

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 12, 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, Gomez
Absent: McComb, Skelton
Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Moyer, Warren, Henry

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:
Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to approve the June 1, 2023 minutes, as written.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Moore, Brunet, Gomez
Motion carried.
2. Approval of Bills:
Moved by Holder, supported by Moore, to approve the bills as follows:
Payroll: \$1,369,146.56
General Fund: \$536,987.96
Food Service: \$57,837.89
Total: \$1,963,972.41
Ayes: Holder, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Nancy Thane – Community Member Comment
2. Sandra Garza – Parent Comment
3. Alex Garza – Student Comment
4. Gatlin Brisette – Student Comment

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Policy Committee Report:
The spring policy revisions recommended by NEOLA were reviewed by the Policy Committee on May 16, 2023 and were provided to the Board for consideration and discussion.
2. Academic Goals Review:
Superintendent Rierson discussed the end of the year assessment achievement and goals that were established by each school building for the year. Board members shared their thoughts and asked questions.
3. Athletic Purchases:
The softball program received two grants for construction of a batting cage near the field. The Board reviewed quotes from C. Louis Concrete, Slough and Esch Landscaping for the cement pad of the batting cage. They also reviewed and discussed a quote for new football uniforms requested by the football team, using their football account funds, outside of the normally scheduled uniform purchase cycle by the district.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Moved by Brunet, supported by Moore, to approve June 12, 2023 as the first reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 2623, 6323, 8390, 8400, 1615, 3215, 4215, 5512, and 9160 as presented.
Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez
Motion carried.
2. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to table any motion regarding the purchase of football uniforms till the special board meeting later in June.
Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Moore, Gomez
Motion carried.
3. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve C. Louis Concrete Company to install a 42 foot by 60 inch cement area for a batting cage for \$12,488.00, as presented.
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Moore, Brunet, Gomez
Motion carried.

4. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve the renewal of our membership with MHSAA for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.
Ayes: Holder, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Brunet, supported by Curtis, to continue to offer unlimited positions of 105/105c School of Choice students for enrollment in the 2023-2024 school year.
Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder Gomez
Motion carried.
6. Moved by Curtis, supported by Moore, to approve the resignation of Michael Kokenos as McComb Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year, with best wishes.
Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Moore, Gomez
Motion carried.

VI. BUILDING REPORTS:

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

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Rierson reported on the upcoming K-12 workshop for math teachers to continue working on the alignment of our math curriculum to state standards. In efforts to measure our discipline data more effectively and with more consistency district wide, administrators have reviewed and will be updating discipline codes this summer and a small group will attend a training in Lansing about responses to student behavior. The student handbooks are also being reviewed for consistency by the administrators. Superintendent Rierson also shared that the district continues to meet with the architect and engineer from IDI to compile improvement projects into a list to be reviewed, prioritized, and develop estimated costs with help from Spence Brothers. McMillan continues to assess the Middle School and High School for air conditioning chillers. A special meeting for the ending budget for 2022-23 and the new 2023-24 budget was discussed and was decided for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Information collected on GASB 84 as requested at the previous meeting was shared with the board and questions were answered. Superintendent Rierson praised Janet Swarthout for the talent she brought together at the Fine Arts Camp with grades K-12 and for the fantastic show they put together in just three days. He thanked Mr. Branding for filling in at commencement, and also shared his appreciation to all the staff for making it through the 2022-2023 year and for the leadership that the administration provides.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

None

IX. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

None

X. OTHER:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Holder, supported by Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Moore, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary