

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 14, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Tina Gomez, President, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

Oath of Office

Roll Call: Brunet, Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Gomez

Absent: Curtis

Also Present: Bitzer, Moyer, Kitchen, Johnson, Chapelo, Weijola, Dwyer, Henry

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes, as written.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,209,039.92

General Fund: \$422,566.72

Food Service: \$157,928.40

Total: \$1,789,532.04

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Summer Leadership Camp Presentation:

Middle School Assistant Principal, Nick Moyer, shared about the MASC/MAHS Leadership Camp that he and eighteen Caro students attended over the summer.

2. Technology Update:

The district's GoGuardian license and the services it provides for our staff and district were discussed and the Board was asked to consider renewal of the software system license.

3. Boiler Repairs:

After boilers were inspected in September by W. Soule, it was recommended to replace a few parts in the High School and Middle School boilers.

4. Snow Plow:

The request to purchase a 16 foot snow plow box drag for the back of the plow truck was presented to the Board for consideration. The drag will provide additional efficiency for sidewalk, corners and roadside snow plowing.

5. 21F – 15 Days of Instruction:

The Board was provided information regarding 21F and the potential ability to offer virtual learning to students during a time of emergency closures or for student testing days. The district's plan was provided for their review and Board members were able to discuss and ask questions.

6. Handbook:

The updated Mechanic Handbook was provided to the Board for their review.

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

1. Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the three year renewal of the GoGuardian license for the amount of \$35,400.00, as presented.

Ayes: Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Brunet, supported by Moore, to approve boiler repairs and labor by W. Soule for the following: High School boiler for \$4,750.00, Middle School boiler for \$5,700.00, and Middle School hot water boiler for \$2,950.00, as presented.

Ayes: Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Holder, supported by Brunet, to approve the purchase and installation of a snow plow from Caro Snow Works for \$7,800.00, as presented.  
Ayes: Brunet, Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Gomez  
Motion carried.
4. Moved by McComb, supported by Sawyer, to approve the 2024-2025 Caro Community Schools 15-Day Virtual Learning Plan, as presented.  
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Gomez  
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Brunet, supported by McComb, to approve the 2024-2026 Caro Mechanic Handbook, as presented.  
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, Gomez  
Motion carried.
6. Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the resignation of Stefanie Eyer, as High School Special Ed Teacher, with best wishes.  
Ayes: Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, McComb, Gomez  
Motion carried.

**VI. BUILDING REPORTS:**

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

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

October is bullying prevention month and Superintendent Rierson shared about the extra peer to peer program that is being implemented in the High School to help with reporting. October is also principal appreciation month and he expressed how thankful he is for the districts' principals and assistant principals and the nurturing environment they provide for our students and staff on a daily basis. A quick update on the Bond was provided. The list of bond projects planned for summer 2025 has been created and bids will be back for Board approval at the November meeting. The decision on where the tennis courts will go is still in the initial stages as field surveys will be conducted in a few potential locations. In August, the district received \$21,700 from the MDE 11bb grant, which allowed the district to purchase supplies special to each building including books, microscopes, calculators, Chromebook replacements, and social emotional support items. He shared that the athletic department is looking into options to replace the middle school scorers table as it in need of replacement and a recommendation may be brought to the board for consideration in the near future.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

None

**IX. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:**

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to go into closed session at 6:51 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Ayes: Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Holder, supported by McComb, to return to open session at 7:20 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

Ayes: Brunet, Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to approve the October 14, 2024 closed session minutes.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Gomez

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the agreement between the 2024-2026 Board of Education of Caro Community School and the Caro Bus Drivers Association, as presented in closed session.

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

**X. OTHER:**

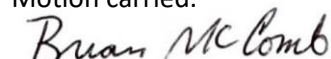
None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Ayes: Moore, Sawyer, Brunet, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary