

**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, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:31 p.m. in the Calhoun High School Cafeteria.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Jackie Baalman, Luke Fraley, Amanda Gress, Nate Sagez and Hannah Nelson arriving at 5:32 p.m. Janine Hagen and Laura Longnecker were absent.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Cheri Burris, Christie Lorsbach, Landon Sievers, Steven Margherio and Scott Margherio.

A budget hearing, 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, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:32 p.m. in the Calhoun High School Cafeteria.

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A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the budget hearing agenda inclusive of:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Presentation of Budget and Discussion
- V. Reception of Visitors, Petitions and Communications
- VI. Adjourn Budget Hearing and Continue with Regular Meeting

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

District Budget for FY22- As presented. The budget has to be submitted to ISBE by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The district does have a balanced budget and a deficit spending plan was not needed this year. The annual audit will be held at the end of the month. Highlights in the budget included how helpful getting the extra federal funds will be for the next few years and also how the additional Tier funding in EBF was helpful. The working cash bond issued last school year will be applied equally in the next couple of years to support building improvements and salaries/benefits as needed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education adjourns the budget hearing and continues to the regular meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the agenda inclusive of:

- VII. Call to Order
- VIII. Roll Call
- IX. Pledge of Allegiance
- X. Budget Hearing
- XI. Approve Agenda
- XII. Recognition of Visitors, Guests & Public Comments
  - a. Trap Team
  - b. Barney Mundorf
- XIII. Consent Items
  - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - b. Previous Board Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting – August 17, 2021
  - c. Expenditures and Receipts
  - d. Financial Reports
  - e. Activity Accounts Report
  - f. Food Service Report
  - g. Transportation Report
  - h. Extracurricular Report
- XIV. Committee and Administrative Reports
  - a. Calhoun Elementary School
  - b. Calhoun High School
  - c. District
- XV. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
  - a. Consider approval of
    - i. School Maintenance Grant for 2021-2022
    - ii. Title I School Wide Plan
    - iii. District Budget for FY22
- XVI. 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)
- XVII. Action Items Following Executive Session
  - a. Consider Resignation of
    - i. Teacher
    - ii. Coach

- iii. Paraprofessional
- iv. Cook
- b. Consider Approving Hiring of
  - i. Teacher
  - ii. CJHS Cheer Coach
  - iii. Paraprofessional
  - iv. Personnel
- c. Consider Approving
  - i. Maternity Leave

xviii. Other Business

xix. Communication and Announcements

- a. September 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterm
- b. October 5 & 7 – P/T Conferences 3-7pm
- c. October 8 – No School - Homecoming
- d. October 9 – Homecoming Dance
- e. October 11 – Columbus Day
- f. October 12 – Teacher Institute
- g. Correspondence

xx. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda which includes:

xxi. Consent Items

- a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
- b. Previous Board Minutes
  - i. Regular Meeting – August 17, 2021
- c. Expenditures and Receipts
- d. Financial Reports
- e. Activity Accounts Report
- f. Food Service Report
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Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

**Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:**

The Trap Team was invited to the board meeting to be recognized. Thank you to Landon Sievers, Steven Margherio and Coach Margherio for attending. Landon Sievers is the High School National Champion and Steven Margherio is the Runner Up. Congratulations to the entire team!

Barney Mundorf was in court and will set another date to introduce himself to the board in person. Barney is the new district attorney.

**Communications:**

**Board Committee Reports:** N/A

**Superintendents Report:**

COVID-19 information was shared with the board. Staff COVID testing will begin soon for all those unvaccinated.

Enrollment is 487

A summary was provided on where the district is in discussions with Brussels on an athletic co-op. Two board members from each community (Nate Sagez and Jackie Baalman) are working through the original proposal that was approved by both districts. These representatives will bring back information to their perspective boards for any approvals. As of now, Calhoun would be the host school and Brussels would share in half of the costs. There also are other details to work through. If an agreement is reached, the board will need to approve. The various sports in Calhoun and everywhere are having a difficult time with finding officials for various sports. Some officials are traveling from quite a distance to Hardin for games. Mr. Hillen and I compared fees with competing areas to make sure that we were competitive in the area. A few fees will be increased by \$5-\$10 dollars so that we can get crews here for games.

**Principals Report:**

**Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report**

We have received a \$3000 Career Exploration Grant. I am looking into getting a “Career Cruising” program for students to research different careers.

The STEM class has already started with great results. On their rocket experiments, both eggs did not break, and the parachute for one rocket was so effective that it floated to Robeen’s Storage sheds before landing.

Mr. Hagen has a Business Math class that will also be incorporating the Leadworthy curriculum this year. This is an addition to the CKH program.

Mr. Borton started off his Civics class this year by taking them to lower each of the flags on the high school grounds and explaining why this is done.

Mrs. Doyle has applied to do a pilot AP Ag Science class.

We had a lockdown drill on Sept. 15th and all went well.

Upcoming Football Home Games: Sept. 24th is JFL Night, Oct. 8th is Homecoming, Oct. 22 is Senior/Futures Night.

Sept.30 during IA- Lindsey Franke will be coming to CHS to speak with Juniors and Seniors about her education and career choices. We will continue to have one or two speakers each month to speak about their careers/education.

Clay Dyer is coming Oct. 1 to speak with students as a motivational speaker. He is a professional fisherman who happens to be armless and legless.

Homecoming week is a little out of the ordinary this year due to Family conferences and No school on Oct. 8th.

The Homecoming Parade will leave from CHS at 9:30am on Oct. 7th. Powder puff game is scheduled for Oct. 6th starting at 6:30pm, the public is invited. The dance is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 9th from 7-11pm.

The ROE Institute is scheduled for Oct. 12th. It will a virtual institute.

The Mrs. Doyle will be taking FFA students to the National Convention Oct.27-29. The convention is held in Indianapolis. They will attend a Brett Young Concert as part of the convention.

**Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorschach Report**

The JH Girls softball team had a wonderful season and had a tough loss to St. John’s in the regional championship game last Tuesday. Huge thanks to Coach Kamp and Herkert for their time/effort on an outstanding season. Expect BIG things for the future of Calhoun Softball.

The JH Boys Baseball team is headed to the regional championship game Monday night in Carrollton. Go Warriors!

The staff has been in deep discussion on student learning loss and how it relates to developing the school improvement plan.

Girls 5 th /6 th and 7 th /8 th are gearing up to kick off their season next week.

The sign for Mr. B's dedication is underway. We are currently awaiting Kristy Baalman to select the picture that she would like on the sign. We are also looking into an enclosed case to display some of Mr.B's staple PE items.

Warrior Fan Club idea – she would like to build a “pep” club around sports at the Elementary/Jr. High School next year.

Grandparents Day Program is Friday, Sept. 24 th from 2:00 – 2:45.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the Maintenance Grant as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the Title I School Wide Plan as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education the District Budget as presented for the FY22 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 7:16 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress 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 – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:40 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, 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 – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mark Hillen as PE & Health Teacher.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Amber Ewen as CJHS Cheer Coach.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Emily McBride as a Paraprofessional.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mary Eilerman as High School Cook.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to hire Scott Kiel as a Short Term Sub.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Kim Klaas as the CJHS Cheer Coach.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Amanda Weber as a Paraprofessional.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Stephanie Breden as a Vol. CJHS Asst. Cheer Coach and Cindy Klocke as a Vol. 7/8 Girls Basketball Asst. Coach.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the maternity leave of Sarah Hagen lasting 8 weeks after delivery.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Lauren Eilerman as a Short Term Sub for PE during the 2021-2022 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

**Informational Items:**

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- e. October 11 – Columbus Day
- f. October 12 – Teacher Institute
- g. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education