

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
July 7, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/ Middle/ High School
Conference Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in work session on July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Quintella Carter (D1), Mr. James Steverson (D2), Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4) and Mr. Harrison Couch (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 July 7, 2020 agenda seconded by Mr. Harrison Couch. 5-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Epps/Mrs. Walker – Talbot County has 88 confirmed cases up 6 from yesterday. Talbot County Health Nurse is reporting a strong turnout for residents to be tested. There are large crowd gatherings in the area. Two students have tested positive twice for the Covid-19.
- Threat Level Determination – Mrs. Epps – The level for Talbot County is at moderate. This was determined after speaking with county and city governments. School will open at moderate level. Should we reach high level we will need to make amendments to our current plans for opening school.
- Parent/Teacher Survey – Mrs. Epps – Staff survey: Half feel safe to return to school; When should school start – Majority say September; Distant learning – majority say yes; Testing of staff prior to returning – large majority say yes; will you return to work – majority say yes.

Parent Survey: 35% say they will send their children to school; 57% say no.
Wifi/internet access – 79% said yes, 18% said no.

- School Start Date Determination – Dr. Catrett, Superintendent is asking for a vote to accept the September 9, 2020 start of school date.
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to accept Dr. Catrett's recommendation to start school September 9, 2020; seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0
- Curriculum Choices (**Hawk Choice**):

Transportation – Mr. Taylor - Students will wear face mask and temperatures will be taken by bus monitors. Drivers and monitors will be instructed on how to take

temperatures, what to do if a child is sick and how to sanitize the buses. Only one bus at a time can release students. In the evening students will be released by grade level to board the buses. Students will follow set guidelines on the buses. Refusal to comply can result in suspension from the bus.

Lunchroom Procedures – Dr. Tarleton – Meals will be served in accordance with grade level. Elementary – meals will be served in the classroom. Middle grades and high school – there are 6 ft marks on the floor guiding students to the serving line. One student at a time in the serving line, once a student has their tray they will return to their classroom. There will be only two classes in the cafeteria at a time.

Teachers – Mr. Taylor – Each teacher will be provided with face mask, hand sanitizer. Classrooms will be disinfected daily. Staff will be instructed on protocols to maintain social distancing and safety measures. Refusal to follow guidelines could result in suspension.

Hallways/Bathroom Procedures – Dr. Tarleton – Bathrooms will be monitored by staff. Only two students will be allowed in the bathroom at a time. Face mask must be worn and students must maintain social distancing. Proper hand washing procedures will be posted. Hallways will be monitored by staff. Face mask must be worn and students must maintain social distancing. All traffic should move on the right side. Markers will be placed on floor 6 ft apart to promote social distancing. Custodial staff will maintain cleanliness in accordance with the CDC.

Curriculum – Mrs. Walker – Parents have 2 weeks before the start of school to choose their child’s method of receiving instruction. Student must maintain their curriculum mode for the duration of the nine week period.

1. In class learning – traditional
Students’ temperature will be checked, social distancing and face mask are mandatory, classrooms will be set up to instill social distancing, classrooms will be sanitized before and after each class.
2. Virtual learning – same curriculum will be used. Parents will pickup and return learning packets to the school office. Instructional support will be provided by the teachers.

Distant Learning – Dr. Dixon – Parents can select one of the above for their child. It is the parents’ choice. The student must stay with that choice for the nine weeks.

- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to accept Dr. Catrett’s recommendation to accept “Hawk Choice”; seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0

- Interim Budget 2021

Estimated Revenues

○ State Sources QBE	\$3,027,826.00	44.1%
○ Local Taxes	2,997,563.00	43.6%
○ Federal Programs	629,740.00	10.1%
○ State Pre-K	67,920.00	1.0%
○ Other Sources	87,090.00	1.3%
Total Revenues	\$6,873,139.00	

Estimated Expenditures

○ 1000 Instruction	\$3,889,146.00
○ 2100 Instructional Support	404,889.51
○ 2210 Instructional Services	165,393.00
○ 2220 Educational Media	100,988.00
○ 2300 Central Office	449,420.00
○ 2400 School Administration	467,233.00
○ 2500 Business Admin.	100,789.00
○ 2600 Maintenance & Oper.	752,053.00
○ 2700 Student Transportation	399,493.00
○ 2900 Other Support Services	60,250.00
○ 5000 Transfers	83,484.49
Total Expenditures	\$6,873,139.00

- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to accept the interim budget for 2021; seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Sports – Mr. Taylor - GHSA has elected to allow cheerleading, volleyball and football tryouts. Mask and social distancing must be followed.
- Construction Update – Thursday there will be a walk through with Georgia Power on the new lights. The fence is up with exception of the gates. The fields are beautiful.
- Dr. Catrett asked for an Executive Session for personnel.
- Mr. Harrison Couch made a motion to move in to Executive Session at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to move back in to regular session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0
- Mr. Harrison Couch made a motion to accept Dr. Catrett’s recommendation to hire Qua-Sheba Jones as a speech therapist and Tray Smith as a para-professional; seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0

- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Electronically Signed

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

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Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson