

**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 at 6:48 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017 in the District Unit Office.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Luke Fraley, Tony Friedel, Janine Hagen, Dave Hurley, Laura Longnecker absent, Hannah Nelson.

Others in attendance were: Kate Sievers, Tiara Lorsbach, Jan Pohlman, Larry Burch, Alicia Churchman, Heidi Doyle, Christie Lorsbach, Rachel McGlasson, Cheri Burris.

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Board Minutes
    - i. Consultation Committee Closed Meeting – March 20, 2017
    - ii. Regular Meeting – March 20, 2017
  - b. Financial/Treasurer’s Report
    - i. Alicia Churchman
  - c. Receipts
  - d. Expenditures
  - e. Activity Funds
  - f. Food Service Report
  - g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report
- IV. RECEPTION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Lindsey Watters – HS Student of the Month
  - b. Jan Pohlman
  - c. Heidi Doyle – Planbook
- V. COMMUNICATIONS
  - a. Board Committee Reports
    - i. Personnel – N/A
    - ii. Negotiations – N/A
    - iii. Finance – May 11, 5:00 p.m.
    - iv. Insurance – N/A
    - v. Consultation – N/A
  - b. Administrative Reports
    - i. Superintendent’s Report
      - 1. Welder/Saw Advertisement/Advertisements for Bid
      - 2. Summer Hours
      - 3. Board Member Appointment
    - ii. Principals Reports
      - 1. Elementary School – Kathy Schell
      - 2. High School – Cheri Burris
- VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Personnel
  - b. First Reading Policy Issue #94
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, or any other issues that may be properly considered under executive session order.
- IX. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Personnel
  - b. Bus Lease
  - c. Ag Science Class
  - d. Repair Services Bid (GRP/Johnson Control)
  - e. Football Lawn Care
  - f. IMRF Contribution Rate Year 2018
  - g. Any Other Action Resulting from Executive Session
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS
- XI. ADJOURN

Board polled:

Fraley - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves items on the consent agenda:

- a. Board Minutes
  - i. Consultation Committee Close Meeting – March 20, 2017
  - ii. Regular Meeting – March 20, 2017
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  - i. Alicia Churchman
- c. Receipts
- d. Expenditures
- e. Activity Funds
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- g. Extra-Curricular Expense Report

Board polled:

Fraley - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

**Reception of Visitors/Public Comment:**

Mrs. Burris told the Board that Ms. Lindsey Watters is the High School student of the month. Her nomination was from “Thoughtfulness”. Mrs. Burris stated she is very active in the Yearbook club, and is a very helpful and conscientious student. She is the daughter of Randy and Lisa. Mrs. Jan Pohlman was recognized for having worked 34 years at the High School. Her roles besides Physical Education have included: Coaching, Freshman Class Sponsor and her hobby is singing. There will be a retirement party held at the Hardin KC Hall on May 19<sup>th</sup> in her honor. The Board Members and Administration thanked her for her years of service, in an emotional good-bye she told them that she has enjoyed her time here and she is going to miss the people and the kids, and that she never thought of this as a ‘job’, because it has always been so enjoyable to her.

Mrs. Heidi Doyle was in attendance to give a demonstration of the “plan book” to the Board Members. She informed the Board that since she had spoken to them in February concerning the science credit for her Horticulture class, she had sent her application to Lewis and Clark College for their approval. After a very informative demonstration from Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Jahnee Hillen also spoke to the board about the needs of the classes for all students at Calhoun, for all levels of learning.

**Board Committee Reports:**

N/A

**Communications:**

There is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 11, 5:00 to entertain bids for the repair services needed at the schools. GRP Group and Johnson Controls will both make presentations to the committee.

**Superintendent-**

Dr. Sievers has already discussed the possible need of Tax Anticipation Warrants with Mr. Chris Simon at the Bank of Calhoun. Mrs. Alicia Churchman stated that she would attend a MISSVIC meeting next week and would have an update on the employee health insurance after that meeting. Dr. Sievers stated that the bids would be placed for the welders and the arm saw. She also informed the Board that the 12 month employees would be offered ‘summer hours’ this year, as in working 10 hour days 4 days per week, and that the offices would still be covered.

**Principals-**

Mrs. Schell was not in attendance.

Mrs. Burris congratulated several students on achievements this month: Ms. Emily Baalman placed at State in the WYSE challenge, Ms. Grace Baalman received the IHSA scholar athlete award and scholarship, and the Silver Medallion recipients this year are, Grace Baalman, Stephen Donnelson, Jesse Preston, Kayla Lammy. The High School will hold a mock disaster this week. There will be a Spring Band concert Sunday at 2:00, Wednesday will be the NHS Red Cross blood drive. April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Dodge Drive Fundraiser, the basketball cluster and the Band Trivia fundraiser. May 4, will be the Spring Banquet. Prom will be held May 6, with walk ins at the Elementary school at 4:00, and the prom at the Hardin KC Hall. AP Class exams will be May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Graduation will be May 27 at 6:00 p.m.. The Elementary Promotion will be May 25 at 7:30 p.m..

**Discussion Items:**

Dr. Sievers stated that she wanted to inform the Board that the District will be considering bidding bus numbers 7 and 9 and replacing those with a newer more reliable bus for use as a spare. There have been 3 bids received for the football field maintenance all very competitive. The District has several job postings to consider. The IMRF rate will need to be approved.

**Other:**

N/A

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 7:45 p.m. by Tony Friedel, seconded by Dave Hurley 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 to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). ILCS 120/2(c)(2). The selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

Board polled:

Fraley - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made at 8:14p.m. by Tony Friedel, seconded by Dave Hurley that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Fraley - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to accept the resignation of Matt Baalman as Softball Coach, Dick Stelbrink as Bus Driver, Aaron Baalman as Girls Basketball Coach, Beth Baalman as Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, Jan Pohlman as High School Freshman Class Sponsor and Detention Monitor, Kerry Lorton as High School Asst. Volleyball Coach, Heidi Doyle as Junior Class Sponsor, Ann Gilman as Junior Class Sponsor, Stacy Baalman as Elementary Tech/Website Support, Kaitlyn Hagen as High School Cheer Sponsor, Lance Titus as 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach.

Board polled:

Fraley - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Friedel, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to post and advertise for Summer Custodian, Full Time Guidance Counselor, High School Special Education/Physical Education Teacher, High School Softball Coach, Bus Driver, High School Girls Basketball Coach, High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, High School Freshman Class Sponsor, High School Detention Monitor, High School Assistant Volleyball Coach, High School Junior Class Sponsor, High School Junior Class Sponsor, Elementary Tech Support, High School Cheer Coach, 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach.

Board polled:

Fralely - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Tony Friedel that the Board of Education approves to hire Claude Collins as District Groundskeeper.

Board polled:

Fralely - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Hurley, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to hire Nathan Johnson as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

Board polled:

Fralely - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education bid the two older buses and replace with a newer spare.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Tony Friedel that the Board of Education approves the High School to count a third year or above Ag Science Class as a science credit towards graduation credits.

Board polled:

Fralely - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

A motion was tabled that the Board of Education approves to accept the bid for contract of repair services.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Tony Friedel that the Board of Education approves the preliminary IMRF Contribution Rate for the year 2018, in the amount of 9.85% Employer Rate, and 4.50% Member Contribution Rate.

Board polled:

Fralely - yes	Hurley - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - absent
Hagen – yes	Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**


- April 23 – Band Concert
- April 26 – NHS Blood Drive
- April 29 – Dodge Drive Fundraiser
- April 30 – Poor Farm Dedication Service
- May 4 – Senior Banquet
- May 6 – Prom

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Keith Klocke seconded by Tony Friedel that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Board polled:

Fraley – yes	Klocke - yes
Friedel – yes	Longnecker - yes
Hagen – absent	Nelson - yes
Hurley - absent	

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  


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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education