

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**March 10, 2025**

**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

Roll Call: Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Sawyer (arrived 6:04 PM), Gomez

Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Bringard, Moyer, LaBerge, Weijola, Dwyer, Henry

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the February 13, 2025 minutes, as written.

Ayes: Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,239,730.92

General Fund: \$335,842.71

Food Service: \$15,036.41

Total: \$1,590,610.04

Ayes: Hart, Holder, McComb, Curtis, Groosbeck, Gomez

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Chris Wilcox – Parent Comment

Sawyer arrived at 6:04 PM

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Youth in Government Presentation:

Caro High School teacher Mrs. Gierman, and high school students Ethan Ransford, Luke Joslyn, and Devyn Skelton gave a presentation about their experience participating in Youth in Government this year.

2. 2027 International Trip Presentation:

Caro High School teacher Mrs. Sira presented to the Board for consideration an international trip to the Galapagos Islands during spring break 2027. A tentative itinerary was shared with the Board and questions were answered.

3. Window Film Bid:

Bids for security window film coverings were collected on February 24<sup>th</sup> and were presented to the Board for consideration. The project is funded by the 31aa School Safety Grant.

4. Technology – Chromebooks:

The Board considered the proposal to purchase 300 student Chromebooks to ensure the district maintains an adequate supply and allowing each student to have access to their own device.

5. Meet of Champions – Friend of Youth:

The Board received a list of Caro School's previous Friend of Youth honorees as well as names mentioned at the two previous meetings and were given the opportunity to discuss potential nominees for the 2025 Friend of Youth.

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

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to approve the 2027 spring break international trip to Galapagos Islands, as presented.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to approve the window film bid from Armor Window Films, Inc for \$9,875.00, as presented.

Ayes: McComb, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the purchase of 300 Chromebooks from People Driven Technology for \$83,517.00.  
Ayes: Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Gomez  
Motion carried.
4. Moved by Sawyer, supported by McComb, to nominate Trisha and Greg Hollingsworth as Caro Schools' "Friend of Youth" for the 2025 Thumb Meet of Champs.  
Ayes: Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Sawyer, Gomez  
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Curtis, supported by Hart, to approve the hire of Jillian Morrison as Varsity Softball Coach for the 2025 season.  
Ayes: Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Sawyer, Curtis, Gomez  
Motion carried.

**VI. BUILDING REPORTS:**

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

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Rierson thanked all of the administrators for all of the great things that they are making available to the students. He shared a brief update on the bond as the district gets closer to bidding the Phase I projects which include lockers, control systems, fire alarms, emergency alert system, digital clocks, and security camera systems. Bond items in Phase 2 are beginning to be discussed and a walk-through of buildings was scheduled for the coming weeks. Cyber Security continues to be of high importance and the district continues to watch for ways to strengthen the District's services and training. Superintendent Rierson explained that he is looking into possible services from K12 Media for enrollment purposes again this year.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

McComb: Mr. McComb thanked all that came to present to the Board from Youth in Government and about future international trips. He shared his appreciation for all that help make these amazing opportunities available to the students.

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

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to go into closed session at 7:24 PM for the purpose of negotiations.

Ayes: Hart, Holder, McComb, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to return to open session at 8:49 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the March 10, 2025 closed session minutes.

Ayes: McComb, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

**X. OTHER:**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Ayes: Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.



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Kathleen Curtis, Secretary