

**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, August 16, 2022 at 4:06 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Cheri Burris, Nicholas Wyatt, Ben Bayless, Riley Caselton, Casey Longnecker and Mark Hillen.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, 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 – July 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. EIS Report
 - ii. Risk Management
- 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. CJHS Volleyball Coach
 - ii. Cook
 - b. Consider Approving to Hire
 - i. High School Special Education Teacher
 - ii. Jr. High Language Arts Teacher
 - iii. 1st Grade Teacher
 - iv. PreK ESP
 - c. Consider Approving to Employ
 - i. Student Council Sponsor
 - ii. Class of 2024 Sponsor
 - iii. CJHS Volleyball Coach
 - iv. 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach
 - v. Freshman Volleyball Coach
 - vi. CHS Softball Coach
 - vii. CHS Baseball Coach
 - viii. Volunteer Football Asst. Coach
 - d. Personnel

xI. Other Business

- xII. Communication and Announcements
 - a. September 5 – No School – Labor Day
 - b. September 20 – School Board Meeting
 - c. Correspondence

xIII. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Janine Hagen 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 – July 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 – absent
Fraleay – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – absent
Hagen – yes	

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Cheri Burris introduced two new high school employees to the board, Nick Wyatt and Ben Bayless. Mark Hillen and Riley Caselton was present in support of Casey Longnecker as Head Baseball Coach.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

Superintendents Report:

The library donation will be recognized at the September Board Meeting.

All positions have been filled for the schools except for a late resignation by a cook.

A full time sub will be available again this school year.

Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting soon.

There will be a co-op with SLU for a curriculum audit.

Tentative budget will be on display until September Board Meeting.

ESSER II & III grants are still being utilized.

A thank you to Hannah Nelson for working with JCH for their donation.

Looking at new ideas for summer school next year.

A thank you to Stacey Wallendorf, Amy Friedel, Jamie Mason, Jeannette Johnson, Christie Lorsbach, Cheri Burris and Andrea Lee for cleaning and painting the football concession stand.

Principals Report:

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Introduction of new staff, Nick Wyatt and Ben Bayless.

This Summer I tried doing a paperless survey for CHS graduates in order to get feedback about how we are doing in preparing them for the future. I hoped that this method would provide more responses. I posted the information on our Facebook page.

Unfortunately, I did not receive any requests to take the survey.

The cafeteria now has the new flooring completed and it looks great, especially the stairs by the band room.

Administration and a few parents cleaned and painted the Football concession on Wed. Aug. 3rd. It looks so much better.

Name plates and room letters have been added to the high school to help students find their way.

A new wifi antenna has been ordered for the marquee. Hopefully it will work after the antenna is replaced.

CJD E-cycling came to CHS yesterday to pick up all of our tech junk and metal junk.

Freshman Orientation was Aug. 15th at 6pm.

The CHS Gym floor is getting professionally cleaned/waxed on Aug. 22nd and will be unavailable for use until Aug. 29th.

Several home varsity football games have been changed to Thursday nights due to the official shortage.

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

Summer School Power Hours were hosted in 5 classrooms for the last two weeks.

Students were excited to be back. The teachers who hosted classrooms were: Mrs. Becker: Kindergarten, Ms. Schutz: 1st and 2nd grade, Mrs. Brunaugh: 3rd grade, Mrs. Hickson: 4th grade to 7th grade.

The JH Softball team is off to a strong start to the season. They placed first in the Gillespie Tournament on August 6th and continue to steamroll their competitors.

The JH Baseball team kicked off their season last Wednesday night at home against Southwestern.

New employee orientation was held on Thursday, August 11th.

A new curriculum change for the upcoming year is the removal of spelling tests. The K-5 team will focus instruction on phonics, decoding, and spelling patterns, but not on the memorization of the spelling word.

Instead, the focus will be on using words in context to enhance reading and written expression skills.

Mr. Derham, JH Social Studies teacher, and I will be working together to develop and offer Student Council at the JH level. He is very excited about the opportunity to oversee this opportunity for the students.

The parking lot turned out great, big thanks to Kyle Godar and his crew for all their efforts. There were several “hiccups” with the lot repair, but it turned out wonderful.

HUGE thanks to Hannah Nelson for her time and effort in meeting with JCH to secure funds for the new gym mats and start the search for a new scoreboard. This will be a huge improvement for the gym. Thanks Hannah!!

Headstart is no longer located within the CES building or in the county. This has displaced some students without a Pre-K program. We do currently have a waitlist for Pre-K.

The Missouri Flooring Company has been in the gym this past week to conduct the yearly required maintenance.

The custodial staff has been working hard to get the building ready for the return of teachers and students.

Please feel free to stop in and take a look, everything looks wonderful. Kudos to all of the hard work they put in, every day.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for the school year 2022.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, 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

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 4:23 p.m. by Janine Hagen, seconded by Hannah Nelson 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 – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – absent
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 5:10 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, 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 – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – absent
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Sue Nelson as the CJHS Volleyball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

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 Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Stacy Allen as a Cook.

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 to hire Lexi Law as the High School Special Education Teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to hire Lori Mortland as the Jr. High Language Arts Teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Nelson – yes
Sagez – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Rayna Zirkelbach as a 1st Grade Teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – yes
Sagez – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to hire Jamie Mason as the PreK ESP for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – yes
Sagez – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to employ Nick Wyatt as the Student Council Sponsor for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – yes
Sagez – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to employ Jen Shirley-Fanning and Danielle Hurley as the Class of 2024 Sponsor for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – yes
Sagez – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to employ Donna Hurley as the CJHS Volleyball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes

Longnecker – absent
Nelson – yes
Sagez – absent

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to employ Laura Longnecker as a Volunteer 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

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 to employ Katherine Simon as the Freshman Volleyball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

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 Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to employ Ann Gilman as the CHS Softball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

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 Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to employ Casey Longnecker as the CHS Baseball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

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 Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to employ Steve Hill and Greg Ringhausen as Volunteer Assistant CHS Football Coaches for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- A. September 5 – No School – Labor Day
- B. September 20 – School Board Meeting
- C. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Board polled:

Baalman – absent

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – yes

Gress – yes

Sagez – absent

Hagen – yes

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education