

**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, November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Unit Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Kate Sievers, Tiara Lorsbach, Kathy Schell, Cheri Burris, Ruth Johnson, Robbe Becker, Dale Becker, Michelle Krysl, Bob Krysl, Aaron Elmore, Alicia Churchman, Christie Lorsbach.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Janine Hagen 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 – October 16, 2017
    - ii. Special Meeting – November 1, 2017
  - b. Financial/Treasurer's Report
    - i. Alicia Churchman
  - c. Receipts
  - d. Expenditures
    - i. Over budget Board Required Approvals (Educational consortium – E-rate \$800)
  - e. Activity Funds
  - f. Food Service Report
  - g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report
- IV. RECEPTION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Robbe Becker
  - b. Michelle Krysl
- V. COMMUNICATIONS
  - a. Board Committee Reports
    - i. Personnel
    - ii. Negotiations – Update
    - iii. Finance
    - iv. Insurance
    - v. Consultation
  - b. Administrative Reports
    - i. Superintendent's Report
      - 1. Tax Levy
      - 2. Pre-K
    - ii. Principals Reports
      - 1. Elementary School – Kathy Schell
        - 1. School Improvement Plan
      - 2. High School – Cheri Burris
        - 1. Student of the Month – Emily Johnes, Ty Bick, Tanner Gress)
- VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Personnel – Executive Session
  - b. Board Policy – Drug/Alcohol
  - c. Vendor Contracts (Soda, Energy)

- d. ASA Report
  - e. IMRF Rate
  - f. First Reading of Policy Update – Issue 95
- 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
    - i. Post/Advertise
      - 1. District Website
      - 2. Elementary Website
      - 3. Elementary Tech
      - 4. Sophomore Class Sponsor 2018-2019
      - 5. 5/6 Boys Basketball Volunteer Asst.
      - 6. Brussels Paid - Asst. Football
      - 7. Volunteer Asst Boys Basketball
    - ii. 7/8 Boys Basketball Volunteer Asst.
    - iii. Leave Request
  - b. Board Policy
  - c. Vendor Contracts (Soda, Energy)
  - d. School Improvement Plan
  - e. ASA Report
  - f. IMRF Rate
  - g. Any Other Action Resulting from Executive Session
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. November 22 – Early Dismissal
  - b. November 23 & 24 – No School
  - c. December 5 – FFA Alumni Meeting 5:30/Straight Home
  - d. December 8 – Early Dismissal
  - e. December 15 – Elementary Christmas Program 1:30
  - f. December 18 – Warrior Pride Noodle Dinner 5:00
  - g. December 18 – Regular Board of Education Meeting 6:00
- XI. ADJOURN

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda. With the addition of over-budget items of E-Rate Consulting Services in the amount of \$800, and \$2,830 to Blue Ridge Metal for the sign at the football field.

- a. Board Minutes
  - i. Regular Meeting – October 16, 2017
  - ii. Special Meeting – November 1, 2017
- b. Financial/Treasurer's Report
  - i. Alicia Churchman

Alicia informed the Board that the IMRF rate was received today and the amount for the year would be 9.85%. The food service “ala-carte” program has had an income of \$518.26 for the last two months at the High School.

- c. Receipts
- d. Expenditures
- e. Activity Funds
- f. Food Service Report
- g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

#### **Reception of Visitors/Public Comment:**

Mrs. Michelle Krysl and Mrs. Robbe Becker were both in attendance to be recognized for their ‘above and beyond’ services to the schools. Mrs. Krysl is the librarian at the Elementary. Mrs. Becker is a Teacher’s Aide at the High School.

#### **Board Committee Reports:**

N/A

#### **Communications:**

N/A

#### **Principals-**

Mrs. Cheri Burris stated that Tanner Gress is the High School Student of the Month. He is recognized for his outstanding character trait; responsibility. She stated he is dependable, and is accountable for his actions and very responsible and that he lends a hand to anyone in need. She also informed the Board that the Fall Sports Banquet would be held at 7:00. She informed the Board of the goings on at the High School and the upcoming events scheduled, including a Warrior Pride Dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Reception of Visitors/Public Comment:**

Mr. Aaron Elmore was in attendance to present a request to co-op football with the Pleasant Hill District. Presenting the ‘pros and cons’ concerning the cooperative. After much discussion it was decided there may need to be a special Board meeting scheduled in December to approve or disapprove.

#### **Principals –**

Mrs. Kathy Schell presented her School Improvement Plan giving the Board a hand out of testing data and the list of goals for the Elementary.

#### **Superintendent-**

Dr. Sievers discussed the tax levy with the Board, that she had figured conservatively with an increase below the recommended level suggested by the State, of 4.37% rather than the general 4.99%. She stated she should receive firm numbers from the Assessors’ Office in the next week or so. She informed the Board that she will begin working on a Pre-K grant, stating that in the past few years the State was lacking in prompt reimbursements and the District could not afford to offset the cost waiting for reimbursements, but has heard from other neighboring Districts that this is no longer the case, and she would like to apply at this time. She stated she would be recommending

that Dr. Pepper Snapple Group be the provider of the refreshment contract for the District. The ASA report would be advertised in the paper upon the Boards approval. The Brussels paid Asst. Football Coaching position had not been hired and would have to be advertised then hired. The recommendation for a new energy provider to the District AEP was the most economical for electric services and Constellation for natural gas. Mr. Hurley stated that solar panels are several years wait, for a return on the initial investment but are getting smaller and should be more economical in the next few years, and may be something the District can consider for the future. Dr. Sievers asked the Board if they would like to have a 2 or 3 year contract for energy services. Dr. Sievers informed the Board that at the Warrior Pride dinner on December 18<sup>th</sup> they would hold a presentation to honor Grace Baalman and to retire her 'numbers'.

**Discussion Items:**

Mrs. Sievers stated that the discussion items included the leave of absence requests of Terese Gerson and Hope Klocke. Other items included policy, contracts, school improvement plan and the IMRF rate for the year.

**Other:**

N/A

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 7:32 p.m. by Dave Hurley, 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).

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:42 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 – yes	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to post and advertise for the following positions:

District Website  
Elementary Tech  
Sophomore Class Sponsor 2018-2019

Volunteer Asst. 5/6 Boys Basketball  
Asst. Football (Brussels)  
Volunteer Assistant High School Boys Basketball

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Hurley, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Brett Eilerman as a Volunteer Assistant 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 season..

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the requested FMLA leave of Terese Gerson October 18, 2017-November 14, 2017.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves a change of policy for 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 vending contract for services, as presented with Dr. Pepper Snapple Group for the 2017-2018 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the energy contract for services, as presented for the 2017-2018 school year as a two year contract.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Donnie Breden that the Board of Education approves the Elementary school improvement plan as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Breden, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the Annual Statement of Affairs and approves to place it for advertisement.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education approves the total Employer IMRF rate in the amount of 9.85% for fiscal year 2017.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Hurley, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the leave of absence request of Hope Klocke effective January 24<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Donnie Breden seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Board polled:

Breden – yes

Fraley – yes

Friedel – absent

Hagen – yes

Hurley – yes

Longnecker - yes

Nelson - absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education