

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Rierson, Superintendent, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Brunet, Curtis, Gomez, Holder, McComb, Moore (arrived 7:09 PM)

Absent: Skelton

Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Bringard, Warren, LaBerge, Johnson, Dwyer

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Election of President:

Moved by McComb to nominate Tina Gomez for the position of President of the Caro Board of Education.

Roll call vote for: Gomez for President:

Ayes: Curtis, Gomez, Holder, McComb, Brunet

Motion carried.

Gomez was declared President for the 2024 calendar year by way of majority vote.

2. Election of Vice-President:

Moved by Brunet to nominate Brian McComb for the position of Vice President of the Caro Board of Education.

Moved by Holder to nominate Phoebe Moore for the position of Vice President of the Caro Board of Education.

Roll call vote for: McComb for Vice President:

Ayes: Brunet

Nay: Holder, McComb, Curtis, Gomez

Motion failed.

Roll call vote for: Moore for Vice President:

Ayes: McComb, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Nay: Brunet

Motion carried.

Moore was declared Vice President for the 2024 calendar year by way of majority vote.

3. Election of Secretary:

Moved by Curtis to nominate Brian McComb for the position of Secretary of the Caro Board of Education.

Roll call vote for: McComb for Secretary:

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.

McComb was declared Secretary for the 2024 calendar year by way of majority vote.

4. Election of Treasurer:

Moved by Curtis to nominate Susan Holder for the position of Treasurer of the Caro Board of Education.

Roll call vote for: Holder for Treasurer:

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.

Holder was declared Treasurer for the 2024 calendar year by way of majority vote.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Brunet, supported by McComb, to approve the December 20, 2023 minutes, as written.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

6. Approval of Bills:

Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the bills as follows:

Payroll: \$1,320,625.29

General Fund: \$304,576.82

Food Service: \$78,991.84

Total: \$1,704,193.95

Ayes: McComb, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Board Meeting Time:

The Board discussed the option of changing the time of the 2024 regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Moore arrived at 7:09 PM.

2. Committees:

The Board discussed previous committees as well as the idea of a curriculum committee.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Organizational Meeting Resolutions:

A. Official School Attorney:

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve Thrun Law Firm, PC as our official school attorney in 2024.

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

B. Depository Funds:

Moved by Holder, supported by McComb, to approve the following depository of funds in 2024 for General Fund & Debt Retirement, Trust and Agency and Investments: Independent Bank, Huntington Bank, NorthStar Bank, Team One Credit Union, and Frankenmuth Credit Union, Corebridge Financial, Ameriprise Financial, Equitable, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, Franklin Templeton Mutual Funds, GLP & Associates, MEA Financial Services, Putnam Funds, ReliaStar Life, and VOYA Financial.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.

C. Official Newspaper:

Moved by Brunet, supported by Moore, to approve The Tuscola County Advertiser as our official newspaper in 2024.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

D. Emergency Notice Contacts:

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the following emergency notice contacts: Skylert, Caro Community Schools' Facebook page, WJRT-TV12, NBC-TV25, WNEM TV5, and Radio WLEW 102.1 FM/ThumbNet to broadcast any emergency notices.

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

E. School Board Stipends:

Moved by Holder, supported by Brunet, to approve \$25 per meeting with unlimited meetings and a maximum payment of one compensation per day for school board stipends.

Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.

F. School Board Meeting Dates:

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the second Monday of each month and January 29th, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Media Center for school board meetings.

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

G. Committees:

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to continue our practice of three (3) member committees based upon the needs of the district including policy, budget/finance, building/grounds, and curriculum.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.

President Gomez assigned the committees as follows:

Budget/Finance Committee: Curtis, Holder, McComb

Building/Grounds Committee: Gomez, McComb, Moore

Curriculum Committee: Curtis, Holder, Moore

Policy Committee: Brunet, Curtis, Skelton

2. Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to approve the resignation of Robert McDaniel as Head Varsity Football Coach, with best wishes.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

VI. BUILDING REPORTS:

The Board received updates from administration and had an opportunity to ask questions.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Rierson thanked the principals for all of the great items shared in their reports to the Board. He shared that all of the district buildings improved in their annual index scores for the 2022-2023 school year based on the recently released data from the state. The conversion of the district's radio system to digital has been completed with new and reprogrammed radios distributed to staff and installed on the buses. He shared that in the coming weeks he will be working with Johnson and Wood to plan out the initial steps and timeline for installing the High School and Middle School air conditioning units. He gave an update on the bond proposal as the application was submitted to the State Treasury Department in December and expect approval on or before January 26th. At the Board's meeting on January 29th, the Board will vote on the ballot language and to place the bond proposal on the ballot for a May 7th, 2024 special election. At the same meeting, the Board will also vote for the renewal of the non-homestead operating millage to also appear on the May 7th ballot. This levy expires at the end of 2024 and must be renewed in order to continue funding essential services and district operations. Superintendent Rierson recognized each Board member with a certificate of appreciation and district mug for their time, courage and leadership as January is Board Appreciation Month.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Moore: Ms. Moore asked that a timeline of dates to meet with community groups be shared with the Board at the January 29th meeting.

IX. OTHER:

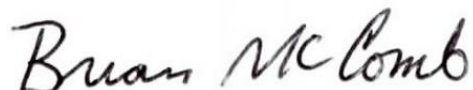
None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary