

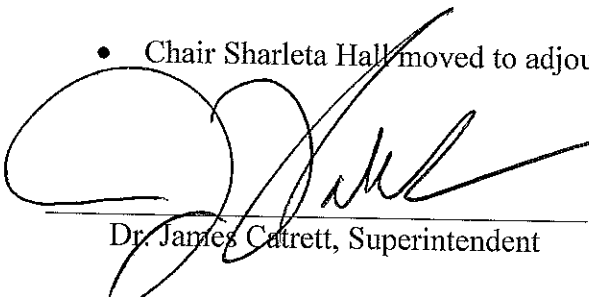
Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
October 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

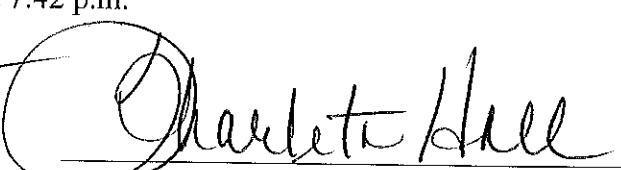
The Talbot County Board of Education met in work session on October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Quintella Carter (D1), Mr. James Steverson (D2), Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4) and Mr. Harrison Couch (arrived 20 minutes late) (D5).

- 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 October 6, 2020 agenda seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Walker – Talbot County has 166 confirmed cases. Six new cases have been reported this week. All surrounding counties are steadily increasing.
- Threat Level Determination – Mrs. Epps – The level for Talbot County is at medium to medium high level. People are not being as safe as they previously have.
- At Home Student Attendance – Mr. Taylor/Mr. Freeman:
 1. Students are to sign on at their designated time;
 2. Weekly participation grade of 100, ten points are deducted for tardiness and/or not participating in class;
 3. Cameras must be on for attendance, testing and participation;
 4. Students not completing assigned work receive a 55 until work is completed;
 5. Changing Hawk Choice will be available November 9, 2020. Parents are to complete a form in order for students to return on November 9, 2020;
 6. Teachers will contact students that have not signed on in several days;
 7. If students cannot be reached – their name will be given to Ms. Battle or Ms. Steverson to continue to try to contact them.
 8. Technology Support for Microsoft 365 – Mr. Freeman - Ms. Keniece Adams is assisting with technology problems. Some students are not self-motivated to do what is correct. Mr. Freeman and Ms. Adams have visited student's homes in order to assist them. Lock boxes are available at the school offices for students to drop off

their work. Chrome books have not been received. As soon as they arrive they will be given to students that need them. The teachers are doing a great job.

- At home-student food delivery – Ms. Mahone – We are taking extra steps to make sure our food is fresh and top notch. Each case of food is labeled with the date received. Audits are being done on each case of food to make sure it is fresh and held to our expectations. Most food is pre-packaged. Vendors were contacted when it was alleged that a sandwich was molded. In actuality, it was a turkey based product that had discoloration. A letter explaining this was provided to the school board from the Vendor.
- 0.01% EOC Weight Proposal – Mrs. Epps – State Board of Education rejected State School Superintendent’s recommendation that the EOC 20% course grade weight be lowered to 0.01% for the 2020-2021 school year. The State Board has proposed a 10% course weight for the 2020-21 school year.
- CTAE Award Letter – Mrs. Walker – The award letter included the state CTAE Grants and Perkins V Grants for our system. Some reductions to our grant funds have been made. The state has appropriated funds from the Federal CARES ACT to offset the loss of the state grant funding.
- Georgia Accrediting Commission – Dr. Catrett- the educational program of Talbot County Pre-K – Pre-Kindergarten; PreK-12; Central Elementary/High K-5; Central Elementary/High 6-8 and Central Elementary/High 9-12 have met all the necessary standards to be Accredited with Quality for the scholastic year 2020/2021.
- GEM Supplies – Mrs. Walker – RESA has provided Talbot County Schools with 10 cases of hand sanitizer; 4 hand sanitizer stations; 100 cloth masks.
- Homecoming – Mr. Taylor:
 1. Friday, October 23, 2020 vs Taylor County;
 2. Royalty Court & Parade – At-home students can participate
 3. Due to Covid-19 the Talbot County Alumni decided not to support tailgating this year.
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Start of School – Dr. Catrett – The Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Program notified Talbot County Schools that we are selected to receive a U.S. Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for school year 2020-2021.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.


Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent


Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson