

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
October 20, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/ Middle/ High School  
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on October 20, 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 October 20, 2020 agenda seconded by Mr. Harrison Couch. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve September 1, 2020 and September 15, 2020 board minutes, seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0

1. School Food Service

*Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service Director*

**Food Service Report for September 30, 2020**

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$76,403.34
- Obligated- (\$19,088.33)
- Balance- \$518,596.66
- Percentage Spent- 13%                      Percentage Remaining- 87%

2. School System Finance

*Mrs. Chemia Henderson, Finance*

**Financial Report for September 30, 2020**

- Budget- \$6,873,139.00
- Encumbered- \$ 6,519.79
- Expended- \$582,501.90
- Balance- \$4,985,247.67
- Expenditures (General Fund)- \$582,501.90
- Percentage Spent- 27%                      Percentage remaining- 73%
- *Reports given*
  - Expenditure Summary
  - Check Register 431663-431739

- Curriculum Update  
*Mrs. Cynthia Epps*

The State Board of Education has proposed a 10% course weight for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Elementary/Middle School  
*Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principle*

Total Enrollment for Elementary is 208, of that 125 are in class with 83 at home; Middle School enrollment is 111, of that 51 are in class with 60 at home; High School enrollment is 146, of that 72 are in class with 74 at home. Total enrollment is 465.

- High School  
*Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principle*

Internal Account balance - \$9,144.84

Mid-term Progress Reports will be sent out Friday, October 30, 2020

Hawk Choice Deadline is Monday, November 9, 2020. Twenty-one students, as of today, have decided to return to in-person school.

- Guidance Counselor  
*Dr. Jody Tarleton, Counselor*

Counseling is going well with both in school and at home students. We are meeting with students in-person; via telephone and on Office 365.

Parent conferences via zoom will be October 27, 2020 at 6 p.m.

One student was transported by their parent to the hospital with suicidal ideations during the past 9 weeks. The Suicide Prevention Hotline number is posted in key areas throughout the school.

We have 39 seniors this year. Twenty-two have already applied for college. Of those four are interested in Voorhees College. One student has signed with the U.S. Navy. Another student is pursuing the U.S. Air Force.

This week is homecoming. Next week is Red Ribbon Week. There are many activities planned for the students both weeks.

- Special Education/P.I.E.  
*Dr. Fenton Dixon, Director*

Special Education – Elementary – in person there are 10 students and 7 at home; Middle grades there are 12 in person and 6 at home; High school there are 13 in person and 8 at home. Compensatory Services: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and speech services are being provided.

Mr. Jackson is conducting special education zoom meetings while sheltering in place. Mrs. Coleman is doing Office 365 while sheltering in place.

○ Action Items from Superintendent

*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*

- Covid19 – Mrs. Epps/Mrs. Walker -The number of cases in Talbot County is slowly increasing. Numbers are changing daily.
- Threat Update – Mrs. Epps – The threat level is currently at the medium to high level. Our numbers appear to be slowly on the incline.
- Celebration of Mrs. Thelma Blount – Mr. Sumbry - The celebration for Mrs. Blount will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Mrs. Blount's family will be in attendance as well as other invited guests.
- Library Board of Trustee appointment. Dr. Catrett recommended re-appointing Chemia Henderson to the Board of Trustees and appointing Regina Lockhart to fill the existing vacancy on the Board.
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to re-appoint Chemia Henderson to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Quintella Carter made a motion to appoint Regina Lockhart to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Homecoming – Mr. Taylor – We will celebrate with the parade on Friday, October 23, 2020. Line-up will be at the school starting at 4:00 p.m. The alumni association has elected not to sponsor tailgating due to the covid19.
- GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference will be virtual December 2 – 4, 2020. The Board members would like to participate together here at the school.
- Construction Update: Final walkthrough with R.K.R Construction and the Architect will be Wednesday, November 4, 2020.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

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Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

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Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson