

Talbot County Board of Education
Board Meeting
August 3, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Elementary/Middle/High School
Gymnasium

The Talbot County Board of Education met in a voting work session on August 3, 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), Mr. Carlton Mahone (D4), Mrs. Mildred Biggs (D5).

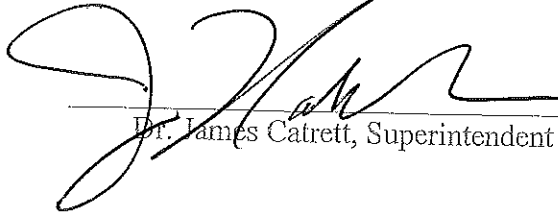
- The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharleta Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Chair Sharleta Hall led the Moment of Silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Sharleta Hall.
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to approve the agenda for August 3, 2021 agenda seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Action Items from Superintendent
Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent
- Corona Virus Outbreak Update – Mr. Taylor – Talbot County had an increase of 16 from July 20, 2021 to August 3, 2021. There is a substantial increase in case in the surrounding counties.
- Threat Update – Mrs. Epps – Georgia School Board Association did a survey of Georgia Schools asking if they would mandate masks within the school, 80.99% said no; Are mask mandated on school buses, 58.82% said no; Are schools allowing staff to continue to use covid leave instead of sick leave, 71.43% said no; Are you continuing to contact trace through DPH, 78.99% said yes. County threat level is still medium high.
- School Opening – Mr. Taylor – Open house had a large attendance. Over 200 parents came. Student attendance for August 3, 2021: Elementary 183, Middle 83, and High School 123. The majority of students are wearing mask. We are following the same Covid guidelines as last year.
- Football Season/GHSA Covid19 Rules – Coach Cotton -- Provide Football and Volleyball schedules to the board members. GHSA reported on August 2, 2021 that they will move forward without restrictions for summer workouts and sports/activities. GHSA will respect local school systems COVID guidance during regular season activities. GHSA staff will require all GHSA events to be free of attendance restrictions. Safety will be their top priority. Fund raisers will start in September for football.

Coach Cotton thanked the School Board for allowing him to be Athletic Director for this school year.

- Millage Rate 2021/2022 – Property taxes have increased this year. Current millage rate is 14.052. If the millage is set at 13.545 lowering the millage shows the community that we are good stewards of their tax dollars and will give us an increase of \$128,574. Friday, August 27, 2021 the School Board will meet at 10 a.m. to set the millage rate for FY 2021/2022.
- Spending Resolution FY2021/2022- was adopted due to not having a budget in place for fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This authorizes the Superintendent to continue to expend funds to continue operations until a budget is passed.
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to accept the Spending Resolution for FY 2021/2022 as set forth, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- Board Policy Manual Updates – This needs to be done every 5 to 6 yrs. Dr. Catrett is proposing to have GSBA come and review our policy manual making changes as required. This will make sure to be in compliance with state and federal laws.
- Fresh Fruit/Vegetable Grant – Talbot County Schools has been awarded a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant for school year 2021-2022. The total allocation is \$13,239.00.
- State Plan for K-12 Stimulus Funds – Georgia’s state plan for final portion of K-12 education stimulus funds has been approved. GaDOE will use funds to address lost learning opportunities, support student mental health, and remove barriers to learning.
- 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 Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- Mrs. Mildred Biggs made a motion to come out of Executive Session and move into Regular Session at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Anton Turner to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent and Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal to accept 1st Sgt Thomas Walker’s resignation as JROTC Instructor, seconded by Mrs. Mildred Biggs. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlton Mahone to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent to hire Ms. Connie Leonard as a bus monitor, seconded by Mr. James Steverson. 5-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. James Steverson to accept the recommendation of Dr. Catrett, Superintendent and Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal to hire Nathaniel Campbell as

a JROTC Instructor upon completion of the military background check, seconded by Mr. Anton Turner. 5-0-0

- * Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.



Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent



Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson