

**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, February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Amanda Gress (left at 7:22 p.m.), Janine Hagen and Nate Sagez. Jackie Baalman arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, Cheri Burris, LeaAnn Klaas, Dylan Ringhausen and Dellaray Hileman. Christie Lorschbach arrived at 5:38 p.m. Tom Crabtree arrived at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the agenda inclusive of:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approve Agenda
- V. Recognition of Visitors, Guests & Public Comments
 - *To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, it is our public policy that each individual may speak for a maximum of 5 minutes unless prior arrangements have been made to speak longer.*
 - a. Dylan Ringhausen – Graduation Requirements
 - b. Senior Class Representative – Class Trip
- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022
 - ii. Emergency Meeting – February 6, 2022
 - c. Expenditures and Receipts
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Activity Accounts Report
 - f. Food Service Report
 - g. Transportation Report
 - h. Extracurricular Report
- VII. Committee and Administrative Reports
 - a. Calhoun Elementary School
 - b. Calhoun High School
 - c. District
- VIII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings Consulting Service Agreement
- IX. 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)

x. Action Items Following Executive Session

a. Consider Approving Hiring of

i. Healthcare Assistant

b. Personnel

i. Approval to Post Full Time Director of District Services (formerly Transportation Director

ii. Approval to Create and Post Full Time Athletic Director/Dean of Students

iii. Teacher Discipline

c. Consider Student Discipline

xI. Other Business

xII. Communication and Announcements

a. March 7 – No School - Casimir Pulaski Day

b. March 22 – School Board Meeting

c. Correspondence

xIII. Adjourn

Board polled:

Baalman – absent

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda which includes:

I. Consent Items

a. Adoption of Consent Agenda

b. Previous Board Minutes

i. Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022

ii. Emergency Meeting – February 6, 2022

c. Expenditures and Receipts

d. Financial Reports

e. Activity Accounts Report

f. Food Service Report

g. Transportation Report

h. Extracurricular Report

Board polled:

Baalman – absent

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Dylan Ringhausen spoke about scheduling conflicts. He would like to see graduation requirements change regarding Social Studies, PE and Foreign Language credits. He would also like to offer a new World Religions class that will be taught by Mr. Clint Borton.

Mrs. Lee presented the Senior class trip to Branson, MO, May 5-8.

Tom Crabtree explained Bonding possibilities for the upcoming District projects.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

Superintendents Report:

Spoke with Brussels regarding the Athletic Co-op and offering Cross Country if there is any interest.

Sent a draft to St. Mary's School regarding an Athletic Co-op with them that outlined the sports offered and fee's to be collected.

The Athletic Co-op committee met regarding a facility fee. Brussels will pay a \$25 fee per Athlete/ per sport played.

Press Plus Update 108 regarding the National Sex Standards – would like to propose with keeping the health class as it currently is.

GRP – walked the grounds last week. They will be providing an updated cost for each project.

Calhoun CUSD 40 did not put a time frame on the masks recommended policy.

Principals Report:

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Student of the Month for Kindness: Ella Sievers! Staff member of the month: Angie Sagez!

Xello, the new career cruising program, has been added to the Google Platform for students to use. Students take 3 different personality/interest surveys that then match them to potential careers. Students can “tour” a campus virtually that offers education for that career as well.

Girls Basketball Regional is this week in Bluffs. If they win they will play Thursday night at 7pm. We will be hosting part of the Boys Basketball Regional on Feb. 23 and 25.

Our scholastic bowl team is 9-3 in the conference. Regionals for them begin in March.

Mr. Ringhausen is learning how to add courses/schedules into the new Skyward system.

CHS received the Silver Award from ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) for having an 81% completion rate of the FAFSA for our Seniors. Mr. Ringhausen is shooting for GOLD (85%) next year!

Mrs. Reed's Earth Science class has to research, choose, and build one of three types of volcanoes and their productions must duplicate the appropriate type of eruption for that type of volcano. Her Anatomy and Physiology class are dissecting sheep brains.

Mrs. Deffenbaugh and her English III students, through MAP testing, have learned that they struggle with subject/verb agreement and pronoun usage so they are currently doing activities to rectify this struggle. Her Tech Writing class is currently working on Technical Description and Process Analysis. Each student was given an item, such as a magnifying glass or a game piece, then they had to describe what it is without saying what it is or what its purpose is.

Mr. Bloodworth's Web Design II will be creating Teacher pages. Computer Concepts students are creating resume's and learning how to appropriately word them.

The Business Math class has started the Leadworthy curriculum. They have to give a 1.5-minute speech on why they would be the best fit for a potential employer.

The Senior Class is hosting a Jr. High Dance this Friday as a fundraiser

Football players will be participating in a Weight lifting competition Saturday morning, Feb. 19th at Jerseyville High school.

The FFA Alumni Auction is this Saturday, Feb. 19th at the Hardin KC Hall, beginning at 5pm.

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorschach Report

188 students met their 2nd quarter AR reading goal. This is the highest number ever achieved by our building! The January WOW character trait was Respect, Honor You/Honor Me. The WOW awards were awarded last week. There were 13 recipients for students/staff.

HUGE thanks to Ms. Watters and Scotty Browning for helping the band set up and allowing them to play at the 7th-grade boy's pep rally. Also, thank you Mrs. Burris for letting the HS students attend.

The CJHS cheer squad has done an amazing job this year. The girls had great school spirit and supported the team/school in every endeavor. Special thanks to Kim Klaas and Stephanie Breden for all the hard work and great ideas this season. I cannot wait to see how we can grow the program and community support next season. Great Job to the 7th and 8th-grade boys' basketball teams. Their seasons were exciting! 8th grade ended the season with a record of 19-4. The 7th-grade team dominated and took 3rd place in the STATE Series!!! Out of 110 teams, the Calhoun Warriors took 3rd! We were also the only public school in the final 4. The other teams were either private schools or charter schools. We are so PROUD of these boys and coaches!

Jr. High Scholastic Bowl has started practices. 21 students have committed to being on the team. This is the highest number we have ever had. Mrs. Krysl is their coach and did an excellent job on recruiting students and encouraging involvement.

The Process Champions Team is looking at data from a staff survey to develop an action plan for improving SEL for staff on Feb. 18. They have currently decided on a book study reading/discussing; The Burnout Cure by Chase Mielke.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings Consulting Service Agreement as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 6:02 p.m. by Nate Sagez, seconded by Janine Hagen 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 – absent	Longnecker – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – absent
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 7:03 p.m. by Janine Hagen, 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 – absent
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Amanda Waters as a Healthcare Assistant.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to post full time Director of District Services position (formerly Transportation Director)

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approved to create and post full time Athletic Director/Dean of Students position.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education suspends Teacher A for one workday without pay on February 17, 2022.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education expel Student No. 693383084 from 2/15/2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school term pursuant to the terms of the parent's agreement.

Board polled:

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

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – absent
Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- a. March 7 – No School – Casimir Pulaski Day
- b. March 22 – School Board Meeting
- c. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – absent
Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education