

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 13, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tina Gomez, President, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

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

Absent: McComb

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

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,095,591.87

General Fund: \$246,200.56

Food Service: \$16,558.16

Total: \$1,358,350.59

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

Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Brian Koehler – Parent Comment

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Bond Project Update:

An update on the bond project was presented to the Board sharing that the scope of the project has been completed, a group of community members is in the process of development, and IDI continues to work on details of the building projects. Upcoming dates were shared including the meeting with the Treasury Department on December 15th, approval of the Preliminary Qualification Application on December 20th, calling of the election on January 29th, and the bond appearing on the election ballot for vote on May 7th.

2. Snow Removal Equipment:

The Board was given a quote from each Caro dealership, Bell Wasik, Moore Motors, and Pat Curtis for a new truck that would replace the 2001 Chevy pickup used for salting and plowing district property. This was first brought to the Board's attention last fall. Quotes from two BOSS plow dealers in the thumb area were also presented to the Board for consideration.

3. Food Service Purchase:

Food Service is looking to replace the salad bar buffets in the High School and Middle School. Quotes from Central Restaurant Products were presented to the Board for consideration.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Moved by Brunet, supported by Moore, to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-250 truck from Moore Motor for \$46,600.

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

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Skelton, supported by Brunet, to approve the purchase of a snow plow addition to the truck from Snow Works for \$9,530.60.

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

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the purchase of refrigerated buffet tables, sneeze guards and tray slides for the High School and Middle School cafeterias, for \$20,967.35 from Central Restaurant Products.

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

Motion carried.

4. Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the hire of Karie Campbell as GSRP Teacher, and Randall Moore as Athletic Director pending completion of the hiring process.

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

Motion carried.

5. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve the resignation of Athletic Director Josh Hess, effective October 21, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

VI. BUILDING REPORTS:

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

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Congratulations were given to the Girls Cross Country team for their fifth place tie at the state meet on November 4th. Superintendent Rierson gave an update on the air conditioning project and that some work will begin before the end of the school year in areas where it will not interfere with classes. Multiple grants applications have been submitted recently for grants including mental health and school safety through section 31aa and student learning recovery through Mi-Kids Back on Track. The district continues to work on school safety and ways to improve. A new internal communication system has been activated and soon new cabinets will be installed in each building for "Stop the Bleed Kits" donated by the Tuscola Sherriff's Department. The fall student enrollment collection was submitted to the state with the student headcount at 1,401 students and FTE count of 1390.36 which is down from last year.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis praised the great attendance at the parent teacher conferences throughout the district and great involvement by parents and guardians.

IX. OTHER:

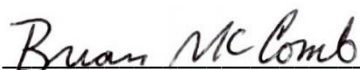
None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

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

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary