

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 8, 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, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Absent: Holder, Skelton

Also Present: Bitzer, LaBerge

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:

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

Ayes: Curtis, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,510,693.05

General Fund: \$1,049,646.89

Food Service: \$117,041.08

Total: \$2,677,381.02

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Academic Goals Review:

Superintendent Rierson discussed the end of the year student achievement based on the goals established for Caro High School. Board members had the opportunity to share their thoughts and ask questions.

2. Capturing Kids Hearts:

The social and emotional learning program, Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH) was brought to the Board to consider renewing the district wide implementation for the 2024-25 school year. Superintendent Rierson shared about the support from the administrators as well as data collected through survey of staff, students and parents.

3. 2023-24 SID Report:

Superintendent Rierson updated the Board on the district's annual School Infrastructure Database (SID) report to the state including incidents of bullying.

4. Title IX Policy Update:

The Policy Committee met on July 2nd to review NEOLA's revisions and new policy related to the new Federal Title IX regulations that were revised earlier this year and will go into effect on August 1, 2024.

5. Chief Information Security Officer:

Information was shared with the Board regarding the opportunity to collaborate with ISDs and local districts across Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties to hire a Chief Information Security Officer.

6. NWEA Renewal:

NWEA benchmark assessment for reading and math in grades K-8 is up for renewal. Information was provided to the Board for consideration and discussion.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve the purchase of Capturing Kids Hearts as a district wide program for the 2024-25 school year for \$41,750.00, as presented.

Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to adopt policies 2264 and 2266, as presented

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Brunet, supported by McComb, to approve the contract with REMC-10 for Information Security Services for \$10,527.57 for the 2024-2025 school year.
Ayes: Curtis, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez
Motion carried.
4. Moved by Moore, supported by Brunet, to approve the annual license for NWEA for the 2024-2025 school year for \$11,500.00, as presented.
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to grant tenure to: Allison Sira, Melissa Anger, Leigha Drohn, and James Sira; 5th year probation to: Shane Hood, and Stephanie Shauger; 4th year probation to: Heather Morse, Brendan Galbraith, and Cathy Convery; 3rd year probation to: Tiffany Androl, Carly Brown, Joshua Cahoon, Mary Karavas, Brady Palmer, and Kelsey Setla; 2nd year probation to: Jennifer Beardslee, Renee Dietrich, Elisabeth Lennox, Shannon Pringle, Tana Shrader, and Julianna Weidman.
Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, McComb, Gomez
Motion carried.
6. Moved by McComb, supported by Brunet, to approve the resignation of Cole Romzek, High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, and Rylie Weiler, Kindergarten Teacher.
Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, McComb, Moore, Gomez
Motion carried.
7. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to approve the hire of Morgan Armstead as McComb GSRP Teacher, and Theresa Kitchen as Assistant Principal at McComb Elementary for the 2024-25 school year.
Ayes: Curtis, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez
Motion carried.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Rierson shared an update on the August 6th bond proposal with the first round of post cards delivered to the community and a second postcard to be out in July. He has taken the opportunity to share information to community groups at their scheduled meetings when possible. The State School Aid Budget was approved on June 26th with some unexpected reductions in state funding as well as changes in district contribution into staff retirement. An update on the air conditioning project in the Middle School and High School was given including the additional cost for taxes on new equipment purchased by contractors even though the district is tax exempt.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis commented on the importance of the Board approving student handbooks before school starts. She also congratulated Theresa Kitchen on her new role at McComb Elementary.

Brunet: Ms. Brunet praised the bus garage for how great the transportation team is and how much her son enjoys working with them.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to go into closed session at 7:28 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Brunet, to return to open session at 7:52 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the July 8, 2024 closed session minutes.

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, McComb, Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the contract between Caro Community Schools and Caro Michigan Educational Support Personnel Association as discussed in closed session.

IX. OTHER:

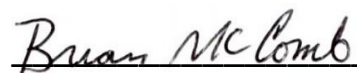
None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez

Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian McComb". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brian McComb, Secretary