

**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, December 13, 2022 at 5:31 p.m. in the Calhoun High School Library.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, and Cheri Burris.

A Truth in Taxation Hearing of the Board of Education of Calhoun Community Unit School District #40 was called to order by Board President Luke Fraley, Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:32 p.m. in the Calhoun High School Library.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Luke Fraley, Amanda Gress, Janine Hagen, Nate Sagez. Hannah Nelson arrived at 5:37. Jackie Baalman and Laura Longnecker was absent.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, and Cheri Burris.

The tax levy was presented by Andrea Lee to the board.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the hearing and return to the regular meeting.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, 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. Truth in Taxation Hearing
- V. Approve Agenda
- VI. 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.*
- VII. Consent Items
 - a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – November 21, 2022
 - c. Expenditures

- d. Financial Reports
 - e. Activity Accounts Report
 - f. Transportation Report
- VIII. Committee and Administrative Reports
- a. Calhoun Elementary School
 - b. Calhoun High School
 - c. District
 - i. District Services Report
 - ii. District Maintenance Report
- IX. First Reading Press Plus Policy 110
- X. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
- a. Consider Approval of
 - i. GRP Proposal for CHS Library Remodel
- XI. 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)
- XII. Action Items Following Executive Session
- a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Adopt Tax Levy
 - b. Consider Employment of
 - i. 2023-24 Fall Coaches
 - c. Personnel
 - i. Teaching Position for CJHS 2023-24 School Year
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Communication and Announcements
- a. December 20 – CES Christmas Program
 - b. December 21 – January 2 – Christmas Vacation
 - c. January 3 – 4 – TI No School
 - d. January 5 – Students Return
 - e. January 12 – PTO Meeting
 - f. January 17 – School Board Meeting
 - g. Correspondence
- XV. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

xvi. Consent Items

- a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
- b. Previous Board Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting – November 21, 2022
- c. Expenditures
- d. Financial Reports
- e. Activity Accounts Report
- f. Transportation Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment: N/A

Communications:

Board Committee Reports: N/A

Superintendents Report:

We have 27 more students enrolled in the district compared to numbers from this time last year.

Supplies for the water grant are arriving.

Football bleacher work is underway.

Scoreboards will be coming in around April or May.

Their gym dedication to Mr. Mark Baalman had a good turnout.

Maintenance Report:

This month has run fairly smooth for the buses. No serious breakdowns have occurred this month. Routine maintenance has been the main priority for the buses with oil changes coming due on the leased buses this month. Three new drivers have completed their bus classes and drug tests. They are now waiting to get physicals so they can go take the written exam at the driver's facility. We still have a driver out on medical leave causing a minor driver shortage although Brian Lee has really helped by driving a route full time and covering ball games. Basketball is in full swing and the Scholastic Bowl is starting soon. Lots of scheduling is happening at this time.

District Services Report:

The month of December has been really busy. GRP has been working on the HVAC system at the elementary school. Two of the roof units were found to have 2 bad heat exchangers. One of the heat exchangers have been replaced and the other is scheduled to be repaired this week. Many other problems with the system were found and repaired while doing the inspection of the units. Hopefully after all the repairs are made and all the units are back in service and working properly we'll be able to operate for a while with only minor maintenance to the system. The HVAC system has been let go for many years with no proper maintenance. We're getting close to having it functioning properly. Work has also begun on the bleacher project at the football field. The concrete work is formed with hopes of pouring concrete this week (weather permitting). The field tile project that has been in the makings for many years was completed last week. We ran close to 700 feet of field tile around the ball diamonds in hope of keeping the run off from running across the softball diamond. All the tile is laid and stubbed up at each dug out ready for gutters to be installed and piped into the system. We're also working with Ameren trying to get into a program to replace all the lighting in the district with LED lighting. Hopefully we

can get this program rolling as several of the gym and cafeteria lights are in need of costly repairs. Many of the ballast are bad as well as several of the light sockets. Rod has been working on moving the nonworking gym lights off the court and over the bleachers in hopes of getting by until we get an answer about the light program. LED lighting throughout the district would really cut down on energy cost as well as lighting repairs. Hope everyone has a great Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Principals Report:

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

The marquee is STILL working!

Student of the Month for Responsibility: Lex Johnson Lex is “killing it” as a teachers’ aide. He comes into class willing to do anything I hand him, and stays on top of his work also. Every week he organizes and puts together the early-out IA schedules. He even comes in during lunch and IA to finish tasks so that nothing is left half-finished. He’s made my life so much easier this year and he goes above and beyond every day! Lex also enjoys ringing the bell at the end of the day to release the students.

The new Skyward system has a credit-tracking system that is now set up to make it easier for Dylan/myself to make sure students have the credits they need in the necessary subjects. In the past we had to track it manually and update each year.

Web Design II has been learning about Page Style, how to make a page “pretty”. This includes some coding.

World History had a debate as to whose type of government was better: Athens or Sparta.

Life Skills class went shopping to make a homemade Thanksgiving meal for the month of November. Students in Life Skills are currently planning recipes, shopping and baking holiday cookie trays to deliver to businesses in Hardin that support our schools. Delivery will be on Friday, December 16th to 21 local businesses.

Geometry is doing Proofs :)

The FFA had their first Junior High Ag club event last week with 9 junior high students attending.

Greg Weishaupt came in last week and talked to Ag Biology about hunting laws and regulations.

Ag marketing is working on their businesses. You should go down and see what they have been doing and possibly take some stuff to the board meeting.

Congratulations to Scarlett Brangenberg and Samantha Kaufman on being designation as a 2022-23 Illinois State Scholar!

Congratulations to Sam Gilman! He has signed with Lindenwood University and their Trap team!

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

November WOW Awards – Character trait of Teamwork: Hadley Malley (Not Pictured), Lilly Bailey, Harlow Hayn, Makenzi Owens, Kylee Kronable, Scarlett Waters.

Student Council News:

Fundraising survey ideas from the students: slushies at lunch, selling snacks/candy bars during lunch, having an ice cream bar during lunch, selling lemonade shakeups at lunch, hosting a \$1 PJ day, sell sugar cookies (I believe the Jr. High students are craving some sugar!)

They will be sending out another survey to seek feedback on changes or areas of need/improvement based on student opinion.

The new gym mats are in and hung, they look wonderful.

The Jr. High Team has met and decided to reassign students, beginning in Jan., to the study hall for academic assistance in the individualized area of need.

The Jr. High has also started using a new Math program called Dream Box. This is a game-based program, focusing on individualized skills at the students’ level and can also be used for MTSS data collection. The program is done during the first 10 minutes of class and then the students are also allowed to “play” during study hall.

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Girls Basketball team on the close of a very successful season! The ladies won the regional championship by defeating Greenfield but were defeated in the first round of sectionals by Nokomis.

Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Team as the 7th-grade team took 3rd place in the Pike County Tournament and the 8th-grade team won the Championship this past weekend.

Teacher evaluations are almost complete.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the Scope Change Request from GRP/Wegman for the additional work requested by the district including the library renovation/improvements.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 5:57 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress 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 – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 6:30 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 – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adopts the Tax Levy as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to employ the following Fall Coaches for the 2023-24 school year:

CJHS Baseball – Riley Caselton
CJHS Softball – Jeff Kamp
CHS Football – Aaron Elmore
CHS Volleyball – Missy Zipprich

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to post CJHS STEM teaching position for the 2023-24 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- a. December 20 – CES Christmas Program
- b. December 21 – January 2 – Christmas Vacation
- c. January 3 – 4 – TI No School
- d. January 5 – Students Return
- e. January 12 – PTO Meeting
- f. January 17 – School Board Meeting
- g. 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 6:29 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education