

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 29, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Brian McComb, Secretary, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb (left 7:49 PM), Moore (arrived 6:24 PM), Skelton, Gomez (arrived 6:21 PM)

Absent: None

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes, as written.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Skelton, Brunet

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

1. Issac White – Community Comment
2. Shirley Schaefer – Community Comment

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Bond Election and Operating Millage Renewal

The district received notice from the Treasury Department which authorized preliminary qualification of the District's bond. The application included a description of the project, the ballot language, financial projections of the bond sale and debt payments, and a projection of future enrollment. Superintendent Rierson described the project and the upcoming steps prior to the May election.

Gomez arrived at 6:21 PM

2. Policy Committee Update

NEOLA provided a special update related to the Public Employment Relations Act and changes to the Revised School Code. The Policy committee met on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to review the NEOLA policies, and provided them to the Board for consideration and discussion.

Moore arrived at 6:24 PM

3. Meet of Champs – Friend of Youth

The Board was presented with a list of Caro School's previous Friend of Youth honorees and were given the opportunity to discuss potential nominees for the 2024 Meet of Champs.

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

1. Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to approve the resolution to call the election for the Caro Community Schools bond proposal and operating millage renewal proposal, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve January 29<sup>th</sup> as the first reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 0122, 1420, 3120, 3130, 3131, 3132, 3139, 3140, and 3142.

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

Motion carried.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Moore, to go into closed session at 6:33 PM for Superintendent Evaluation.

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

Motion carried.

McComb left at 7:49 PM.

Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to end closed session at 9:03 PM and return to open session in the Middle School Media Center.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to return to open session at 9:06 PM.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to approve the January 29, 2024 closed session minutes.

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

Motion carried.

President Gomez presented the evaluation ratings for Superintendent Rierson.

Moved by Moore, supported by Brunet, to approve the evaluation of Superintendent Rierson as effective.

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

**VII. OTHER:**

Board Comments:

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis thanked the custodial staff for the great work they are doing at the schools and shared appreciation for the time and work that Cheryl Ogg provided to the school district.

Moore: Ms. Moore shared praises on the great events and level of participation by staff and students during spirit week.

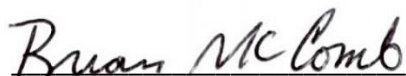
Holder: Mrs. Holder shared her appreciation for all of the students that participated in the peer to peer event that brought students together from six districts to discuss mental and emotional health.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM.

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

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary