

**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 Vice President Laura Longnecker, Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, Cheri Burris, Christie Lorsbach, LeaAnn Klaas, Dylan Ringhausen, Tara Smith and Sarah Becker.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, 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. Dylan Ringhausen – Off Campus Lunch
- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – October 19, 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. Calhoun Elementary School
 - b. Calhoun High School
 - c. District
- VIII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider approval of
 - i. CHS and CES School Improvement Plan 2021-22
 - ii. School Safety Plans
 - iii. Memorandum of Understanding
 - iv. Tentative Tax Levy
 - v. Annual Statement of Affairs for Publication
 - vi. Contract with Calhoun County Rural Water District

- 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. Cook
 - b. Consider Approving of
 - i. Payment for Retirement Days
 - c. Personnel
- XI. **Other Business**
- XII. **Communication and Announcements**
 - a. Nov. 17 – SIP 11:30 Dismissal
 - b. Nov. 24 – 1:15 Dismissal
 - c. Nov. 25-26 – Happy Thanksgiving
 - d. Dec. 14 – School Board Meeting
 - e. Correspondence

XIII. **Adjourn**

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez 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 Meeting – October 19, 2021
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 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Activity Accounts Report
 - f. Food Service Report
 - g. Transportation Report
 - h. Extracurricular Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Tara Smith was introduced to the Board by Cheri Burris. She is our new high school special education teacher. Cheri Burris said she is doing a great job and building good relationships with the kids and building a positive classroom.

Dylan Ringhausen is seeking permission from the board that would allow seniors to leave for off campus lunch. The plan includes, but not limited to: parent permission, grades of a C or higher, no unexcused absences or a discipline history. The board will take the request into consideration. If approved, the seniors would be able to start 2nd semester and the program would continue to be evaluated.

Sarah Becker is being nationally recognized for the work she is doing with the Capturing Kids Hearts program. Christie Lorsbach played a video from Sarah Becker's classroom highlighting how well the students are doing with the CKH program.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

Superintendents Report:

The Administrative Report started with sharing of Good Things by a few in attendance.

The Strategic Planning Committee met recently to continue their discussion on the district's objectives for the year. The team set some action plans for some of the goals and reviewed a long list of items related to Operations that will be included on a Building and Grounds 3 to 5-year plan.

Board Appreciation Day was acknowledged and a few goodies given to our members!

The annual safety meeting is set for November 17th with the local fire and police department.

Principals Report:

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

\$3000 has been added to the CTE grant. Xello a career cruising software has been purchased with that money. Nathan Bloodworth is working on CTE certification. With his certification we will continue to receive the CTE grant money.

Ag students are creating products to sell. Examples are belts, fishing poles, candles, etc.

Student Council are having activities on Nov. 17 for students to get to know each other better.

Student of the Month: John Kronable

Halloween Carnival for CHS students was a success!

NHS Induction was Nov. 10th. We have 11 Seniors who are NHS members and a total of 19 NHS members.

High school credit to be offered to high school Seniors taking the Nurse's Aide course at Calhoun Nursing Home and for the EMT course taken with Calhoun Volunteer Ambulance in the Spring.

Mr. Ringhausen and I will be looking into incorporating more Work-based learning/Work place experience in order to have something in place for the school year 22-23.

Girls Basketball first home game is Nov. 23rd v. GLCA

Dec. 3rd is the first home Boys Basketball game with Warrior Pride hosting their Chicken Noodle Dinner.

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

Christie Lorsbach is thankful for the full time sub that has been hired by the district.

The monthly WOW awards were given out for the character trait: Self-Direct for the month of October. There were 12 students/staff that qualified for the award. The picture is on the FB page.

This month the WOW character trait is Teamwork, better together. Teachers are doing a great job of utilizing the online curriculum for CKH and incorporating it into the daily lessons.

We had 164 students meet their first quarter AR reading goal (54%). The students enjoyed an extra recess and popsicle.

Kuddos to Kim Klaas and Stephanie Breden, cheer coaches, as they have kicked off the 7/8 boys' basketball home opener with style. We have teamed up to create "The Hut" student section, they have incorporated

shooting shirts into the crowd, added songs during timeouts, and a half time shooting contest to raise money for the future “Warrior Fan Club”. Great ideas!!

This month’s CKH staff activity has been being chosen to receive; Grateful Gertie, Thankful Theodore, or Positive Pete. If a staff member is chosen, they have 24 hours to choose another staff member, write a personal note to them on why they were picked, and deliver it. (Pictures are at the bottom of the page) If they submit a picture, they are entered into a drawing for a prize.

Title grant is submitted and has been approved.

PTO had their first meeting at the end of October. They have approved funds for flexible seating options in classrooms, funding \$5 per child for field trips, and are looking into playground equipment for the Jr. High. The next fundraiser will be on Jan. 22, 2022 at the KC Hall in Hardin. An adult prom will be hosted; more information can be found on the FB page.

The School Improvement Plan and Emergency Crisis Plan have both been updated and are ready for approval. HUGE shout out to Mrs. Sarah Becker, 2nd grade, for being recognized NATIONALLY for her implantation of Capturing Kids’ Hearts in her classroom.

The Birth to 3 Program and PreK are teaming up to bring a book study to all Calhoun County families. The current book is, The Yes Brain: How to Cultivate Courage, Curiosity, and Resilience in Your Child by Daniel Siegel. 54 participants are in the current book study.

Thanks to the NHS for providing a great Halloween Carnival for Calhoun families

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the CHS and CES School Improvement Plan’s for 2021-22 as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the School Safety Plans as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the Tentative Tax Levy as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the Annual Statement of Affairs for Publication.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves a contract with Calhoun County Rural Water District.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 6:27 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez 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
Fralely – absent	Nelson – yes
Gress – absent	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 8:04 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fralely – absent	Nelson – yes

Gress – absent

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to hire Stacy Allen as a Cook for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – absent

Nelson – yes

Gress – absent

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves payment to Janet Holmes for retirement days as follows: \$6000 on November 25, 2021 Payroll and \$6000 on November 25, 2022 Payroll.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – absent

Nelson – yes

Gress – absent

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- a. Nov. 17 – SIP 11:30 Dismissal
- b. Nov. 24 – 1:15 Dismissal
- c. Nov. 25-26 – Happy Thanksgiving
- d. Dec. 14 – School Board Meeting
- e. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – yes

Fraley – absent

Nelson – yes

Gress – absent

Sagez – yes

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education