

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
October 19, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Vacant (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 Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve the October 19, 2021 agenda seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 4-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to approve September 7, 2021, September 13, 2021 without attachment, and September 21, 2021 board minutes, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Ms. Latasha Hollis spoke to the board concerning transportation of her child.

1. School Food Service

Mr. Torrence Freeman presented in Ms. Andrea Mahone, Food Service absence

Food Service Report for September 30, 2021

- Budget- \$595,000.00
- Expended- \$128,695.30
- Obligated- (\$ 34,292.71)
- Balance- \$466,304.70
- Percentage Spent - 22% Percentage Remaining - 78%

2. School System Finance

Mr. Torrence Freeman, Interim

Financial Report for FY22 to September 30, 2021

- Budget- \$6,873,139.00
- Expended- \$1,439,205.17
- Revenue for August – 7,493,414.00
- Balance - \$ 5,552,809.00
- Percentage Spent-19.21 % Percentage remaining- 80.79%

- Curriculum Update

Mrs. Cynthia Epps, Assistant Superintendent

On students' second day back – Mrs. Epps observed students and teachers – Teachers were encouraging students. One teacher stated to students that they had done very little while out, however she encouraged them to get back on the mark. Encourage the students to move forward.

On the national level fifteen to twenty percent of students want flexible learning rather than returning to in-person.

Georgia students have continued to make gains on the ACT and SAT. New math standards will be effective 2023-2024 for full implantation. GBI will be here for an audit November 4, 2021.

- Elementary/Middle/High School

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Internal Accounts:

Beginning Balance	\$26,382.81
Total Deposits	\$ 1,710.00
Total Checks	\$ 1,823.11
Ending Balance	\$26,269.70

Homecoming will be the Week of October 25, 2021 through October 29, 2021.
Activities planned: Monday: Monster Mania; Tuesday: Pink Potion; Wednesday: Socks, crocs & Halloween tops; Thursday: costume cast; Friday: wicked, wicked home coming.

- Counselor Update

Dr. Jody Tarleton, Director

SAT testing in October – two of our students had a score of 1100; one had 1090; one had 1070.

PSAT will be given Tuesday, October 26, 2021 to all 10th graders;

Red Ribbon week will be celebrated in conjunction with Homecoming Week

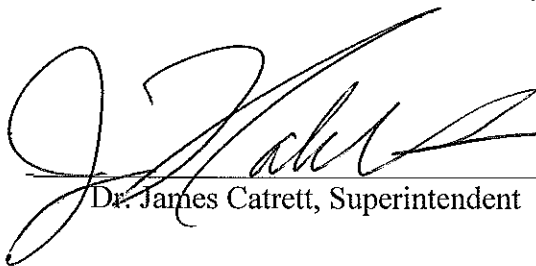
Counseling Dept. has had an increase of students reporting anxiety problems/panic attacks. They are being taught relaxation techniques and referred for medical checkups via their parents.

Behavioral Management plans were explained to the Board. Indicators were explained along with intervention and strategies. Parents need to be cooperative when a course of action is to be implemented. Behavior Management Plans are in use in our district. Teachers take a class in behavior management while obtaining their teaching degree. Special Education teachers take multiple courses.

- Superintendent Items
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Covid-19 Update – Mrs. Epps – Nurse Chaney reported today that there are no covid cases in the school. Talbot County currently has reported 576 cases, 25 deaths and 60 hospitalizations. There have been 8 new cases over the past two weeks.
- Board member resignation. Mr. Anton Turner submitted his resignation from the District 1 seat of the Talbot County Board of Education.
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to accept Mr. Turner’s resignation, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Time Line for Board Vacancy – Dr. Catrett reviewed the time line for filling the District 1 vacancy:
 - Resignation was submitted – October 6, 2021
 - Presented to Board – October 19, 2021
 - Advertised in paper – October 20, 2021
 - Deadline for letter of interest – October 28, 2021
 - Candidates presented to board/voted on: November 2, 2021
 - Election – March 15, 2022
- Resolution – Dr. Catrett presented a Resolution for the Board of Education to request the Board of Elections for the calling of an election to elect a new member of the Talbot County Board of Education to fill a vacancy as authorized by 1993 GA laws. To fill the existing vacancy in District 1.
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 4-0-0
- Dr. Catrett completed the Secretary’s Certificate certifying that the Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Education on October 19, 2021 in open session.
- The Board was presented with a copy of Title 20, Education Chapter 2, Elementary and Secondary Education Article 3, Local Boards of Education O.C.G.A. 20-2-54.1 Procedure for filling vacancies on local boards.
- Field Trip Request

Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return Time	Number of Students	Purpose of Trip
CEHS Marching Band	10/21/2021	Greenville High School	Leave – 4:30 p.m. Return – 8:30 p.m.	50	Homecoming Parade
CEHS Marching Band	10/22/2021	Talbot County Head Start	Leave – 1:00 p.m.	50	National Head Start Week

- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to approve the Field Trip Requests, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Board Protocol Draft from the Board's training session, Saturday, October 16, 2021 was provided to the Board Member's for their review. In addition to the Georgia School Boards Association list of what the Board expects from the Superintendent and what the Superintendent expects from the Board was provided to each member along with Roles and Responsibilities of the School District's Leadership Team.
- Dr. Catrett asked for an Executive Session for Personnel.
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to come out of Executive Session and move into Regular Session at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to accept Dr. Catrett's personnel recommendation to release Ms. Kimberly Hatcher from her contract as a Business Ed. Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 4-0-0
- Mr. Carlton Mahone made a motion to accept Mr. Taylor's personnel recommendation to hire Christopher Cowart as a Community Coach, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 4-0-0
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to accept Mr. Taylor's personnel recommendation to hire Jeffery Black as a Community Coach, seconded by Mr. Carlton Mahone. 4-0-0
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson