

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**September 9, 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: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Sawyer, Gomez

Absent: Brunet

Also Present: Bitzer, Bringard, Moyer, Warren, LaBerge, Johnson, Chapelo, Weijola, Dwyer, Henry

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to approve the August 26, 2024 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,135,959.32

General Fund: \$531,576.77

Food Service:           \$97,147.20

Total: \$1,764,683.29

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

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Audit Report – Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, PC:

Valerie Hartel, from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, PC, presented the audit report and answered questions from the Board concerning the 2023-2024 audit.

2. Technology :

The importance of Gaggle for the security of the districts' staff and students was discussed and the Board was asked to consider renewal of the software system license.

3. Bond Update:

The initial steps of the bond project were discussed and questions were answered.

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

1. Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to approve the 2023-2024 Financial Audit report as presented by Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, PC.

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

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the three year renewal of the Gaggle license for the amount of \$20,700.00, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the resolution authorizing Caro Community Schools to issue and sell bonds, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

4. Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to approve the hire of Johanna Polzin as High School Math Teacher for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion carried.

**VI. BUILDING REPORTS:**

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

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Rierson expressed appreciation for the administrative team for all of their planning and preparation to get the school year started. The district is setting up opportunities for tutoring during and after school starting in the Middle School and Schall, but are hoped to spread to McComb if more grant funding is provided. The air conditioning project is still in process. While the Middle School is running, there is still work to be done with the controls, and the High School isn't expected to be completed until mid-October due to supply chain issues. The district's food service director, Janet Weijola, has been asked to provide oversight and guidance to the Mayville food service team, which she has agreed to accept on a part-time bases. The new Standard Response Protocol (SRP) emergency response and communication system has been presented to a large amount of district staff already and there will be a couple more training sessions scheduled to get all staff, including itinerants, trained on the new SRP protocol. Students will be the next trained and the SRP will be implemented at the first drill of the school year.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Gomez: Mrs. Gomez appointed Mrs. Curtis as an alternate to the building and grounds committee, to be implemented only when one of the three committee members is not available.

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis shared concerns related to the need for better marking and signage in the McComb parking lot and roundabout area. She recommends communicating with staff, families and students prior to the start of the school year with updated directions for safety purposes.

**IX. OTHER:**

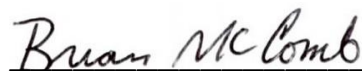
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**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

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

Motion carried.



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Brian McComb, Secretary