

**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, February 20, 2024 at 5:30 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, Nate Sagez, Angie Tepen.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, Tiara Lorsbach, Cheri Burris, Tara Smith, Lori Young

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 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 –
 - 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. Enrollment/Athletics
 - ii. Curriculum
 - iii. Strategic Plan
 - iv. Update on CHS Projects
 1. District Services/Maintenance Report
- VIII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Bullying Prevention Policy
 - ii. 20% School Facility Bond Payment
- 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. Personnel
- b. Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024A, of the District for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites, including roof, HVAC, window and door improvements, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.
- c. Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,700,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024B, of the District for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for the prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.
- d. Any Other Action Resulting from Executive Session

xI. Other Business

xII. Communication and Announcements

- a. February 24 - Farm Bureau Dinner
- b. March 2 - FFA Alumni Auction Hardin KC Hall
- c. March 4 – Holiday
- d. March 19 – Regular Board Meeting
- e. March 29 – Holiday
- f. April 13 - Prom
- g. April – Budget Display (Adopt in June)

xIII. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education approves the consent agenda.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Principals Report:

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorsbach Report

Mrs. Lorsbach had a written report included in the packet, she was not present at the meeting.

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Mrs. Burris presented her report to the Board, she made mention of Will Hurley and Ava Hurley being the Silver Medallion recipients. Also that Will Hurley is the Jacksonville Rotary student athlete. She also made mention of various students working in the community. Senior Trip to Florida, Feb 29-March 4, NHS Trip March 8-10 in St. Louis. Baseball and Softball seasons start the week of March 14th.

Superintendents Report: Mrs. Lee spoke to the Board regarding the athletic enrollment a handout was given to the board members. There are 10 students interested in Track she would like to advertise for a Trach Coach. She also gave an update on the Strategic Plan, the Bond sale for the summer construction projects, the Poor Farm Hollow road project, and that GRP would be starting the lighting updates in March.

District Services/Maintenance Report: Mr. Sibley had a written report included in the packet, he was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the Bullying Prevention Policy as presented updates include reporting responsibilities and documentation kept on file.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to discontinue the 20% payment from the County School Facility to Debt Service Fund and deposit the full County School Facility Tax into the Capital Projects Fund.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 5:40 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education enters into executive session.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 6:25 p.m. by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education return 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 carried.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the personnel recommendations as presented for February 2024:

Certified Staff Hires:	Lori Young, Superintendent effective July 1, 2024
Resignations:	Dylan Ringhausen, CHS Assistant Football Coach
Coaching/Sponsor Hires:	Lexi Law, CHS Assistant Softball Coach Charles Gilman, Greg Pohlman, Eric Kallal, Jimmy Herkert; CHS Softball Volunteer Coaches Jamie Hillen and Logan Swan; CHS Baseball Volunteer Coaches
Substitutes:	Certified; Rick Eberlin
Leaves:	LeaAnn Klaas, FMLA (unpaid) for 8 weeks starting February 9, 2024 Kristen Leavy, Medical (paid) for 4 weeks starting February 12, 2024
New Postings:	CES Principal
Open Positions for 2024 -2025	Elementary PE Elementary Teacher (1 st Grade)* Elementary Music/JH Band/HS Band* Junior High Science* Special Education (JH and HS position)* Junior High Project Based Learning* High School Math* Junior High PE/Athletic Director CHS Principal

***Positions being filled by long-term substitute certificates.**

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education approves the: 2024A “Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024A, of the District for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites, including roof, HVAC, window and door improvements, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.” (Mrs. Lee stated that she was notified this afternoon that the actual bond amount would be \$1,145,000)

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the: 2024B “Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,700,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024B, of the District for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.” (Mrs. Lee stated that she was notified this afternoon that the actual bond amount would be \$4,464,500)

Informational Items: N/A

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education