

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Phoebe Moore, Vice President, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

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

Absent: Skelton, Gomez

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

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes, as written.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Brunet, Moore

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,483,629.18

General Fund: \$587,609.23

Food Service: \$95,967.12

Total: \$2,167,205.53

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Brunet, Curtis, Moore

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Election Presentation:

Superintendent Rierson provided a PowerPoint presentation with information about the upcoming May 7<sup>th</sup> election ballot. The two items that will be on the ballot include a school bond proposal as well as the millage renewal. Board members shared their thoughts and questions were answered.

2. Policy Committee Update:

The spring policy revisions recommended by NEOLA were reviewed by the Policy Committee on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and provided for the Board's consideration and discussion.

**V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:**

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve April 8<sup>th</sup> as the first reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 1240, 2270, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, and 8390.

Ayes: McComb, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Moore

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Brunet, supported by McComb, to approve the resignation of Matthew Shears as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore

Motion carried.

**V. BUILDING REPORTS:**

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

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Rierson shared information on two grant applications that are being worked on, the USDA Distance Learning Grant and the 35j Professional Learning Grant. The USDA Distance Learning Grant is a federal grant for technology equipment that could provide career exploration, virtual field trips, guest speakers and dual enrollment options. Technology Director Scott Dwyer is working with a teacher advisory team to help determine appropriate equipment. The 35j Professional Learning Grant would provide funding to improve literacy instructional practices for grades K-5. Our elementary principals, literacy coaches and TISD staff will work to develop professional learning for teachers before the start of next school year. Superintendent Rierson updated the Board on the Middle School and High School air conditioning project that it is moving along and on target for completion in late summer. He recognized the district's guidance counselors for Guidance Counselor Appreciation Month, for all the work they do for our students.

**VII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Holder: Mrs. Holder shared about an upcoming phone app that will have a wealth of information for the community including contact information for various services provided in the community.

Moore: Ms. Moore encouraged everyone to get out and vote on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. OTHER:**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Brunet, Moore

Motion carried.



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Brian McComb, Secretary