

**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, June 28, 2021 at 5:33 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Jackie Baalman, Luke Fraley, Amanda Gress, Hannah Nelson, and Nate Sagez. Laura Longnecker arrived at 5:37. Janine Hagen was absent.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Cheri Burris, Jamie Hillen, Riley Caselton, Kim Klaas, Trish Long, Josh Fuhler, Keisha Hartle, Peggy Hall, Julie Kulp, Renee Rose, Mark Hillen, Dylan Ringhausen, Patrick Simon, Shawna Eilerman, Aaron Kirn, David Schleeper, Pam Friedel and Sue Nelson.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Recognition of Visitors, Guests & Public Comments
- V. Consent Items
  - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - b. Previous Board Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting – May 18, 2021
    - ii. Budget Hearing – May 18, 2021
  - c. Expenditures and Receipts
  - d. Financial Reports
  - e. Activity Accounts Report
  - f. Food Service Report
  - g. Extracurricular Report
- VI. Committee and Administrative Reports
  - a. Committee – Strategic Planning
  - b. Calhoun Elementary School
  - c. Calhoun High School
  - d. District
- VII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
  - a. Close Activity Account
  - b. Establish Activity Account
  - c. Approve Amended Budget
  - d. Approve Superintendent to Develop a Tentative Budget and Approval to Spend
  - e. Abate Working Cash
  - f. MissVIC Property/Casualty Intergovernmental Cooperative
- VIII. Executive Session – For the purpose of discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s); legal counsel, collective negotiating matters or deliberations; board vacancies; evidence or testimony presented in a hearing where authorized by law; purchase or lease of real property; sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts; security procedures; student disciplinary cases or any matter involving an individual student; litigation; self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics; minutes of

meetings lawfully closed; internal control weaknesses, potential fraud risk areas; establishment of reserves, settlement or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

- IX. Action Items Following Executive Session
  - a. Renew Superintendent Contract
  - b. Consider Approving Resignation of
    - i. Asst. CHS Volleyball Coach
    - ii. CJHS Teacher & Scholastic Bowl Coach
    - iii. 0-3 Parent Educator
  - c. Consider Approving Retirement of
    - i. School Bus Driver
    - ii. Custodian
  - d. Consider Approving Hiring of
    - i. Special Education Teachers
- X. Other Business
- XI. Communication and Announcements
  - a. Registration – July 13, 2021
  - b. Board Meeting – July 20, 2021
  - c. Correspondence

XII. Adjourn

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda which includes:

- XIII. Consent Items
  - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - b. Previous Board Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting – May 18, 2021
    - ii. Budget Hearing – May 18, 2021
  - c. Expenditures and Receipts
  - d. Financial Reports
  - e. Activity Accounts Report
  - f. Food Service Report
  - g. Extracurricular Report

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

**Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:**

Individuals from Brussels and Calhoun School Districts was present regarding a co-op between the two districts high school and jr. high sports. Calhoun School Board will meet in July to make a decision about the co-op.

**Communications:****Board Committee Reports:**

Strategic – Mrs. Lee shared the mission and vision statements with the board. Committee will meet again to see how to spend funds in each category.

Interview – Bringing recommendations to the board for hiring.

Library – June meeting was cancelled.

Negotiations – Will be meeting in July.

**Superintendents Report:**

ESSER II Grant was submitted. Should be over \$300,000. Would like to use it for new water softener and heater at the high school. Putting in new servers and a new bathroom.

Will be receiving ESSER funds. A portion will be used towards extra custodian and maintenance work.

There was wind damage to the gutter at the elementary school.

Mrs. Lee sent a survey to parents regarding technology.

The water grant was accepted and work may begin in the fall.

Langhurst Construction looked at the football bleachers. They are looking at aluminum bleachers that will hold 500 spectators.

**Principals Report:****Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report**

Calhoun FFA students attended the State convention. Sam Kaufman was nominated Section 13 Treasurer.

The Softball team won regionals.

The Calhoun High Trap team won the state championship on June 5.

The CHS classroom floors have been repainted. Classroom items will soon be put back into the classrooms.

The IPA Handbook will not be released until late August. Therefore, student handbooks will have to be updated again once the IPA Handbook is available.

Football camp had at least 60 participants last week.

School registration is July 13 from 12-6pm.

Dylan Ringhausen is getting married July 17th!

**Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report**

Early Registration was held on June 1 from 3-6pm, 31 students took advantage and signed up early. The next registration date will be held in mid-July.

Jr. Warrior Basketball camp was held at CES from June 7-10.

Warrior Football camp was held for 1st -8th grade students on June 21-23.

Student Handbooks are being updated and should be ready for approval at the July meeting.

New staff have been in the building looking at arranging their new space, going over curriculum, and asking many questions. I'm very excited to welcome these new faces to the Calhoun 40 family.

Mrs. Webster is working on her end of the year testing report. I will share out the results of the K-8 reading and math data in the July meeting.

The parking lot at CES/CJHS is currently under construction. Things are looking better each day.

The prisoners have been helping with a fallen tree and removal of the landscaping around the building. They are being scheduled to come back and finish the project.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to close The Class of 2021 Activity Fund.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to establish an Activity Fund for The Class of 2025.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the amended budget as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the School District's expenditure of funds as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to Abate Working Cash as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education resolves to extend the term of the MissVIC Property/Casualty Intergovernmental Cooperative for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to advertise the annual notice of Non-discrimination and the prevailing wage statement, as available from the State of Illinois (through the ROE if available) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

#### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 8:15 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education enters into executive session.

For the purpose of discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s); legal counsel, collective negotiating matters or deliberations; board vacancies; evidence or testimony presented in a hearing where authorized by law; purchase or lease of real property; sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts; security procedures; student disciplinary cases or any matter involving an individual student; litigation; self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics; minutes of meetings lawfully closed; internal control weaknesses, potential fraud risk areas; establishment of reserves, settlement or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 8:48 p.m. by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's contract through 2025.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Abby Baalman as the Assistant CHS Volleyball Coach.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Toy Glynn as a CJHS Teacher and High School and Jr. High Scholastic Bowl Coach.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jahnee Hillen as the 0-3 Parent Educator.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education accepts the retirement request of Lloyd Withrow as a Regular Route Bus Driver at the end of the 2023 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education accepts the retirement request of Brenda Camerer as Custodian at the end of the 2023 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes  
Fraley – yes  
Gress – yes  
Hagen – absent

Longnecker – yes  
Nelson – yes  
Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to hire Cassidy Klocke and Tara Smith as Special Education Teachers for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes  
Fraley – yes  
Gress – yes  
Hagen – absent

Longnecker – yes  
Nelson – yes  
Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

**Informational Items:**

- a. Registration – July 13, 2021
- b. Board Meeting – July 20, 2021

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes  
Fraley – yes  
Gress – yes  
Hagen – absent

Longnecker – yes  
Nelson – yes  
Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education