

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 9, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

Oath of Office

Roll Call: Brunet, Curtis, Gomez, Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton

Absent: N/A

Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Bringard, Moyer, Warren, LaBerge, Weijola, Dwyer, Sanders, Henry

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Election of Officers:

A. Election of President:

Moved by Holder 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, Moore, Skelton, Brunet

Motion carried.

Gomez was declared President for the 2023 calendar year by way of majority vote.

B. 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: McComb, Skelton, Brunet

Nay: Holder, Moore, Curtis, Gomez

Motion failed.

Roll call vote for: Moore for Vice President:

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Nay: Skelton, Brunet

Motion carried.

Moore was declared Vice President for the 2023 calendar year by way of majority vote.

C. Election of Secretary:

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

Roll call vote for: McComb for Secretary:

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

Motion carried.

McComb was declared Secretary for the 2023 calendar year by way of majority vote.

D. 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: Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried

Holder was declared Treasurer for the 2023 calendar year by way of majority vote.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Bills:
Moved by Holder, supported by Moore, to approve the bills as follows:

Payroll:	\$1,155,532.46
General Fund:	\$242,892.82
Food Service:	<u>\$55,772.51</u>
Total:	\$1,454,197.79

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Matt Campbell – Parent Comment

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Authorization Investment Providers:
The board was given a list of current investment providers being used by the district as well as those that are not being used any longer. The active providers were added to the list for consideration as part of the depository of funds resolution and will continue to be considered annually at the January organizational meeting.
2. Digital Radio Upgrade
The analog radio system that the district is currently using is in need of an update to digital. An initial quote from Anderson Radio, Inc, which included new digital units as well as the cost to convert radios, was provided to the board for discussion and consideration.
3. Snow Removal Equipment
The district snow removal equipment is aging. To avoid the potential failure of equipment and/or expensive repairs, information on a potential replacement truck was provided to the Board to review and discuss.
4. Bus Purchase
The district has budgeted to purchase buses each year, but due to the pandemic the last purchase was in June 2020. Estimates were gathered from three companies for 77 passenger gasoline and diesel buses. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and review the details provided.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Organizational Meeting Resolutions:
 - A. Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve Thrun Law Firm, PC as our official school attorney in 2023.
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.
 - B. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to approve the following depository of funds in 2023 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: McComb, Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.
 - C. Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve The Tuscola County Advertiser as our official newspaper in 2023.
Ayes: Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez
Motion carried.
 - D. Moved by Holder, 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: Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez
Motion carried.

- E. Moved by Brunet, supported by Holder, to approve \$25 per meeting with unlimited meetings and a maximum payment of one compensation per day for school board stipends.
Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton, Gomez
Motion carried.
- F. Moved by McComb, supported by Brunet, to approve the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Media Center for school board meetings.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Gomez
Motion carried.
- G. Moved by Holder, supported by Moore, to continue the practice of three (3) member committees based upon the needs of the district including policy, budget/finance, building/grounds, and personnel.
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.
President Gomez assigned the committees as follows:
Policy Committee: Brunet, Curtis, Skelton
Budget/Finance Committee: Curtis, Gomez, Holder
Personnel: Brunet, Holder, McComb
Building/Grounds Committee: Gomez, McComb, Moore
- 2. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to table the approval of the digital radio purchase.
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.
- 3. Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to approve the purchase of two new, 77 passenger buses from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$111,538.00 per bus, for a total of \$223, 076.00, as presented.
Ayes: Moore, Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez
Motion carried.
- 4. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve January 9, 2023 as the second reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 0144.1, 6108, 6460, 6700, 7440.03, 9150, as presented.
Ayes: Skelton, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez
Motion carried.
- 5. Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to approve the hire of Shannon Pringle as the Schall Elementary Music Teacher for Caro Community Schools, effective January 3, 2023.
Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton, Gomez
Motion carried.

VI. BUILDING REPORTS:

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

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Rierson updated the board on the status of the new security equipment that is being installed throughout the district as well as an update on the McComb heating system project. The district implementation team met before the holiday break to review data and goals and worked on developing an improvement plan to address low achievement on the 2022 school index report. A team from POET met with Superintendent Rierson to express their interest and to brainstorm ways they can support Caro Schools and the students and families of the community. The athletic Mega-League verses Greater Thumb Conference continues to be discussed between districts with the expectation that a decision will be made in the spring. He shared with the board the procedures that have been implemented since the December board meeting to prevent future issues with bus video retention. Superintendent Rierson thanked and shared his appreciation for all of the board members, for their leadership and the consideration that they put into the decisions made for the students, families, staff and community. He presented each board member with a certificate for Board Appreciation Month.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Moore: Ms. Moore thanked Superintendent Rierson for his work to develop a policy and resolve the parent concerns.

Gomez: Mrs. Gomez made a clarification of committee assignments, and thanked Mrs. Curtis for organizing and taking care of the board's personal contributions to the Alternative High Schools Christmas party.

IX. OTHER:

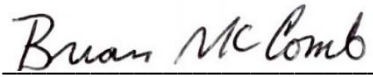
None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

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

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary