

Talbot County Board of Education  
Board Meeting  
August 20, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Elementary/ Middle/ High School  
Conference Room

The Talbot County Board of Education met in regular session on August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Quintella Carter (D1), Mr. James Steverson (D2), Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson (D3) 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. James Steverson to approve the August 20, 2019 agenda seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 4-0-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Harrison Couch to approve July 9, 2019 budget hearing, July 9, 2019 work session, July 16, 2019 budget hearing and July 16, 2019 board minutes, seconded by Ms. Quintella Carter. 4-0-0
- School Food Service  
*Mrs. Thelma Blount, Food Service Director*
  - Budget- \$576,000.00
  - Expended- \$17,899.40
  - Obligated- (\$28.21)
  - Balance- \$558,100.60
  - Percentage Spent- 75%                      Percentage Remaining- 97%
- School System Finance  
*Mrs. Chemia Henderson, Finance*
  - Budget- \$6,873,139.00
  - Encumbered- \$151,620.34
  - Expended- \$467,208.45
  - Balance- \$6,254,310.22
  - Percentage Spent- 9%                      Percentage remaining- 91%
  - Expenditures (General Fund)- \$467,208.45
- *Reports given*
  - Expenditure Summary
  - Check Register 430838 -430898

- Curriculum Update

*Mrs. Cynthia Epps*

- CLIP application for federal programs grant is a great opportunity to tell the story of our school. Deadline is August 31, 2019
- School Safety Climate – GEMA came and walked our campus looking for safety hazards. They mentioned locks on outside doors. Overall our buildings are safe.
- Student Safety and Well-Being – weather watch; active shooter workshop, violence and cyber threats – policies and procedures in place to handle same.
- State Amendment – GAA diploma – will they be counted as a part of a school's graduation rate? Possible federal mandate.

- High School/Special Education

*Dr. Dixon on behalf of Mr. Taylor*

- Start of school very quiet and organized.
- Special Education student numbers have increased by approximately 11 students.
- Group home children are doing well. Dr. McCamy is very supportive.
- Update to student handbook- changes are as follows:  
Dress Code: No Crocs, no hooded sweatshirts, no loop rings in nasal ala or the columella separating the nostril, pouches, fanny packs and book bags are not allowed.  
Level III Offenses – smoking/vaping/electronic cigarette/huffing

- Dr. Catrett asked for the school board to approve the above changes to the Student Handbook. Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the changes to the Student Handbook, seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 4-0-0

- Guidance Counselor

*Dr. Jody Tarleton, Counselor*

- The school year is off to a great start.
- All 30 seniors have been surveyed concerning plans after high school: 28 are interested in further education; 2 are interest in the military.
- ASVAB dates are: December 3, 2019 and April 2, 2020.
- Certification and training for Suicide Awareness and Safetalk has been completed.
- [www.PCAGeorgiahelpline.Org](http://www.PCAGeorgiahelpline.Org) posters have been posted throughout the school.
- Career Fair is scheduled for March 10, 2020
- ACT waivers have been received. Fourteen seniors have signed up to take the ACT this fall.
- Ft. Valley State University has been here recruiting juniors and seniors.
- Counseling with elementary students has increased the number of students asking for services. Fifty-one students have asked for sessions within two weeks.

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

- Field Trip Request

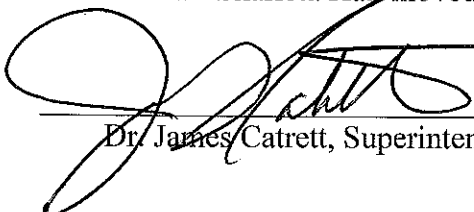
Name of Group	Date of Trip	Destination	Leave/Return times	Number of Students
FFA	4/22-25/2020	FFA State Convention Macon, GA	4/22/20 Leave 1:30 p.m. 4/25/20 Return 5:00 p.m.	15
FFA	10/08/2019	Perry Fair Perry, GA	Leave 8:00 a.m. Return 5:00 p.m.	40

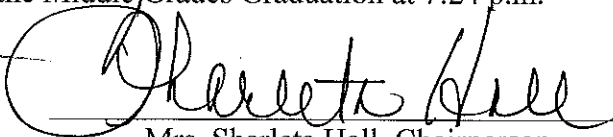
- Mr. James Steverson made a motion to approve the FFA Field Trip Requests, seconded by Mrs. Quintella Carter. 3-0-0

- Project Request

Name of Group	Date of Project	Project	Description	Money Used For
FFA	1/22/19	FFA Day in the gym	Spread the news about FFA and provide steam activities for our students along with fundraising	Trip to convention (hotel, food & supplies)

- Mrs. Quintella Carter made a motion to approve the FFA Project Request, seconded by Mr. James Steverson 3-0-0
- GSBA Board Development Catalog for FY20 – Two Board trips per year along with the Board Retreat. The Board is encouraged to go to as much governance training as possible. Training is paid for, you are paid a stipend, and travel expenses.
- GaDOE SSIP ( Systemic Improvement Interactive Map – Talbot County has a 100% annual event graduation rate for students with disabilities for FY18 school year.
- Teacher Vacancy: Ms. Erin Herringdine has resigned due to military transfer. Dr. Catrett has asked that the Board accept her resignation.
- Mrs. Quintella Carter made a motion to accept Ms. Herringdine’s resignation, seconded by Mr. James Steverson 3-0-0
- Construction update - Concession stand is almost complete. A kitchen on wheels has been purchased to cook on. Asphalt is done, grass is on the baseball and softball fields. The state has asked to hold the regional track here meet in the spring.
- Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn to the Middle Grades Graduation at 7:24 p.m.

  
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Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

  
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Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson