

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**May 13, 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

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

Absent: Skelton

Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Bringard, Moyer, LaBerge, Johnson, Dwyer, Chapelo

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the April 24, 2024 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,023,094.63

General Fund: \$970,079.06

Food Service: \$41,801.27

Total: \$2,034,974.96

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

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Tuscola ISD Budget:

The Board reviewed the Tuscola ISD 2024-2025 General Education Budget.

2. Election Info:

Provided to the Board were unofficial results from the May 7<sup>th</sup> election: Operating Millage Renewal 1394-Yes, 753-No; Bond Proposal 972-Yes, 1096-No. With the needs identified in the bond still present, Superintendent Rierson and the Building and Grounds Committee diligently reviewed alternative options for a new bond. A refined zero mill bond proposal for the August 6<sup>th</sup> ballot was shared with the Board for discussion.

3. Capital Improvement Account:

The opportunity to open a new capital improvement bank account at Huntington Bank was presented to the Board for consideration.

4. Policy Update:

The spring policy revisions recommended by NEOLA were reviewed by the Policy Committee on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the first reading was approved by the Board at the regular Board meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The policies were presented to the Board for a second reading, consideration and discussion.

5. Technology:

The Board considered the proposed purchase of desktop computers for office staff, the Schall computer lab, and the High School media center, alongside student Chromebooks.

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

1. Moved by Brunet, supported by Moore, to approve the resolution supporting the 2024-25 Tuscola Intermediate School District Budget, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the resolution to call the election for the Caro Community Schools bond proposal, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

3. Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the opening of a capital improvements bank account at Huntington Bank.

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

Motion carried.

4. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to approve May 13<sup>th</sup> as the second reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 1240, 2270, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, and 8390.  
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Curtis, Gomez  
Nays: Brunet  
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the purchase of 146 desktop computers from Sehi Computer Products for \$76,264.56, as presented.  
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez  
Motion carried.
6. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve the purchase of 300 Chromebooks from People Driven Technology for \$83,517.00, as presented.  
Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez  
Motion carried.
7. Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to continue to offer unlimited positions of 105/105c School of Choice students for enrollment in the 2024-2025 school year.  
Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez  
Motion carried.
8. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve unpaid leave of absence for the 2024-2025 school year to High School Teacher, Stefanie Eyer, and McComb Teacher, Lauren Henry, as well as unpaid leave of absence through October 11, 2024 to McComb Counselor, Brian Bennett.  
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez  
Motion carried.
9. Moved by Holder, supported by McComb, to approve the resignation of James Stapleton as Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, and resignation of Rochelle Holloway as High School Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.  
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez  
Motion carried.
10. Moved by Curtis, supported by Moore, to approve the hire of David Lester as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Stephanie Goodall as Varsity Volleyball Coach, Nichol Lopez as 2nd Grade Teacher and Nicolette Younglove as Kindergarten Teacher for 2024-25 school year.  
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez  
Motion carried.

**VI. BUILDING REPORTS:**

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

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Rierson updated the Board on the current status of the state school aid budget and the hopes to have more information on its approval in Lansing soon. He affirmed the continued efforts of the district and grant writer Kathy Dickens on The USDA Distance Learning Grant which could provide career exploration, virtual field trips, guest speakers and dual enrollment options. The High School and Middle School air conditioning project is moving forward. He shared about the training requirements before next school year regarding evaluations and the hope to collaborate with MASB to conduct a joint training session at the TISD for all of the districts in the county to participate in. Recognition was extended to all involved for their contributions to the recent election efforts. Superintendent Rierson expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with the community, collaborate with organizations, and establish connections.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

McComb: Mr. McComb shared his appreciation to the teachers and administrators for all they do.

Gomez: Mrs. Gomez thanked Superintendent Rierson for all of the time and hard work that he put into the May 7<sup>th</sup> bond project.

Moore: Ms. Moore shared her appreciation for the teachers and their dedication, and Superintendent Rierson for his tremendous efforts to get the bond information out to the community. She was grateful for the support at the May election and looks for the continued community support in August.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DUE PROCESS DISCIPLINARY HEARING:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Moore, to go into closed session at 7:12 PM for the purpose of due process disciplinary hearing.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to return to open session at 8:20 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the May 13, 2024 closed session minutes.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to follow the administration's recommendation that, pursuant to 1311(1) and 1311a of the Revised School Code, that Student – 020098007 be permanently expelled from Caro Community Schools in accordance to the resolution.

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

Motion carried.

**X. OTHER:**

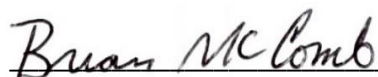
None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM.

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

Motion carried.



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Brian McComb, Secretary