

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF CALHOUN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40
OF CALHOUN AND GREENE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

A special 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, April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Calhoun Elementary School Library.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Angie Tepen, Adam Gerson, Peggy Hall, Rachel & Ryan Benz, Tara Adams, Rachel Bick, Christie Lorschach, Cheri Burris and Ellen Churchman.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, 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 Ryan & Rachel Benz
- VI. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Senior Class Trip
 - ii. Board Policy 5:330
 - iii. Expenditures
- VII. 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)
- VIII. Action Items Following Executive Session
 - a. Consider Resignation of
 - i. Calhoun CUSD 40 Treasurer
 - ii. School Nurse
 - b. Consider Employment of
 - i. Volunteer Asst. CHS Baseball Coach
 - ii. CJHS Girls Basketball Coach
 - c. Consider Approval of
 - i. Recommendation for Teacher Reassignments

- ii. Paraprofessional Release
 - iii. Admin Contracts
- d. Consider Hiring of
 - i. Long-Term Substitutes
 - ii. CJHS Project Based Learning Teacher
 - iii. CJHS Math Teacher
 - iv. Elementary STEAM Teacher

e. Personnel

IX. Other Business

X. Communication and Announcements

- a. April 25 – School Board Meeting
- b. Correspondence

XI. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Ryan & Rachel Benz was present questioning State Scores and what the board will be doing to address that. They would also like to have easier access to them on the website. They would like to see more help for the Elem. Principal Christie Lorschach.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the Senior Trip on May 10-13 in Branson, MO.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	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 Board Policy 5:330 as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the expenditures as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 5:43 p.m. by Jackie Baalman, 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 – yes	Longnecker – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 8:15 p.m. by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – absent
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 resignation of Charles Lorsbach, Jr. as the Treasurer for Calhoun CUSD 40.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the 2-year retirement notification of Lisa Dolan, school nurse with her final day on June 30, 2025.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to employ Logan Swan as a Volunteer Asst. CHS Baseball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to employ Lauren Eilerman as the CJHS Girls Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – absent
Fraleley – 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 approves the recommendation for teacher reassignments as presented.

Nathan Bloodworth to CHS Business/Computers
Sue Hillen to Full-Time Substitute
Rachel Maupin to HS Math

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – absent
Fraleley – yes	Nelson – no
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the recommendation for paraprofessional release as presented.

Emily McBride as CES Paraprofessional
Amber Mager as CHS Paraprofessional

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the Admin contracts as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – absent
Fraleley – yes	Nelson – yes

Gress – yes
Hagen – yes

Sagez – yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to hire Personnel as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Scott Kiel as CHS Math Long-Term Substitute
Lauren Eilerman as CES PE Long-Term Substitute
Lexi Law as CHS Special Education Long-Term Substitute
Lindsey Watters as K-5 Music and JH Band Long-Term Substitute
Allyson Forsythe as CJHS Project Based Learning Teacher
Megan Murphy as CJHS Math Teacher
Brienne Hickey as CJHS Special Education Teacher
Leann Young as 1st Grade Teacher
Scotty Browning as CHS Band

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- a. April 25 – School Board Meeting
- b. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education