

**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, January 16, 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 absent, Amanda Gress, Hannah Nelson absent, Nate Sagez, Angie Tepen.

Others in attendance were: no other attendance was recorded

A BINA Hearing was held for presentation of Bond Information:

- A. “Conduce of public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein and bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites, including roof, HVAC, window and door improvements.”

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

Others in attendance were: no other attendance was recorded

Sara Heffington inquired regarding the 30 days from 1/16/2024.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, and seconded by Jackie Baalman to adjourn the BINA hearing and continue with the regular meeting.

Board polled:

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

Motion carried.

No motion was made for the Board of Education to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Angie Tepen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the consent agenda inclusive of:

1. Consent Items
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - B. Previous Board Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting – December 18, 2023
 2. Special Meeting – December 5, 2023
 3. Special Meeting & Limitation of Admin. Cost Hearing
 - C. Expenditures
 - D. Financial Reports

E. Activity Accounts Report

F. Transportation Report

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Nelson –absent

Fraley – yes

Sagez – yes

Gerson – absent

Tepen – yes

Gress – yes

Motion carried.

Principals Report:

Calhoun Elementary School Principal Christie Lorschach Report

Mrs. Lorschach had a written report included in the packet.

Calhoun High School Principal Cheri Burris Report

Mrs. Burris presented her report to the Board.

Superintendents Report: Mrs. Lee spoke to the Board.

District Services/Maintenance Report: N/A

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the destruction of minutes 18 months and older.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Nelson –absent

Fraley – yes

Sagez – yes

Gerson – absent

Tepen – yes

Gress – yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the proposed requested amendment from the Calhoun Highway Department for the work to Poor Farm Hollow Easement upon satisfactory approval by board representation via meeting with Kyle Godar.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Nelson –absent

Fraley – yes

Sagez – yes

Gerson – absent

Tepen – yes

Gress – yes

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled until Brussels makes a decision concerning the proposed amendment to the Athletic Co-op Brussels that includes High School Football to be invoiced in the same way consistent with the other sports in the co-op.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves the proposed permanent transfer from the O & M Fund to the Ed Fund for the remaining amount of the donation from the Emil Siedel Library.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Nelson –absent

Fraley – yes

Sagez – yes

Gerson – absent

Tepen – yes

Gress – yes

Motion carried.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Nate Sagez, seconded by Jackie Baalman 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 7:40 p.m. by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education return to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes

Nelson –absent

Fraley – yes

Sagez – yes

Gerson – absent

Tepen – yes

Gress – yes

Motion carried.

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

Resignations:

Teaching Hires:

ESP Hires:

Coaching/Sponsor Hires: Shawn Sievers; CHS Assistant Baseball Coach

Re-assignments:

Substitutes: Certified Teacher –
Paraprofessional -
Support Staff –

New Postings:

Open Positions for 2024-2025: Elementary PE*
Elementary Teacher (1st 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
Superintendent

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

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gerson – absent
Gress – yes

Nelson –absent
Sagez – yes
Tepen – 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 8:00 p.m.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gerson – absent
Gress – yes

Nelson –absent
Sagez – yes
Tepen – yes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education