

**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 16, 2023 at 5:32 p.m. in the Calhoun Elementary School Library.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Luke Fraley, Adam Gerson, Amanda Gress, Hannah Nelson, Nate Sagez and Angie Tepen. Jackie Baalman arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Cheri Burris, Christie Lorsbach, Brian Lee, Laura Weber, Meghan Klunk, Chris Simon, Sarah Pohlman, Sherry Friedel, Matt Keller, Lukus Clymer, Jerry Sievers, Craig Johnson, Lara DeGroot, Dan Jackson and Cynthia Johnson.

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 of Members
- 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 25, 2023
 - ii. Reorganizational Meeting – April 25, 2023
 - 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. Superintendent
 - i. District Services/Maintenance Report
- VIII. Second & Final Reading of Policy #111 Update
 - 2:110 Qualifications, Term & Duties of Board Officers
 - 4:60 Purchases & Contracts
 - 5:30 Hiring Process & Criteria
 - 5:90 Abused & Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:125 Personal Technology & Social Media; Usage & Conduct
 - 5:150 Personnel Records
 - 5:260 Student Teachers
 - 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program
 - 6:230 Library Media Program
 - 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities
 - 4:40 Incurring Debt
 - 5:285 Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus & Commercial Vehicle Drivers

- 6:210 Instructional Materials
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

IX. Action Items Prior to Executive Session

- a. Consider Approval of
 - i. 2023-24 Athletic and Registration Fees
 - ii. Intergovernmental Agreement with Brussels
 - iii. MISSVIC Intergovernmental Agreement
 - iv. Appoint MISSVIC Voting Members
 - v. FFA Convention Trip
 - vi. Establish Class of '27 Activity Fund

X. **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)

XI. Action Items Following Executive Session

- a. Consider Approving Personnel Recommendations

XII. Other Business

XIII. Communication and Announcements

- a. May 18 – 8th Grade Promotion at 6:30 pm
- b. May 19 – CHS Graduation at 6:30 pm
- c. May 22 – Last Day of School & Retirement Luncheon
- d. June 27 – School Board Meeting
- e. Correspondence

XIV. Adjourn

Board polled:

Baalman – absent	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress 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
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- d. Financial Reports
- e. Activity Accounts Report
- f. Transportation Report

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – absent (left room during poll)
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

GRP representatives Laura Weber, Matt Keller and Lukus Clymer gave a presentation of a facilities plan for Calhoun CUSD #40.

Bank of Calhoun Chris Simon, Sherry Friedel and Sarah Pohlman presented a proposal to the Board.

Carrollton Bank Cynthia Johnson, Lara DeGroot and Dan Jackson presented a proposal to the Board.

Craig Johnson and Jerry Sievers are concerned about losing beginner band.

Principals Report:

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

The end-of-the-year activities are in full swing and everyone is winding down for Summer 2023.

Kudos to our 3rd Grade classes who performed “Rumpus in the Rainforest” this past Thursday. The students worked so hard and did an excellent job. Big thanks to Mrs. Pohlman and Mrs. Brunaugh for all their hard work as well.

Family Night 2023 was a HUGE success. We had 486 participants for this fun event. We are always looking for suggestions on how we can improve for next year.

We look forward to celebrating our retiring CEJHS staff on May 22nd - Mr. Alan Shofner, Mrs. Brenda Camerer And Mr. Lloyd Withrow.

The staff has been working, and will continue to work, with PD instructor Brandi Hemen. She is working with the staff on differentiated instruction (planning lessons/activities to meet the levels of each individual student).

On May 22 and 23 the K-8 teachers will come together for a 2-day workshop to develop the activities/supplies needed for their instruction.

The PTO will be having an assembly on Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30 pm. At this time, the 7th-grade winners have chosen to have Mr. Elmore drink a student-made shake with supplies that PTO provides. Mr. Shofner will be kissing a pig. The winning 6th-grade class is also planning to duct tape me to a wall for their “principal stunt”. It should be a fun assembly.

The WOW award winners for the month of April for the trait of Perseverance was: Xavier Fester.

Summer Camp Classes: June 5-9 and 12-16. Sensory Summer Fun, FUNDamentals of Art, Clay, So Happy to SEA You, Let’s Get Cooking, Adrenaline Rush I & II, Time Travel, Going Medieval, A Pirate’s Life for Me, Cricut Design, Acting Out, and Get Crafty. The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Planning for the 2023 – 2024 school year has already begun. We are looking into a few supplemental reading programs and also making a few changes to the current programs being used. iXL, Study Island and Really Great Reading – already used K-2, but looking into the 3-5 grades.

Using the research from the Science of Reading, along with our student data to drive decision-making.

We will not be using AR next year.

We are looking forward to welcoming several new staff members into the building.

Many of them have been to the building for a visit, have established communication, and are eager to get started.

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

The Senior Banquet was a success. The following students received scholarships at the event: Auggie Squier-Merle Inman Scholarship, FFA Alumni- Samantha Kaufman, Glenn Peyton- Auggie Squier and Kay Tucker-Kortney Herkert.

We had many parents who donated good eats to the high school for Teacher Appreciation Week! The Fill Inn Station also provided cheesecake.

The Softball team won the conference tournament.

Greenfield will be hosting baseball and softball Regionals this week.

Calhoun will be hosting Softball Sectionals May 23, 24, 27th.

Graduation is May 19 at 6:30pm!

Summer Drivers Education is May 22-June 2.

Credit Recovery classes will be held June 5-16 with a culminating project due by June 23rd.

Superintendents Report:

Summer Camp will be funded by the ESSER grant.

May need to move the July board meeting date due to Superintendent and Recording Secretary being absent. Next year concession work will be offered to organizations and teams. Each group will be paid \$125 towards their activity funds.

District Services/Maintenance Report: N/A

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the athletic and registration fees as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education approves the Athletic Intergovernmental Agreement with Brussels for 2023-2025.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education resolves to extend the term of the MissVIC Employee Benefits Pool and the MissVIC Property Casualty Pool for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez 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, 2023 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the FFA to attend the State Convention in Springfield, IL June 13-15.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to establish an activity fund for the Class of 2027.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 7:46 p.m. by Nate Sagez, seconded by Angie Tepen 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	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 9:45 p.m. by Nate Sagez, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Rod Hart as the 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to employ Jr. High Winter Sport Coaches as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

CJHS Girls Basketball – Lauren Eilerman
Volleyball – Donna Hurley
5/6 Girls Basketball – Stephen Hayn
5/6 Boys Basketball – Eric Eilerman

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to employ the CHS Girls Basketball Coaching Staff as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Head Coach – Mark Hillen
Paid Assistant – Eric Hagen
Volunteer Assistant – Junie Zirkelbach
Volunteer Assistant – Hannah Nelson

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – abstain
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to employ the CHS Boys Basketball Coaching Staff as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Head Coach – Casey Longnecker
Paid Assistant – Ben Bayless

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to employ the CHS Cheerleading Coaching Staff as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Head Coach - Lindsey Taul
Volunteer Assistant – Jamie Mason
Volunteer Assistant – Lindsey Watters

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to employ Heather Reed as the CHS Scholastic Bowl Coach for the 2023-24 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education approves to hire personnel recommendations as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Retirement:	Sue Hillen, Teacher
New Hires:	Paul Klunk, Custodian CES and F/T Bus Route Driver Pam Friedel, Dean of Students Chelsie Kiel, Speech/Language Pathologist Sammi Eilerman, Calhoun CUSD #40 Treasurer
Re-assignments:	Aaron Elmore to High School Social Studies Heidi Doyle to Special Education at CES Allyson Fiene to High School Ag (originally hired at CJHS for 2024 Project Based Learning)

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

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- b. May 19 – CHS Graduation at 6:30 pm
- c. May 22 – Last Day of School & Retirement Luncheon
- d. June 27 – School Board Meeting
- e. Correspondence

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes	Sagez – yes
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education