

**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, May 17, 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, Laura Longnecker, Hannah Nelson and Nate Sagez. Janine Hagen arrived at 5:32 pm. Jackie Baalman was absent.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, Christie Lorschach, LeaAnn Klaas, Drew Baalman, Mitchell Bick, Ryan Graner, Ty Bick, Ben Eberlin, Sean Nelson, and Mark & Megan Hillen.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, 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.*
- VI. Consent Items
  - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - b. Previous Board Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting – April 19, 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. Approve 2022-2023 Athletic & Registration Fees
    - ii. MISSVIC Intergovernmental Agreement
    - iii. Appoint MISSVIC Voting Members
    - iv. FFA Convention Trip
    - v. IVEDC Building Rental/Lease Agreement
    - vi. Establish Class of '26 Activity Fund
- 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 the Resignation of
    - i. Social Studies Teacher
  - b. Consider Approving Hiring of
    - i. Cook
    - ii. High School Social Studies
    - iii. High School Math
    - iv. Part Time Summer Custodian/Maintenance Work
  - c. Consider Approving the Employment of
    - i. CHS Cheer Coach
  - d. Personnel

xI. Other Business

- xII. Communication and Announcements
  - a. May 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
  - b. May 20 – Staff Picnic
  - c. May 21 – CHS Graduation
  - d. May 23 – Last Day of School
  - e. June 28 – School Board Meeting
  - f. Correspondence

xIII. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

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:

- I. Consent Items
  - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - b. Previous Board Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting – April 19, 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 – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – absent	

Motion carries.

### **Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:**

Ryan Graner and other visitors spoke regarding the CHS Boys Basketball program and coaching. They are in favor of Casey Longnecker.

### **Communications:**

**Board Committee Reports: N/A**

### **Superintendents Report:**

The Library Committee held a meeting on May 12th. Ideas were shared about the needs of a public library in addition to a high school library.

Preliminary drawings from GRP were reviewed. There are a couple of ideas that we are going to consider looking into for cost: Example a buzz in system from the outside door for hours past school. The next meeting will be held July 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

An update with the IESA co-op with St. Norbert's and St. Mary's- We have received the signed IESA forms for the sports from both schools.

The final insurance premiums have been set. It is refreshing to know that the increase came in at only 1.2% with the same coverage. There wasn't a need to raise any co-pays or out of pocket expenses in the plan. This will bring the new total to \$750/mo. for individuals and \$1530 for family. The employee contribution will change from \$67.00 to \$68.00.

A budget amendment hearing will be held at the June 28th board meeting.

Dwight Moore sent an email recently letting me know that they have started ordering materials for the project. He will keep us posted on that as materials come in.

GRP has ordered the bleachers. They still are not expecting them to be in by December. It is the district's responsibility to tear down and clear out the existing bleachers. Over the summer a thorough inspection will be done to see if they can be used. If not, we will begin demolition this summer. As you remember we are proceeding with the press box as a separate structure. Currently the way prices are set the press box would have been more than the bleachers. The architect stated that we can still get a few years off of the one we have. However, in their inspection it was noted that there needs to be repairs made and some interior work done to keep the inside free from bird droppings. I would like to proceed with having things fixed and cleaned up.

Facility Use- Would like for the board to think about a possibly usage fee for renting facilities. While it does not need to be an astronomical amount, it does help keep facilities maintained. For example, the lights at the softball and baseball fields. School teams do not use the lights hardly ever yet when bulbs need replaced or lighting needs updated it is our responsibility. I can check around to other districts to see what the going rate is for this if there is interest.

### **Principals Report:**

#### **Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report**

Approximately 19 students were present for the Incoming Freshman CTE Night. Students were able to see available tools, here about what they could learn in CTE classes, as well as make items in the classrooms. Prom went well.

The Senior Banquet went well on May 10, 2022. It was a little warm and humid in the gym.

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship - Mallory Kamp \$75, Nick Baalman \$75, Emily Wieneke \$100, Ella Sievers \$150, Paige Browning \$150

Coach Peyton History Scholarship - Ella Sievers  
Mr. Bloodworth, Web Design Award - Haleigh Cranmer  
Mr. Bloodworth, Accounting Award - Shane Macauley  
Mr. Hagen / Mrs. Maupin, Mathematics Award - Shane Macauley  
Mr. Grimes, Industrial Arts Award - Cole Lorsbach & Joe Stein  
Mr. Borton - Social Studies Award - Bryce Eilerman  
Mrs. Eilerman / Mr. Graner, Physical Education Award - Andrew Jablonski, Charleigh Wilson  
Miss Watters, Band Award (John Philip Sousa Award) - Paige Browning  
Mrs. Gilman / Mrs. Reed, Science Award - Shane Macauley  
Mrs. Deffenbaugh, English Award - Nick Baalman  
Mrs. Burris, Principal's Award - Ella Sievers, Brody Caselton  
Mrs. Bloodworth / Mrs. Doyle / Mr. Grimes, CTE Award - Kiarra Meza  
Graduation is 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.

### **Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report**

The April WOW character trait was Perseverance: The WOW awards were awarded 2 weeks ago. There were 12 recipients for students/staff.

Family Fun Night was a HUGE success. We had 480 participants and raise a little over \$500 for the Warrior Fan Club with the dunking booth. Big thanks to the participants: Mrs. Wyatt, JD Lorton, Mr. Hickson, and Ms. Schutz. I also wanted to recognize the amazing committee who put the evening together and the staff for working so hard to make sure everything ran smoothly. Calhoun is blessed with the best!

There were 118 students who met their reading goal all 4 quarters this year or acquired the set number of points for their grade level. Students will be taking a field trip to bowl and have pizza on Monday to celebrate.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade meal was delicious with “Pig on a Wing” food truck coming to CJHS on Friday, May 13.

CHS Farm Day was held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Big thanks to the FFA for providing a great event.

The aluminum can drive was able to raise \$1,300 for the Warrior Fan Club. We are still looking into other avenues to raise the additional \$1,700 for the mats.

End of the year testing was conducted and many classes had outstanding academic gains. I will share the numbers and classes at the meeting, as Mrs. Webster was still finishing her end-of-the-year report.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves the athletic and registration fees as presented for the 2022-2023 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education resolves to extend the term of the MissVIC Employee Benefits Intergovernmental Cooperative for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to appoint Andrea Lee as the voting member and Meghan Klunk as the alternate to the Mississippi Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent	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 the FFA to attend the State Convention, June 14-16.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the building rental/lease agreement with Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent	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 to establish a Class of 2026 Activity Fund.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 6:21 p.m. by Amanda Gress, 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 – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 7:20 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 – absent	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Clint Borton as a High School Social Studies Teacher at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent	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 approves to hire Amy Godar as a Cook for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Nick Wyatt as a High School Social Studies Teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Cassidy Klocke as a High School Math Teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent	Longnecker – yes
------------------	------------------

Fraley – yes  
Gress – yes  
Hagen – yes

Nelson – yes  
Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Part Time Summer Custodian/Maintenance Work for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Amanda Gress that he Board of Education approves to employ Lindsey Taul as the CHS Cheer Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

**Informational Items:**

- A. May 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- B. May 20 – Staff Picnic
- C. May 21 – CHS Graduation
- D. May 23 – Last Day of School
- E. June 28 – School Board Meeting
- F. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

---

President, Board of Education

---

Secretary, Board of Education