

**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, March 19, 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, Lori Young, Tiara Lorsbach, Dylan Ringhausen, Pam Friedel, Christie Lorsbach, Tara Smith

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
 - a. Jolene Fanning – Dress Code
 - b. Dylan Ringhausen – Enrollment/Classes/State Requirements

- *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. January 8, 2024- Special Meeting
 - ii. January 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting
 - iii. February 20, 2024 – 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
- VIII. Action Items Prior to Executive Session
 - a. Consider Approval of
 - i. Renewal of the IHSA and IESA memberships
 - ii. JH Athletic Co-Ops with Brussels, St. Mary's and St. Norbert's
 - iii. Use of busses for Post Prom at Urban Air
 - iv. Calendar Amendment
 - v. Calhoun High School Graduation on May 17, 2024
- 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

i. Consider approving

1. Posting for a foreign language teacher
2. Addition of a special education teacher for the K-2 grade levels
3. Posting for additional custodial at CHS for nighttime activities
4. Extending the Art Curriculum K-5 grade

b. Any Other Action Resulting from Executive Session

xI. Other Business

xII. Communication and Announcements

- a. March 29 – Holiday
- b. April 13 - Prom
- c. April – Budget Display (Adopt in June)
- d. April 16, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting

xIII. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Dylan Ringhausen, HS Guidance Counselor, was in attendance to give the Board an update concerning enrollment, State testing and new classes. A handout was given to the Board with State graduation requirements.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education approves the consent agenda:

Consent Items

- a. Adoption of Consent Agenda
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Transportation Report

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 stated that the Elementary Gym light replacement was ½ completed and GRP would begin work on the cafeteria next.

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Mrs. Burris had a written report included in the packet, inclusive of information regarding the FFA Alumni Auction, the Joe Page bridge open house meeting being held at the High School and various classroom she was not in attendance at the board meeting.

Superintendents Report: Mrs. Lee informed the Board that enrollment was down by 26 students compared to last year. There are a number of students interested in Track, and Emily McBride is being recommended as Track Coach. She reviewed the ongoing hiring for teacher standards for each grade level. GRP will be starting on the ventilation system at the HS. There is no date set for the Poor Farm Hollow Road project and closure, she said she is planning for gym closings over the summer months. She has been involved in gathering information concerning the Community Eligibility for Free lunches for the District, and has an upcoming workshop the threshold may mean less revenue received for the District as the Free and Reduced numbers have dropped and for Title I funds as well. There is a link broken on the webpage for Board and District information, Mr. Bloodworth is aware and is working to repair the links. There have been a lot of computer issues, but with the purchase of the new sonic wall things should start working better soon. The Long Term Subbing for staffing is being reviewed, it is always better/ideal to have Certified Teachers in teaching positions and that is the goal of the District to maintain during the current teacher shortage.

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 Amanda Gress, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education approves the renewal of the IHSA and IESA memberships.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approve the Junior High Athletic Co-Ops with Brussels, St. Mary’s and St. Norbert’s.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the use of busses for Post Prom at Urban Air.

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 Adam Gerson that the Board of Education approves to amend the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented.

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 Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to set the High School Graduation date as May 17, 2024, Friday 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary Gym.

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 6:26 p.m. by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez 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). Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS120/2(c)(9).

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 8:20 p.m. by Amanda Gress, seconded by Angie Tepen 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 Adam Gerson that the Board of Education approves to post and advertise for a Foreign Language Teacher.

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 Angie Tepen that the Board of Education approves to post and advertise for an additional Special Education Teacher for the K-2 grade levels.

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 post and advertise for an additional Custodian for night-time activities.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to extend the Art Curriculum K-5 grade.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the Personnel Recommendations as follows: (Read aloud list received from Ms. Lee)

Certified Staff Hires: Alyssa Middleton; 2nd Grade Teacher
Certified Reassignment: Christie Lorschach; CHS Principal
Cheri Burris; JH PE and Athletic Director
Sarah Becker; K-8 Art
Resignations: At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year:
Heather Reed; CHS Scholastic Bowl Coach
Rachel Maupin; CHS Yearbook Advisor
Stephen Hayne; 5/6 Girls Basketball Coach
Brian Lee; JH PE Teacher, Athletic Director, Bus Driver
Kim Klaas; JH Cheer Coach
Andrea Roate; Paraprofessional

Coaching/Sponsor Hires: Emily McBride; CHS Track Coach

Non-Certified Hires: Alan Shofner; Summer Special Route Driver to William BeDell

New Postings: Foreign Language Teacher
CHS Custodial Position; afternoon/evening

***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.

Informational Items: N/A

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Angie Tepen that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:35 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