

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Tina Gomez, President, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.
Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence
Roll Call: Curtis, Holder, Skelton, Gomez
Absent: Brunet, McComb, Moore
Also Present: Branding, Moyer, Warren, LaBerge, Moore, Dwyer, Chapelo

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:
Moved by Skelton, supported by Holder, to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes, as written.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Skelton, Gomez
Motion carried.
2. Approval of Bills:
Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the bills as follows:
Payroll: \$1,265,038.46
General Fund: \$351,521.83
Food Service: \$76,585.96
Total: \$1,693,146.25
Ayes: Holder, Skelton, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chris Stevenson – Community Comment

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Academic Goals Review:
Superintendent Rierson discussed the mid-year assessment achievements and goals that were established by the High School. Board members shared their thoughts and questions were answered.
2. Pool Diving Boards:
Information was provided to the Board about a grant from the Tuscola County Community Foundation to be used by the district to resurface and repaint the pool's diving boards.
3. Food Service Tables:
Food Director, Janet Weijola provided the Board with quotes for new cafeteria tables at Schall Elementary. Food Service was approved for the Equipment Assistance Grant again this year, for the amount of \$13,000 to use towards the purchase of tables.
4. Football Helmets:
The need to purchase new football helmets was presented to the Board along with a future purchasing plan to eliminate large amounts expiring at the same time which then lead to large purchases.
5. Technology Bids:
Two technology bids were presented to the Board for consideration and discussion. The first bid included fiber replacement to McComb with additional fiber to the football field, and the second bid was for additional network electronics necessary for the new fiber to the football field. The Board had the opportunity for questions to be answered.
6. K12 Media Group:
The marketing and digital services of K12 Media were presented to the Board for consideration to help with communicating with the community about the upcoming May 7th Special Election.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the refinish and refurbishment of the pool diving boards by Devise Diving LLC for \$10,213, with \$7,359 reimbursed by the Tuscola County Community Foundation grant and \$2,884 paid by the district.
Ayes: Skelton, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.

2. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the purchase of 13 cafeteria tables from HPS for Schall Elementary for \$23,207.21, with \$13,000 reimbursed by the Equipment Assistance Grant.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Skelton, Gomez
Motion carried.
3. Moved by Skelton, supported by Holder, to approve the purchase of 40 new football helmets for \$13,874.95 and repainting of helmets for \$1,978.70 from Riddell.
Ayes: Holder, Skelton, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.
4. Moved by Curtis, supported by Skelton, to approve the following Self Provision Fiber bids: Replacement of fiber cabling from the High School to McComb Elementary, from AmComm for \$57,732.73 with 100% discounted; and addition of fiber cabling to the press box and field concession stand, from AmComm for \$10,218.12 with 80% discounted and the district paying \$2,043.62.
Ayes: Skelton, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the Network Electronics bid for fiber connection to the press box and field concession stand, and one access point in the High School shop classroom, from Vector Tech Group for \$7,899.00 with 80% (\$6,319.20) discounted and the district paying \$1,579.80.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Skelton, Gomez
Motion carried.
6. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the purchase of marketing and digital services from K12 Media Group for a total of \$14,250.00, as presented.
Ayes: Holder, Skelton, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.
7. Moved by Curtis, supported by Skelton, to approve the resignation of Mackenzie Nusz as McComb Elementary Kindergarten Teacher.
Ayes: Skelton, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.
8. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the retirement of teachers Carolyn Dillon, Linda Kline, Laurie Miklovic, Peggy Kennedy, Roselyn Martin, Tina Wallace, and Danielle Vacanti effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, with regret and best wishes.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, 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 shared an update on the district having two items on the upcoming May ballot. An FAQ was posted to the website with details about both the bond proposal and the non-homestead millage renewal, various marketing materials have been distributed, and visits with community groups continue to be scheduled and attended to share information with community members. The High School and Middle School air conditioning project has moved forward with work started on what can be done over the remainder of the school year in preparation for work done over the summer months. The district received the remainder of the digital radios that have provided much better quality and larger range of connection for all of the buildings and departments. Superintendent Rierson shared about the new dental assessment requirement for Kindergarten enrollment starting next year and will work with the health department for guidance

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis had a question of clarification for Mrs. Gomez related to the K12 Media Group price.

Holder: Mrs. Holder thanked all of the staff and parents who applied for grants that will now be a benefit for the students and the services provided to our students.

IX. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REINSTATEMENT HEARING:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to go into closed session at 6:50 PM for the purpose of due process reinstatement hearing.

Ayes: Holder, Skelton, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to return to open session at 7:47 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

Ayes: Skelton, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the March 11, 2024 closed session minutes.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Skelton, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to reinstate Student A (020096449) effective Monday, April 29th, 2024.

Ayes: Holder, Skelton, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

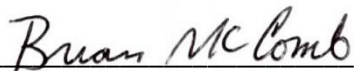
X. OTHER:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Ayes: Skelton, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary