

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION
OF CALHOUN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40
OF CALHOUN AND GREENE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

A Regular meeting, of the Board of Education in Calhoun Community Unit School District #40, consisting of Calhoun and portions of Greene Counties, Illinois was called to order by Board President Luke Fraley, Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Unit Office.

The meeting could not begin at 6:00 due to the lack of a quorum.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Donnie Breden, Luke Fraley, Tony Friedel absent, Janine Hagen absent, Dave Hurley, Laura Longnecker arriving at 6:30, Hannah Nelson absent.

Others in attendance were: Kate Sievers, Tiara Lorsbach, Cheri Burris, Jahnee Hillen, Alicia Churchman.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the agenda inclusive of:

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – January 17, 2018
 - b. Financial/Treasurer's Report
 - i. Alicia Churchman
 - c. Receipts
 - d. Expenditures
 - i. Over budget Board Required Approvals
 - ii. Elementary Kitchen
 - e. Activity Funds
 - f. Food Service Report
 - g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report
- IV. RECEPTION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Jahnee Hillen – LCCC Classes
- V. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Board Committee Reports
 - i. Personnel
 - ii. Negotiations
 - iii. Finance
 - iv. Insurance
 - v. Consultation
 - b. Administrative Reports
 - i. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. TRS Audit
 - 2. Elementary Kitchen Update – Thank You to Cindy Kuhn
 - ii. Principals Reports
 - 1. Elementary School – Kathy Schell
 - 2. High School – Cheri Burris
- VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Personnel – **Executive Session**
 - b. Board Policy – Drug/Alcohol
 - c. Board Policy Updates – 5 Year Review and Issue 96 (First Reading)

- d. Senior Class Trip
 - e. FFA Land Lab
 - f. Amend Calendar
 - g. Graduation Date
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, or any other issues that may be properly considered under executive session order.
- IX. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Board Policy – Drug/Alcohol
 - c. Senior Class Trip
 - d. FFA Land Lab
 - e. Amend Calendar
 - f. Graduation Date
 - g. Any Other Action Resulting from Executive Session
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. February 16 – Early Dismissal 11:30
 - b. February 19 – Holiday
 - c. March 2 – XED
 - d. March 5 – Holiday
 - e. March 16 – NHS Blood Drive
 - f. March 19 – Regular Board Meeting
- XI. ADJOURN

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson –absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda. With the addition payables received inclusive of: American Fidelity \$100.30, Metro Computers \$500.00, and an over budget purchase order for baseballs/softballs/field chalk all in excess of \$400.00.

Mrs. Alicia Churchman stated that the state of Illinois is currently in arrears to the District in the amount of \$127,034.71, and that the transportation categorical is more than 5 months behind. The ala-carte program has currently netted the District \$1,492.45. She also informed the Board that the TRS audit held recently raised 2 findings and 3 observations, inclusive of TRS being paid on Teacher Aide earnings; which is not allowable. There will also need to be changes made to the CEA contract to correct the findings going forward. She also mentioned that moving forward the ROE will need to make payments directly to employees for their reimbursements and not as a flow through to the District. She informed the board that currently IMRF has a 1.3 million dollar reserve, and it is reported that they had a good year financially.

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Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors/Public Comment:

Mrs. Jahnee Hillen was in attendance to inform the Board of the Lewis and Clark “Early Start” program offered to High School students to attend off campus classes at a Lewis and Clark facility at a discounted rate to count towards the students college credits. There are already several area schools that participate. She would like to recommend to the Board that the students of Calhoun be allowed to participate in the program. The logistics of allowing the students to attend, such as; payment for the course, attendance on non-scheduled days, and travel; would all have to be considered and planned. The program would introduce the students to Lewis and Clark College, and allow a savings opportunity.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports:

Dr. Sievers stated that she would like to begin negotiations in April. She also informed the Board that she and Alicia would be working on revising the budget and will present at the next board meeting in March.

Superintendent-

Dr. Sievers started by giving a big thank you to both Dianne Bick and Cindy Kuhn for all the extra efforts in filling in for the absence of Teresa Mortland and Violet Becker. The commodity order placement and cleaning/organizing of both school cafeterias has been very much appreciated. Kudos to all who are working to fill the gap! She informed the Board that the compliance visit went well, the only finding was to switch out receptacles within 10 feet of water to GFI’s both at the High School and Elementary. GRP has completed work for the controller, and staff will be trained on Friday. The school architect firm will have to approve the completed work.

Principals-

Mrs. Kathy Schell was not in attendance.

Mrs. Cheri Burris stated that Mr. Glenn Peyton was doing well, and should be back to work after his health issue quickly. The FFA dinner/auction raised over \$14,000.00. She congratulated the students participating and placing in the WYSE competition: Emily Baalman, Conner Gilman, Lane Quiller, Jessie Oswald, Emily Shofner, A.J. Hillen, Wes Green, Hayden Snyders, Emily McBride and Carter Haug. The Scholastic Bowl team won their conference and will attend regionals March 5th. There will be 2 students participating in the CEO program for the next school year, both will be Senior students. Basketball Regionals will be happening soon. March 9th is the NHS pickleball tournament, March 10th is the Warrior Pride Three on Three tournament, and March 16th is the NHS blood drive at the High School. Mrs. Burris also gave updates of things going on in the classrooms including the launch of the new website for the District engineered by Mrs. Klaas’s class.

Discussion:

The discussion on the Drug and Alcohol policy will be tabled again until the March meeting. The Board Policy Updates will have to be tabled until the March meeting as well. The Senior Class is asking permission for a class trip to St. Louis, missing 1 day of class. The FFA land lab is up for renewal. The calendar has been amended and needs approval to include the snow days currently used. May 30th will be the last attendance day, and graduation will be held Friday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary. The Elementary Promotion will be held Thursday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 7:03 p.m. by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education enters into executive session.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2).

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:30 p.m. by Donnie Breden seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves to hire Paul Robeen as a Full Time Carrollton Route driver as long as the student resides in the district and requires the services provided for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Brad Baalman and Greg Pohlman as Volunteer Assistant Softball Coaches for the 2017-2018 season.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley – yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education approves the leave of absence request of Violet Becker beginning January 23 for 8 – 10 weeks.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education approves the leave of absence request of Glenn Peyton beginning February 13 – 17, 2018.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley – yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker – yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson – absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the Seniority list as presented.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley – yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes
Friedel – absent	Nelson - absent
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board approves any recommended changes to the current Student Drug and Alcohol policy.

A motion was made by Dave Hurley, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves the Senior Class trip to St. Louis, April 28 – April 30 as presented.

Board polled:

Breden – yes	Hurley - yes
Fraley – yes	Longnecker - yes

Friedel – absent

Nelson - absent

Hagen – absent

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves the FFA Land Lab as option #2 “Share agreement in which Calhoun CUSD receives proceeds from 20% of the crop sold on the day of harvest with input cost of lime, if needed as a result of soil sample fertilizer recommendations and Calhoun FFA Alumni keeps proceeds from the remaining 80% of the crop”.

Board polled:

Breden – yes

Hurley - yes

Fraley – yes

Longnecker - yes

Friedel – absent

Nelson - absent

Hagen – absent

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education approves to amend the 2018 school calendar to include the snow days used, as presented.

Board polled:

Breden – yes

Hurley – yes

Fraley – yes

Longnecker – yes

Friedel – absent

Nelson – absent

Hagen – absent

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the date of Friday, May 25, as the High School Graduation date, being held at the Calhoun Elementary School.

Board polled:

Breden – yes

Hurley – yes

Fraley – yes

Longnecker – yes

Friedel – absent

Nelson – absent

Hagen – absent

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves off campus class attendance to LCCC.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education approves the Class of 2020 fundraiser.

Board polled:

Breden – yes

Hurley – yes

Fraley – yes

Longnecker – yes

Friedel – absent

Nelson – absent

Hagen – absent

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lori Mortland at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Board polled:

Breden – yes
Fraley – yes
Friedel – absent
Hagen – absent

Hurley – yes
Longnecker – yes
Nelson – absent

Motion carried.

Informational Items:

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With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Laura Longnecker seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Board polled:

Breden – yes
Fraley – yes
Friedel – absent
Hagen – absent

Hurley – yes
Longnecker - yes
Nelson - absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education