

**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 Secretary Amanda Gress, Tuesday, December 14, 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 (on Zoom), Janine Hagen and Hannah Nelson. Jackie Baalman, Laura Longnecker and Nate Sagez were absent.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Anna Kronable and Suzanne Steckel.

A Limitation of Administrative Cost 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 Secretary Amanda Gress, Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:35 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Anna Kronable and Suzanne Steckel.

No public comment was made during the hearing.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education adjourns the Limitation of Administrative Cost Hearing at 5:37 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A Truth in Taxation 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 Secretary Amanda Gress, Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:38 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Anna Kronable and Suzanne Steckel.

Anna Kronable was present to ask questions regarding the hearing to provide information to the public.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education adjourns the Limitation of Administrative Cost Hearing at 5:42 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Hagen – yes  
Motion carries.

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. Limitation of Administrative Cost Hearing
- V. Truth in Taxation Hearing
- VI. Approve Agenda
- VII. 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. Suzanne Steckel – Auditor
- VIII. Consent Items
  - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - b. Previous Board Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting – November 16, 2021
  - c. Expenditures and Receipts
  - d. Financial Reports
  - e. Activity Accounts Report
  - f. Food Service Report
  - g. Transportation Report
  - h. Extracurricular Report
- IX. Committee and Administrative Reports
  - a. Calhoun Elementary School
  - b. Calhoun High School
  - c. District
- X. First Reading of Policy #108 Update
  - See Attachment
- XI. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
  - a. Consider Approval of
    - i. 2022-2023 Risk Management Plan
- XII. 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)
- XIII. Action Items Following Executive Session
  - a. Consider Approval of
    - i. MOU for COVID-19 Stipend Pay

- ii. Limitation of Administrative Cost
- iii. Adopt Tax Levy

b. Personnel

xiv. Other Business

xv. Communication and Announcements

- a. Dec. 17 – CES Christmas Program
- b. Dec. 20 – Jan. 3 – Christmas Break
- c. Jan. 18 – School Board Meeting
- d. Correspondence

xvi. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

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

xvii. Consent Items

- a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
- b. Previous Board Minutes
  - i. Regular Meeting – November 16, 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 – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – absent
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

**Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:**

Suzanne Steckel was present to give the Audit Report. The district is at 3.45 review status – improvement from last year’s watch status. There were 3 findings this year.

**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**

We have had a sudden increase in Covid cases the past two weeks. Because of test-to-stay, fewer students have had to quarantine. Semester Finals are Dec. 16 and 17. We had a Community RtI meeting last week that included Kennedy Crutchley, Greg Weishaupt, Christie Lorsbach, Traci Hillen, Dylan Ringhausen , Andrea Lee, and myself. We discussed our “at Risk” students. We have been having “set up” meetings with Skyward. Meetings have been successful in setting up the program for the district thus far. The Career Cruising program Xello, will connect with Skyward so that students, teachers, and the school counselor can track what careers each student has been researching. The program can also track the necessary courses the students need to sign up for in order to graduate as well as courses appropriate for their career. Teachers will receive training for this program in January. Mr. Bloodworth is now certified to teach CTE courses!

**Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report**

The monthly WOW awards were given out for the character trait: Teamwork for the month of November. There were 21 students/staff that qualified for the award.

This month the WOW character trait is Responsibility, Do Your Part. Teachers are doing a great job of utilizing the online curriculum for CKH and incorporating it into the daily lessons.

Great Job to Ms. Watters and the Calhoun Unit 40 Band on their wonderful Christmas Concert. The hard work the students put in was evident.

The 3 wings and the office in the building (South, East and West) are all competing in a festive holiday decorating contest. The judging will be done on Dec. 16, please let me know if you would like to be a judge to determine the winning hallway. Everyone is welcome to stop by the building this day or I can send pictures of each wing via email, text or FB messenger.

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lady Warriors – The girls had a successful season and secured a Regional Championship. They lost by 2 points against Mendon Unity in the sectional game. Super proud of these ladies, their hard work, and Coach Klocke on a fantastic season.

Wow Award Recipients – Back row (L to R): Hannah L, Raelynn S, Mrs. Krysl, Henry B, Peyton G, Carlee S, Cheyenne S, Anna R, Tamara O, Issiah B, Hannah K, Layla J. Front row (L to R): Allie F, Mya S, Ms. Slone, Mia K, Damen F, Charollotte C, Ryan B. Not pictured: Mrs. Gilman and Kiera Sievers.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Risk Management Plan as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

There was no need to enter into close session.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Understanding for COVID-19 Stipend Pay as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

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

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education adopts the Tax Levy as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

**Informational Items:**

- a. Dec. 17 – CES Christmas Program
- b. Dec. 20 – Jan. 3 – Christmas Break
- c. Jan. 18 – School Board Meeting
- d. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education