

**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, March 22, 2022 at 5:31 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Jackie Baalman, Amanda Gress, Janine Hagen, Laura Longnecker, Hannah Nelson and Nate Sagez.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, Cheri Burris, Christie Lorsbach, LeaAnn Klaas, Dwight Moore and Dellaray Hileman.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen 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. Dianna Rose – Bus for After Prom
- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – February 15, 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. Final Reading of Policy #108
- IX. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Open New Checking Account
 - ii. Amendments in the Brussels Athletic Co-op Agreement
 - iii. Social Studies Graduation Requirement
 - iv. Class Offering
 - v. PE Exemptions

- vi. Approve Amended 2021-22 School Calendar
- vii. Approve Amended 2022-23 School Calendar
- viii. Purchase Special Education Van
- ix. Senior Class Trip to Branson

x. **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)

xi. **Action Items Following Executive Session**

- a. Consider Approving Hiring of
 - i. Volunteer Asst. Softball Coach

- b. Consider Approving the Resignation of
 - i. Paraprofessional
 - ii. Physical Education Teacher

- c. Personnel
 - i. Approve Honorable Dismissal List for Certified Personnel

xii. **Other Business**

xiii. **Communication and Announcements**

- a. March 23 – NHS Blood Drive
- b. April 15 – 18 – Spring Break
- c. April 19 – School Board Meeting
- d. Correspondence

xiv. **Adjourn**

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Janine Hagen 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
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- f. Food Service Report
- g. Transportation Report

h. Extracurricular Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Dwight Moore with Calhoun County Rural Water was present to give an update on the water grant project. Supplies are going up in cost and arrival time is uncertain. Grant is due May 2023. Mrs. Lee is asking for an extension. The grant is for \$150,000.

Mrs. Lee asked the board about using a bus for after prom for Dianna Rose.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

Superintendents Report:

There has been an increase in enrollment.

High School graduation has been set for May 21 at 6:00pm. It will take place in the Calhoun Elementary Gym.

There has been a lot of work going on throughout the district for the transition to Skyward.

ESSER funds are being utilized for gym floor covering, tutoring and summer school and professional development opportunities.

Currently all surrounding schools are having trouble finding applicants.

Principals Report:

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Conner Boxdorfer is our Student of the Month for Courage!

Mrs. Gilman is our Staff member of the Month...voted on by students.

Scholastic Bowl ended the season by winning the conference!

NHS Blood Drive is March 23rd from 9-2pm.

Illinois Science Assessment is scheduled for March 31 and April 1st. It is given to Juniors.

SAT is April 13th.

CHS will be hosting a CTE Night for incoming Freshmen and their parents on April 26th from 5:30-7pm.

Students will be able to see a variety of activities and tools that they can use in the CTE courses. They will also get to try a few short activities.

The FFA banquet is scheduled for May 1st.

I would like to set the Graduation date for May 21st at 6pm. We will have it in the Calhoun Elementary Gymnasium.

CHS will be hosting both the softball and Baseball regional championships on May 21st as well.

There has been no interest in cross country.

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

177 students met their 3rd quarter AR reading goal. They are celebrating with donuts.

The February WOW character trait was Teamwork, Better Together. The WOW awards were awarded 2 weeks ago. There were 27 recipients for students/staff.

The 5/6 boys' basketball team finished up their seasons.

The scholastic bowl has had their first two matches of the season but has come up short on the win. The kids are having a great time.

IAR state testing will begin for grades 3-8 on April 5, 2022.

We are looking into professional development for K-3 teachers on a phonics program, Orton Gillingham. Along with looking at a supplemental reading curriculum, Really Good Reading. The family night committee has been working hard to host “Family Fun Night” on May 5th from 5:30 – 7:30. Mark your calendars!
The 8th Grade meal has been planned with “Pig on a Wing” food truck coming to CJHS on Friday, May 13. Please come join us if you are available.
April 22nd, the K-6 grades will be taking part in an Earth Day field trip to McCauley’s Heritage Project. This trip was made possible by a grant through the Health Department.
CHS Farm Day will be held on Friday, May 13th. Mrs. Doyle is working hard.
Regional Championship Breakfast at Mel’s River dock on March 31st.
Kindergarten screening will be held on April 13 and 14.
CTE night @ CHS for 8th grade students/families April 26 (5:30pm – 7pm)
The Fill Inn Station will be catering a meal for honor roll students.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to open a new checking account at the Bank of Calhoun.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the amendments in the Brussels Athletic Co-op Agreement.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to lower the required credits for graduation from 3 hours to 2.5 hours for Social Studies.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to offer World Religions and Animal Science Classes at Calhoun High School.

Board polled:

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

Hagen – yes

Motion carries

The motion to approve the Physical Education exemptions was tabled.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the amended 2021-22 school calendar as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – yes

Nelson – yes

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the amended 2022-23 school calendar as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – yes

Nelson – yes

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the purchase of the Special Education Van.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – yes

Nelson – yes

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the Senior Class Trip to Branson, Mo.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – yes

Nelson – yes

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 6:38 p.m. by Jackie Baalman, 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 – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 8:24 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker 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 – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to hire Charles Gilman as the Vol. Asst. CHS Softball Coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lacy Cummings as a Paraprofessional at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Adam Hickson as a Physical Education Teacher at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves the Honorable Dismissal List for Certified Personnel as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Mandy Sprong as the Head Cook for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- a. March 23 – NHS Blood Drive
- b. April 15 – 18 – Spring Break
- c. April 19 – School Board Meeting
- d. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education