

**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 Vice President Jackie Baalman, Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:34 p.m. in the Calhoun Elementary School Library.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Kyle Godar, Deann Koster-Fester and Sarah Heffington.

A Limitation of Administrative Cost Hearing, 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 Vice President Jackie Baalman, Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:35 p.m. in the Calhoun Elementary School Library.

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

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Kyle Godar, Deann Koster-Fester and Sarah Heffington.

A Limitation of Administrative Cost Hearing must take place when the district's budget goes over 5% in Administrative Cost. The district went over 5% because of the addition of the Dean of Students.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the hearing and continues to the special meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves the agenda inclusive of:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Limitation of Administrative Cost 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. Action Items Prior to Execution Session
  - a. Consider Approval of
    - i. Authorizing Resolution for Alternate Revenue Bonds - “Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the

purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites, including roof, HVAC, window and door improvements.”

ii. Administrative Expenditure Limitation Waiver

- VIII. 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)
- IX. Action Items Following Executive Session
  - a. Consider Approving of
    - i. Personnel
- X. Other Business
- XI. Correspondence
- XII. Adjourn

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

**Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:**

Deann Koster-Fester asked what went into the Administrative Cost during the hearing.

Kyle Godar invited the board to the joint board meeting regarding the TIF district being expanded. He would like the board to have an open conversation with the Village of Hardin and the TIF district on the impact of the money the school is putting towards the TIF district.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education adopts the “Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites, including roof, HVAC, window and door improvements.”

Board polled:

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Baalman – yes   | Nelson – yes |
| Fraley – absent | 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 Limitation of Administrative Cost waiver from the Illinois State Board of Education from Section 17-1.5 of the Illinois School Code

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 6:12 p.m. by Nate Sagez, seconded by Hannah Nelson 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).

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 6:35 p.m. by Amanda Gress, seconded by Adam Gerson that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

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| Baalman – yes   | Nelson – yes |
| Fraley – absent | 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 personnel recommendations as presented for the 2023-24 school year.

Teaching Hires: Greg Presley; Long-Term Sub for JH Science

Substitutes: Support Staff – Emalie Shoemaker; Special Route Substitute Driver

\*All new hires are subject to completion of background check, EHR (Faith’s Law) check, fingerprinting and any other required classes and/or trainings.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Board polled:

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

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education