

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
August 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Anton Turner (D1); Mr. James Steverson, Vice Chair (D2); Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4), and 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 Mrs. Mildred Biggs to approve the August 17, 2021 agenda seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve July 13, 2021 and July 20, 2021 board minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0

1. School Food Service

Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service

Food Service Report for July 31, 2021

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$19,461.60
- Obligated- (\$ -0-)
- Balance- \$575,538.40
- Percentage Spent - 3% Percentage Remaining - 97%

2. School System Finance

Dr. Catrett, Superintendent presented the report in Mrs. Henderson's absence

Financial Report for July 31, 2021

- Budget- \$6,873,139.00
- Encumbered- \$80,407.01
- Expended- \$974,741.32
- Balance - \$
- Percentage Spent- % Percentage remaining- %
- *Reports given*
 - Expenditure Summary
 - Check Register 432193 -432235
 - Receipt Detail for Bank Accounts

- Splost - Mrs. Henderson reviewed the Splost Account
- Capital Asset Listing -- Mrs. Henderson reviewed this listing
- LGIP – Mrs. Henderson reviewed these two listings
- Salaries – were presented to the Board as requested

- Curriculum Update

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

Family Engagement will be sending out instructional agreements to parents along with the parents' right to know next week. This is a requirement by the state. The consolidated application has been sent to the state for funding. They requested a revision which is in the process. This will include special education funding and title funding so we can submit our budget. When Title spends money, Dr. Catrett has to pay it then it is drawn down from the state with documentation.

- Superintendent Items

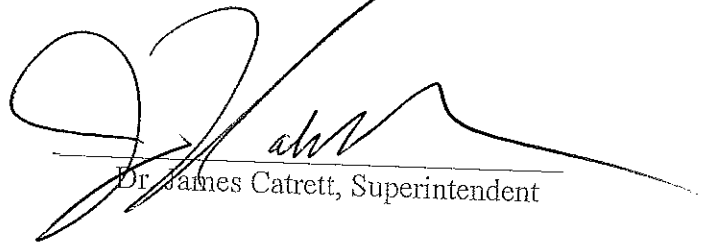
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Epps – The community threat level is still high. Talbot County increased by 6 with one death. The school threat level is high. One staff member was exposed last Monday, we were exposed Wednesday. It now appears to hitting young children.
- Virtual School Options – We would like to change our offerings from just those that are medically fragile to opening up to have virtual for those who want it. This would be implemented after Labor Day. People are keeping their children home now. We have lost some children to home school. We have lost others to other districts because parents have to work. It is difficult to satisfy everyone. Students will be held accountable for their work if they choose virtual.

Ms. Hall read two letters from parents concerning the COVID asking for virtual choice.

- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent to offer virtual learning to our students after Labor Day, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Proposed Budget – QBE funds are expected to be approximately 3.8 million ; 3.1 from millage. We are offering a locally funded pre-k class. As of now there isn't any pre-k money nor federal money right now.
- Millage and 5 year history – Five Year millage posted in the paper. Friday, August 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. the Board will meet to set the millage. It is a public meeting. Once the millage rate is voted on, a letter is sent to the County Commissioners and the Tax Commissioner. The County Commissioners will set their tax rate after we do ours. If we move the millage back it will bring in \$128,000 more than last year. This sends a clear message to the community that the board is good stewards of their money.
- Ms. Hall asked for a meeting to review the budget prior to setting the millage rate. The meeting was set for Tuesday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m.

- Dr. Catrett asked for an Executive Session for personnel.
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to come out of Executive Session and move into Regular Session at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Anton Turner to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent to re-hire Tonja Renaud as a bus driver, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- The resignation letter for Tray Smith was tabled at this time in order to verify his resignation letter.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.


Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent


Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson