

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 Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:20 p.m. in the District Unit Office.

The meeting could not begin at 6:00 due to the lack of a quorum. Dr. Sievers read the information items at 6:05 including the Parent Teacher Conference dates, the Veterans Day Celebration on the 10th and the October 20th blood drive. It was stated that the High School student of the month was Ty Bick. There would be a modern woodman dinner for the youth center to be held at Straight Home.

Mr. Allen Johnson was in attendance to be honored for his 30+ years of volunteer services to the school. Positions including: Bus Driver/PTO President/and activity volunteer. He has been active in obtaining items for the schools through Modern Woodman fundraisers as well. Dr. Sievers and the Board thanked him and presented him with a certificate of honor for his dedicated service.

Mrs. Hannah Nelson arrived to the meeting at 6:20 and a roll call was taken and the meeting began.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Donnie Breden, Luke Fraley, Tony Friedel, Janine Hagen absent, Dave Hurley absent, Laura Longnecker absent, Hannah Nelson arriving at 6:20.

Others in attendance were: Kate Sievers, Tiara Lorsbach, Alicia Churchman, Alan Johnson, Christie Lorsbach, Cheri Burris, Kathy Schell.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Hannah Nelson 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. Finance Meeting – September 13, 2017
 - ii. Budget Hearing – September 18, 2017
 - iii. Regular Meeting – September 18, 2017
 - b. Financial/Treasurer's Report
 - i. Alicia Churchman
 - c. Receipts
 - d. Expenditures
 - i. Over budget Board Required Approvals
 - 1. High School Interscholastic – Football Sign
 - 2. Tutoring
 - e. Activity Funds
 - f. Food Service Report
 - g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report
- IV. RECEPTION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Allen Johnson
- V. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Board Committee Reports

- i. Personnel
 - ii. Negotiations – Update
 - iii. Finance
 - iv. Insurance
 - v. Consultation
 - b. Administrative Reports
 - i. Superintendent’s Report
 - ii. Principals Reports
 - 1. Elementary School – Kathy Schell
 - 1.School Improvement Plan
 - 2. High School – Cheri Burris
 - 1.School Improvement Plan
- VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Personnel – Executive Session
 - b. Board Policy – Drug/Alcohol
 - c. Vendor Contracts (Soda, Energy)
 - d. Band Trip
- 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
 - c. Vendor Contracts (Soda, Energy)
 - d. School Improvement Plans
 - e. Band Trip
 - f. Any Other Action Resulting from Executive Session
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. October 20 – CHS Blood Drive
 - b. October 25 & 26 Parent Teacher Conference 4-8
 - c. October 27 – No School (Parent Teacher Conference Make Up Day)
 - d. October 28 – Warrior Pride Halloween Carnival
 - e. November 10 – Veterans Day Celebration
 - f. November 13 – No School Veterans Day Holiday
 - g. November 20 – Regular School Board Meeting
- XI. ADJOURN

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda:

- a. Board Minutes
 - i. Finance Meeting – September 13, 2017
 - ii. Budget Hearing – September 18, 2017
 - iii. Regular Meeting – September 18, 2017
- b. Financial/Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Alicia Churchman

Alicia stated that the state is currently in arrears to the District in the amount of \$137,327.62. Around \$54 thousand of that is current 2018 funding, and over \$83 thousand in 2017 categorical payments.

- c. Receipts
- d. Expenditures

Over budget items of \$500.00 or more; as requested information for direct Board approval; included Lincoln Prairie \$1,200.00 for student tuition and Blue Ridge Metal \$2,830.00 for the repair of the football sign. It was stated that the Board should have been informed about the football sign before the purchase had been made. It was requested that payment be held until further information could be given as far as the source of funding for the sign replacement.

- e. Activity Funds
- f. Food Service Report
- g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors/Public Comment:

Mr. Allen Johnson recognized before the meeting began.

Board Committee Reports:

N/A

Communications:

The negotiations team will meet again tomorrow at 5:00 – this will be their second meeting. The Finance committee will meet in November. The Insurance committee will meet after negotiations are completed.

Superintendent-

Dr. Sievers stated that the R.O.E. would conduct their compliance visit this Friday. It is the 3 year compliance visit. She informed the Board of the pending vendor contracts both for soda and energy services.

Principals-

Mrs. Kathy Schell stated she would present her school improvement plan at the next meeting.

Mrs. Cheri Burris informed the Board that she had presented a table of 50 items for the High School staff to choose from for school improvement. They chose 15 areas that should be addressed for improvement. Mrs. Burris reviewed each area, and the plan of action to make the improvements with the Board. She also added her intention to show appreciation for the staff.

Discussion Items:

Dr. Sievers gave the Board information concerning the vendor contract for soda for the District. She had checked into purchasing coolers for the District to purchase vending supplies at local stores, but it did not seem this would be a viable solution. She had also obtained contract information from 7Up/Dr. Pepper as a supplier. She is still waiting pricing information and will

have that available at the next meeting. She stated she had also been contacted about new energy rates as the current contract will expire this year. The Board asked that she get information for both 1 year and 2 year contracts for the next meeting. Dr. Sievers stated that she would forward the most current update to the Members for their review. The Band Boosters would like to ask permission for a New York trip with the students this summer. Fundraising for the trip has already begun. Personnel issues for consideration include: Re-affirmation of the Asst. Coaches positions, Duane Sievers resignation from 5/6 Boys Basketball, Nathan for Asst. Baseball, Hannah Nelson application for Volunteer Asst. to the High School Girls Basketball team, Chad Sievers to assist with the Elementary 7/8 Boys Basketball, and Robbe Becker's resignation as Sophomore class sponsor for the 2019 school year. The CEA contract negotiations have not been completed, there may have to be a special meeting scheduled to approve the contract as negotiations are finished. The school improvement plan for the High School will need to be accepted and the revision to the High School Drug and Alcohol policy still needs more information to be presented.

Other:

N/A

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 7:20 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Donnie Breden 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). ILCS 120/2(c)(2). 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 - absent
Fraley - yes	Longnecker - absent
Friedel – absent	Nelson - yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:47 p.m. by Tony Friedel, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

The Board asked how the 'ala-carte' sales were going at the High School. Dr. Sievers stated they were going well.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves to re-affirm the Assistant Coaches; whose letter of interest has been received.

HS Asst. Softball – Jim Herkert
HS Vol. Asst. Softball – Eric Kallal
Elementary 7/8 Boys Basketball – Chad Sievers

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Tony Friedel that the Board of Education approves to hire Hannah Nelson as a Volunteer Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach, for the 2017-2018 season.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves to hire Chad Sievers as a Volunteer Assistant 7/8 Boy Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 season.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mrs. Robbe Becker as Sophomore Class Sponsor effective the end of the 2018 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mr. Duane Sievers as Volunteer Assistant 5/6 Boys Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season.

Board polled:

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

Hurley - absent
Longnecker - absent
Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves the CEA contract.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves changes to the Drug and Alcohol policy.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves a vending contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves an energy contract for services for the 2017-2018 school year.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the High School Improvement Plan as presented.

Board polled:

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

Hurley - absent
Longnecker - absent
Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Tony Friedel that the Board of Education approves the Band trip to New York July 15 – 20, 2018.

Board polled:

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

Hurley - absent
Longnecker - absent
Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Tony Friedel seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Hurley – absent
Longnecker - absent
Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education