

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

An e-learning hearing and 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 15, 2023 at 5:33 p.m. in the Calhoun Elementary School Library.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Jackie Baalman, Luke Fraley, Adam Gerson, Amanda Gress, Hannah Nelson and Angie Tepen. Nate Sagez was absent.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Christie Lorsbach, Brian Lee, Sean Nelson, Rachel Bick and Casey Longnecker.

Mrs. Lee presented the 2023-2026 e-Learning plan. The purpose of the Calhoun CUSD #40 e-Learning plan is to provide a continuum of learning for all students during a period of emergency closure. Through the e-Learning plan, students will have the opportunity to engage in tailored, relevant, meaningful and manageable learning tasks during an unexpected closure.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education adjourns the e-learning hearing and continues to the regular meeting.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, 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. E-Learning 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 – July 31, 2023
 - 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. Superintendent
 - i. District Services/Maintenance Report
- IX. Second and Final Reading of Policy #112 Update
 - 2:170 - Procurement of Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services
 - 4:45 - Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
 - 4:100 - Insurance Management
 - 5:230 - Maintaining Student Discipline
 - 7:305 - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
 - 2:80 - Board Member Oath and Conduct
 - 2:80-E Exhibit – Board Member Code of Conduct
 - 6:10 - Educational Philosophy and Objectives
 - 6:190 - Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
 - 6:240 - Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips
 - 7:275 - Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
 - 8:25 - Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non- School Related Entities
 - 8:95 - Parental Involvement
- X. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. EIS Report
 - ii. E-Learning Plan
- 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 Approving Personnel Recommendations
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Communication and Announcements
 - a. September 4 – No School – Labor Day
 - b. September 19 – School Board Meeting
 - c. Correspondence
- XV. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Angie Tepen 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
 - i. Regular Meeting – July 31, 2023
 - c. Expenditures
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Activity Accounts Report
 - f. Transportation Report

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Rachel Bick was in attendance representing the Calhoun PTO. She shared fundraising and volunteering ideas for the new school year.

Sean Nelson was in attendance to give support for the CHS Baseball Coach.

Casey Longnecker was in attendance regarding the CHS Baseball Coach position.

Principals Report:

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

The gym’s wireless sound system was completed Friday, August 11th.

Teachers have been back in the building working through the past two weeks getting things ready for students and Open House/Meet the Teacher Night.

The new employee training was held on Thursday, August 10th. The new staff walked through the “how-to’s” of the district, learned the methods and reasoning of implementing CKH, learned about teacher evaluations, and had time to discuss any remaining questions they had.

The fencing being installed behind the building by student drop off/pick up should begin during the last week of August.

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Mrs. Burris did not have a report for the August meeting.

Superintendents Report:

We have 512 students are enrolled in the district.

Aug. 15-16 are the first days back for staff. They have attended trainings; MAP, CPR/AED for coaches, IXL, and ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis). A motivational speaker, Dr. Courtney Orzel will present Aug. 16.

Faiths Law is in effect. It requires an Employment History Review (EHR) for all employees who will have direct contact with students.

Literacy Focus in Illinois – Emphasize the importance of schools to focus on literacy needs. Will have an affect on Evidence Based funding.

District Services/Maintenance Report:

Killion construction is in the process of making the final connections on the new rural water main project. The pressure reducing valve has finally arrived and is being installed today. We should be on rural water at the high school soon. All the dead trees have been removed around the field house and ball diamonds. The library and locker room projects are painted and nearly complete. We’re waiting on furniture and benches to finish the projects. With the recent rains that have come through the area more roof leaks have been found at the High School. Tremco is supposed to be here in the next couple days to patch and make necessary repairs on the

roof. The new scoreboards and sound system have been installed in the elementary gym. Both schools look very nice and are ready for the new school year to begin.

The transportation side has been very busy this month getting all the district vehicles and buses ready for the upcoming school year. All the bus routes have been made for the new year. Driver schedules are also being made for fall sports trips. We're still in need of an aide to ride to Wood River full time. We're also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you know of anyone looking for part time employment, please send them to see me. We're all looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for the school year 2023.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education approves the e-Learning Plan as presented.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 6:12 p.m. by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Adam Gerson 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 – absent
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 7:11 p.m. by Angie Tepen, seconded by Jacie Baalman 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 – absent
Gerson – yes	Tepen – yes
Gress – yes	

Motion carries.

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

Resignation: Jeannette Johnson, CES Tech
ESP Hires: Meghan Field, CES Secretary
Brian Lee, Bus Route Driver
Dylan Lorsbach, Special Route Van Driver
Tiara Lorsbach, Special Route Van Driver
Coaching/Sponsor Hires: Jeannette Johnson, Class of 2026
Andy Baalman, Volunteer JH Boys Basketball Coach
Non-rehire: Casey Longnecker, CHS Head Baseball Coach
Maternity Leave: Megan Murphy, Maternity Leave (September)
Postings: CHS Head Baseball Coach
Van Aide to Wood River
Substitutes; all positions

Board polled:
Baalman – yes Nelson – no
Fraley – yes Sagez – absent
Gerson – yes Tepen – yes
Gress – yes

Motion carries.

Informational Items:

September 4 – No School – Labor Day
September 19 – School Board Meeting
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 7:14 p.m.

Board polled:
Baalman – yes Nelson – yes
Fraley – yes Sagez – absent
Gerson – yes Tepen – yes
Gress – yes

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education