers being reported are two to three weeks behind. All surrounding counties are steadily increasing.
- Threat Level Determination – Mrs. Epps – The level for Talbot County is high based on our population. We are very concerned about the data we don't know.
- Curriculum/Federal Audit Update – Mrs. Epps - Georgia Milestones testing is .01%. SBO voted unanimously to accept Richard Woods' recommendation. We applied for the Rural Tech Federal Grant. We did not get this grant. The grant was awarded to five districts, nation-wide.
- School Report – Mr. Taylor -Teachers reported back to work Monday, January 4, 2021. Every student has access to Micro-soft Team. This program allows the teachers to do whatever they did in the classroom. The teachers go live every period. Administrators are doing focus walks observing the teachers. Students have instructional guides.
- School Athletic Report – Mr. Taylor – Only 150 tickets can be sold to the public for basketball games per GHSA. If you have a GHSA pass you can set on the team side. Schools cancelling for COVID19 are allowed to re-schedule. Due to this, the schedule is currently changing.
- Tentative Dates for 2021 School Board Meetings was presented for approval. Work sessions are the first Tuesday of the month and begin at 5:45; Board meetings are the third Tuesday of the month and begin at 6:00 p.m. The only exception is the December board meeting, it will be December 14, 2021 due to the Christmas holiday. Two board meetings per year can be rescheduled without approval of the state. Work sessions are not required, they can be moved if necessary without approval by the state. Ms. Sharletta Hall, Chair, upon Dr. Catrett's recommendation, can move these meetings. Change of a meeting is posted 36 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Mr. Anton Turner made a motion to accept the dates as presented, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson