

**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, October 19, 2021 at 5:34 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, Cheri Burris, Lisa Kallal and Janet Holmes.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Nate Sagez 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
 - a. Lisa Kallal – Update on Grant
- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular & Budget Meeting – September 21, 2021
 - ii. Special Meeting – September 27, 2021
 - 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. Committee (Personnel, Negotiations, Finance, Insurance, Consultation)
 - b. Calhoun Elementary School
 - c. Calhoun High School
 - d. District
- VIII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider approval of
 - i. Move December School Board Meeting
- 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 Resignation of
 - i. Elementary Tech Coordinator
 - b. Consider Approving Hiring of
 - i. Assistant CHS Boys Basketball Coach
 - ii. Volunteer Assistant CHS Boys Basketball Coach
 - c. Personnel

xI. Other Business

- xII. Communication and Announcements
 - a. October 20, 2021 – SIP 11:30 Dismissal
 - b. November 11, 2021 – No School Veteran’s Day
 - c. November 16, 2021 – School Board Meeting
 - d. Correspondence

xIII. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

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

- xIV. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular & Budget Meeting – September 21, 2021
 - ii. Special Meeting – September 27, 2021
 - 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 – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – absent
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Lisa Kallal was present to give an update on their grant, numbers and progress. They have a new staff member, Lindsay Stienacher. Loves the new facility but is still limited on activities due to COVID 19. Currently has 43 families enrolled. The PI is the largest grant. They have 3 full time employees. They have purchased a shed with books, puzzles, etc. but are waiting to see where to place it in town. A new idea for November is to have an online book study. They are hosting a Safety Night on November 17 at the Firehouse. PreK currently has 2 classrooms with 16 students each. Four students with IEP's, Six students with speech. They have 2 certified teachers, 2 aides, and 1 floating aide.

On behalf of Heidi Doyle, the FFA National Convention Itinerary will be emailed.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

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

For the first time ever...Freshmen rocked Homecoming competitions. While they did not win, they came very close in all events.

Lindsey Franke came to speak with Juniors and Seniors. She provided several interesting stats about college completion and careers while also providing information about the paths she took to her current career.

There is an FFA Alumni meeting scheduled for Oct. 20th at 6:30 pm at Straight Home.

Earthquake drill is planned for Oct. 21st.

There will be a Jr Bake Sale and a Band Fish Fry this Friday night at FB Senior Night Football game.

Calhoun Nursing CNS information, Calhoun EMT information/credit.

Jostens will be visiting Sophomores about rings Oct. 28th.

Jostens will be visiting Seniors on Nov. 1 for graduation products.

NHS Induction is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 6:30pm.

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorschach Report

The first WOW awards were given out for the character trait of Empathy for the month of September. There were 14 students/staff that qualified for the award. The picture is on the FB page.

This month the WOW character trait is Self-Direct, lead yourself to who you want to be. Teachers are doing a great job of utilizing the online curriculum for CKH and incorporating it into the daily lessons.

Students are working diligently to reach their AR reading goal. Each wing is developing their own reward for students who make their goal.

The girls 7/8 and 5/6 basketball seasons are underway. Cheerleading practice has also begun and 7/8 boys' basketball will begin 10/18.

Staff have been working on affirmations to other staff members in the "Make it Sticky" challenge for the month of October.

The 2021-22 Staff Social Contract is signed by staff members. We will begin with a focus word next week. 50 new Chromebooks were delivered and are getting ready to go to classrooms.

Title grant is submitted and awaiting ISBE approval.

The weekend warrior packs have moved into the classrooms for all students to utilize if they are hungry.

Wed. Oct. 20 – Early dismissal at 11:15 – SIP day

Friday Oct. 22 – Earthquake Drill

Monday Oct. 25 - PTO meeting 6pm at CES Library

Thursday Oct. 28 – Picture retake day/fall sports pictures

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to move the December 21 school board meeting to December 14, 2021.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 6:05 p.m. by Nate Sagez, 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 – absent	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – absent
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 6:46 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 – absent	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – absent
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Eric Weber as an Assistant CHS Boys Basketball Coach.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – absent
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 hire Tony Caselton as a Volunteer Assistant CHS Boys Basketball Coach.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Ryan Benz as a Volunteer Assistant 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- a. October 20, 2021 – SIP 11:30 Dismissal
- b. November 11, 2021 – No School Veteran’s Day
- c. November 16, 2021 – School Board Meeting
- d. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education