

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
September 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. James Steverson, Vice Chair (D2), Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Anton Turner (D1) arrived late, Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4), Mrs. Mildred Biggs (D5).

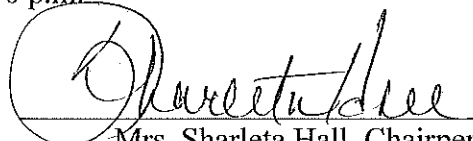
- The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharleta Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Sharleta Hall led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Sharleta Hall.
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the agenda for September 7, 2021 agenda seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone 4-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Corona Virus Outbreak Update – Mrs. Epps – Talbot County has had 22 deaths from Covid with 52 hospitalizations; increase 32 in the last two weeks; 22 in the last week. The threat level is still high. Contact tracing is still taking place within the school. Schools are still required to report to the Department of Public Health Covid cases.
- Virtual Option vs. Total Virtual – Mr. Taylor – Our online platform is Odysseyware. It is an on-line curriculum for students in grades 3 – 12. It is student paced, mastery based, teacher interactive online. Teachers will be placed at certain times to assist students with questions/problems. Until your grade level modules are completed, you cannot move forward. Only five parents have come and signed their children up for total virtual
- Suicide Prevention – Dr. Tarleton – A suicide packet was presented to the board members. In the folder a Georgia Crisis & Access Line was provided along with National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number. A mobile crisis team can be sent to an individual's home to provide help. The pamphlet outlines warning signs "having trouble coping" and things to look for as warning signs. Handouts were given showing Risk Factors for Suicide along with Protective Factors. If you hear of someone stating self harm or harm to others we are self-reporters and required to report such behavior. Suicide is the second largest cause of death in teenagers. Males are more likely to use guns where females are more likely to take pills. One in ten high school students attempt suicide.

- Bullying Prevention – Dr. Tarleton – Bullying Protocol was given to the board members. The Protocol is how bullying is handled here at Talbot County Schools. A referral can come from anyone in regards to bullying, i.e. a student, parent, teacher etc. Any bullying referral goes to the student and/or parent then to the counselor who turns it over to the administrators. Bullying is an intentional physical and/or emotional intrusion on a person's well-being and not be tolerated at any level. Investigate, notify, discipline and follow-up are the steps to take upon receiving a report of bullying.
- Project Request

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
CEHS Band	9/27/2021	Pee Jays Fresh Fruit Sale	Pre-Sale fresh fruit for Christmas	Festival fees, national music festival, bus driver fees, etc.
Athletic Dept.	9/09/2021	Athlete Sponsor	Donations to sponsor an athlete	Athletic Department

- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to approve the Fruit Sale seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the Athletic Fund Raiser seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson