

**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, September 20, 2022 at 5:40 p.m. in the Calhoun CUSD #40 District Office.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Cheri Burris, Christie Lorsbach, Mildred Parkinson, Braden Pohlman, Ruth Johnson, Nathan Durham, Wanda Retzer Deffenbaugh, Rayna Zirkelbach, Jenna Fraley, Claire Gould, Samantha Kaufman, Heidi Doyle, Meghan Hillen, Brian Lee and Gordon Schweitzer.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, 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.*
 - o FFA
 - o Veregy Solar Presentation
- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – August 16, 2022
 - c. Expenditures
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Activity Accounts Report
 - f. Transportation Report
- VII. Committee and Administrative Reports
 - a. Calhoun Elementary School
 - b. Calhoun High School
 - c. District
 - i. District Services Report
 - ii. District Maintenance Report
- VIII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Bid for Broken Cooler
 - ii. Move December School Board Meeting Date
 - iii. CES/CJHS Crisis Plan
 - iv. CHS Crisis Plan
 - v. Title I School Wide Plan

vi. Easement & Right of Way Agreement

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. Elementary Teacher
- b. Consider Approving to Hire
 - i. Full Time Sub
 - ii. Special Van Route Driver
 - iii. Paraprofessional
 - iv. Cook
- c. Consider Approving to Employ
 - i. Vol. Asst. 5/6 Girls Basketball Coach
 - ii. Vol. Asst. 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach
 - iii. 5/6 Boys Basketball Coach
- d. Personnel

xi. **Other Business**

xii. **Communication and Announcements**

- a. September 29 – Homecoming Game
- b. October 1 – Homecoming Dance
- c. October 4 & 6 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- d. October 7 – No School
- e. October 10 – No School – Columbus Day
- f. October 18 – School Board Meeting
- g. Correspondence

xiii. **Adjourn**

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress 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 – August 16, 2022
- c. Expenditures

- d. Financial Reports
- e. Activity Accounts Report
- f. Transportation Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

FFA Sponsor Heidi Doyle along with FFA Officers Samantha Kaufman, Jenna Fraley, Claire Gould and Braden Pohlman. They shared their experience at the leadership camp they attended. Their theme this year is “Embrace change, respect tradition.” They would like to propose to establish an AG farm at CHS. This will give student’s hands on experience with animals. There are grants they will be writing to help with the cost. They are creating a Jr. High AG Club that will meet once a month and run by FFA members. The FFA National Convention is Oct. 25-28 in Indianapolis, IN. They are doing a new fundraiser this year called a Grain Drive. Farmers can donate a percentage of their crop to the FFA. They will be doing their Pork Chop Lunch on Oct. 7 at the grain elevator. Congratulations to Samantha Kaufman! She received her State Degree and is Section 13 Vice President.

Samantha Kaufman was also nominated by the Calhoun High School staff for the Daughters of American Revolution.

Christie Lorschbach introduced new staff members to the board. They are Nathan Durham, Rayna Zirkelbach and Brian Lee.

A gift was granted to the library by Mr. Emil Siedel Estate of \$611,000. Ruth Johnson and Mildred Parkinson was present for the recognition. They knew Mr. Siedel personally and worked with him. Wanda Retzer Deffenbaugh was also present as she is our current librarian.

Meghan Hillen was present. Mark and Meghan Hillen has applied for Fellowship for Christian Athletes. It is a small group gathering for students, coaches and sponsors to grow in faith together. They will meet in the morning before school or after school.

Gordon Schweitzer with Veregy gave a presentation on solar panels for the elementary and high school.

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

Superintendents Report:

The audit concluded and we will wait to receive the information at the December board meeting.

There has been some interest in students golfing in high school. Athletic Director, Brian Lee will check in on some options for students and bring them to the board.

Enrollment is +24 for the month of August from last year.

There are 15 students currently participating from the co-op schools of Brussels, St. Mary’s and St. Norbert’s.

Principals Report:

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Steven Margherio is our Student of the Month for Empathy - Steven always volunteers to help out and include students that otherwise may be overlooked. He is friendly in the halls to students and staff alike.

The Val/Sal committee voted to make Public Speaking a weighted course. This year the students will have the option to take it weighted or unweighted. Next year it will be weighted.

All of our parents/guardians should now have access to Skyward.

We have four students participating in CEO this year.

Mrs. Doyle has been interested in having an AG/FFA farm. I visited Greenfield High School Ag Farm on August 30th to get some insight. This is only their 2nd year having a farm so they are still learning. Things to consider: Where would it be? My suggestion to Mrs. Doyle was to see if the Fair Board would allow her to use their facilities, start small. Animals could be taken to market or taken home before school is out each year and then restart after the Fair is over each year. Other things to consider: veterinary care, feed, taking animals to market, getting rid of carcasses and waste.

Homecoming festivities: We invited Brussels High school to participate in Parade day activities and dance, however they decided not to participate. Homecoming info: Theme: Warriors Take a Road Trip Monday: Manhattan Monday...dress like a person from Manhattan/New York. Tuesday: Traffic Tuesday...dress like a road construction worker or street cop. Wednesday: Waikiki Wednesday- school-appropriate beachy theme. Thursday: Texas Thursday- Cowboish theme. Fuel up Friday- Color wars. Thursday will be the parade at 2pm. Friday is the field day with the Powder Puff Friday evening. Saturday night is the Homecoming Dance
Parent-Teacher conferences are Oct. 4 and 6

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

JH Softball Team has won the Regional Championship – we will be scheduling a celebration breakfast soon. The Warrior Fan Club letter went home last week with all 6-8th students. The due date to join is Sept. 26th. The information is attached with the theme/dress-up days for each game.

The CES/CJHS Gym will be dedicated to Mr. Mark Baalman on Tuesday, November 1st at 5:00 pm. We will have refreshments at the game.

Grandparents Day Program will be at the CES/CJHS gym on Friday, Sept. 30th at 2:15 pm

The Kindergarten has enjoyed hosting ABC Boot camp for the CES/CJHS students. We will be Monday Oct. 3rd at 2:15 pm.

The CJHS Cheer team is hosting a Warrior Pizza Night with the Hardin Drive-In. You can order from a pre-selected pizza menu, \$15 per pizza (delivery included) and all money raised goes to the cheer squad and the Warrior Fan Club. If you have any questions, please reach out to Coach Kim Klaas.

Title I Presentation: What is it? What do we use it for? How does it help us? Who does it impact? When does the grant run?

Kyle Godar, Lance Sibley, Mrs. Lee and I have been working closely on the project to collaborate to get the parking lot at CES/CJHS lined/stripped.

The PTO has kicked off the year with two amazing fundraisers: the fair stands for pork rinds/popcorn and mum sales. The fair stand raised around \$1,200 and the mums are still being totaled. The next PTO meeting is set tentatively for September 22nd at 6 pm in the CES/CJHS library. We would love to have you join us.

Teacher evaluations are underway and going great.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are right around the corner on Oct. 4 and 6. From 3 pm to 7 pm each evening.

Last week, the fire marshal was in the building completing his annual inspection. We are awaiting the written results.

5/6 Girls Basketball is underway; the season opens on Oct. 1 at St. John's at 10:00 am.

7/8 Girls Basketball is also underway and their first game is Tuesday, September 27 at home vs. Payson-Seymour.

Nathan Durham is developing a Jr. High Student Council.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to receive bids for the broken cooler at CES.

Board polled:

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

Hagen – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to move the December School Board Meeting from December 20 to December 13.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the CES/CJHS Crisis Plan as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the CHS Crisis Plan as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the Title I School Wide Plan as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – absent

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the easement and right of way agreement for water and sewer with the Village of Hardin.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Longnecker – absent

Fraley – yes

Nelson – absent

Gress – yes

Sagez – yes

Hagen – absent

Motion carries.

Executive Session was not needed.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Melissa Kiel as a 1st Grade Teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to hire Scott Kiel as a Full Time Sub for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Suzanne Holmes as a Special Van Route Driver for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to hire Emily McBride as a Paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Trish Swan as a Cook for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to employ Justin Hillen as a Volunteer Assistant 5/6 Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to employ Trey Hart as a Volunteer Assistant 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to employ Eric Eilerman as a 5/6 Boys Basketball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to employ Lauren Eilerman as the Volunteer Assistant 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- A. September 29 – Homecoming Game
- B. October 1 – Homecoming Dance
- C. October 4 & 6 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- D. October 7 – No School
- E. October 10 – No School – Columbus Day
- F. October 18 – School Board Meeting
- G. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Fraley – yes

Gress – yes

Hagen – absent

Longnecker – absent

Nelson – absent

Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education