

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
September 15, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/ Middle/ High School  
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on September 15, 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. Harrison Couch to approve the September 15, 2020 agenda seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve August 4, 2020; August 18, 2020; August 21, 2020 and August 25, 2020 board minutes, seconded by Mr. Harrison Couch. 5-0-0

1. School Food Service

*Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service Director*

**Food Service Report for August 31, 2020**

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$40,029.88
- Obligated- (\$714.47)
- Balance- \$554,970.12
- Percentage Spent- 07%                      Percentage Remaining- 93%

2. School System Finance

*Mrs. Chemia Henderson, Finance*

**Financial Report for August 31, 2020**

- Budget- \$6,809,151.44
- Encumbered- \$ 61,051.33
- Expended- \$573,073.36
- Balance- \$5,576,000.77
- Expenditures (General Fund)- \$573,073.36
- Percentage Spent- 18%                      Percentage remaining- 82%

- *Reports given*
  - Expenditure Summary
  - Check Register 431633-431662

- Guidance Counselor  
*Dr. Jody Tarleton, Counselor*

Scheduling has gone smoothly and school opening continues to be a success. Self care has been reviewed with the teachers during this difficult time. An 800 number has been posted for individuals to call if they are having stress or agitation as a result of the covid19.

There are 40 seniors this year. Twenty-seven of those have completed the Senior Surveys.

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

Special Education – Elementary – in person there are 10 students and 6 at home; Middle grades there are 12 in person and 5 at home; High school there are 11 in person and 4 at home. Speech services will begin this week.

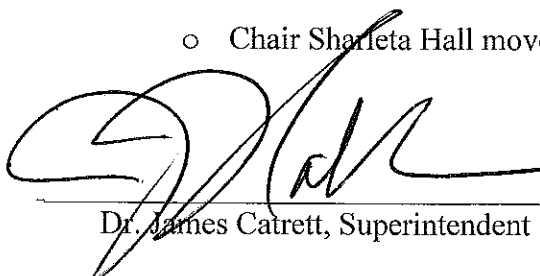
All special education students will have a chrome book.

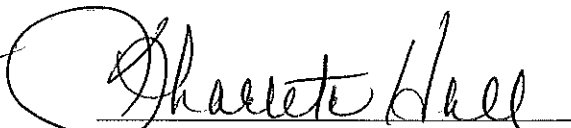
- Action Items from Superintendent  
*Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent*

- Covid19 – Mrs. Epps/Mrs. Walker -The number of cases in Talbot County is 157 with five deaths. Numbers are changing daily.
- Threat Update – Mrs. Epps – The threat level is currently at the medium to high level. Our numbers appear to be stagnated, however, less people are being tested.
- Water bottle donation – Flint energies is donating water bottles for our athletes and bottled water to our students. Water fountains have been turned off within the school.
- Face Mask – the health department will be donating adult and children masks to us in the near future.
- Correspondence from State Superintendent, Richard Woods – While visiting throughout the state, it was obvious that teachers whether virtual or in-person have the interest of their students at heart. Precautions are taken for the safety of all.
- Enrollment and Start of School – Mr. Taylor – Everything outlined in Mr. Woods letter we are implementing.
  1. First week of school – face to face and at home learners: It is going better than expected. Students are wearing their mask and practicing social

distancing. Teachers are cleaning and disinfecting their classrooms. A lot of students are coming back to school.

2. Enrollment: Total number of in-school students was 141; at home was 321. Today the number for in-school was 163 and at home was 299. Friday is the last day to declare what Hawk Choice you want. Once chosen a student must stay for the remainder of the 9 weeks.
- Athletic Report – Coach Stegall is doing the best he can with what he has. A lot of students chose not to participate in football. September 25th we will be playing Manchester. They will send us 200 tickets to pre-sell, no tickets will be sold at the gate.
  - Senior Night – will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was moved up due to the pandemic.
  - Home Coming is October 23, 2020. There will be a lot of changes for safety.
  - Technology – Mr. Freeman – The goal is to have primary and secondary teachers all on line by tomorrow. Teachers have dedicated time for in class and for virtual. Middle school and high school students have learned to do the virtual on their cell phones. In the event we have to close it will be a smooth transition. Chrome books are due the first week of October. Hot spots to be placed on school buses in the event of a shut-down are due in October. Special Education teachers and guidance counselors are being trained to do face time conferences with their students. Ms. Adams and Ms. Hatcher are assisting me with answering parent's questions and trouble shooting.
  - Construction Update: The stripes have been completed on the track and are curing. The rubber on the track should last 10 – 15 years if we keep it right. State track meets can be held on this track. The hills are to be re-seeded with love grass. The press box will be updated in the near future.
  - Proclamation – Mrs. Thelma Leonard Blount. Mr. Josiah Sumbry wrote the Proclamation in honor of Mrs. Blount. Mrs. Epps read the proclamation.
  - Dr. Catrett asked for the School Boards permission to place the proclamation in the lunch room and to name the lunch room in honor of Mrs. Blount.
  - Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to accept Dr. Catrett's recommendation to accept the proclamation and to name the lunchroom in honor of Mrs. Thelma Leonard Blount; seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 5-0-0
  - Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

  
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

  
Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson