

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 12, 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, Skelton, Gomez

Absent: Moore

Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Bringard, Moyer, Warren, LaBerge, Moore, Henry, Dwyer

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the January 29, 2024 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,438,954.24

General Fund: \$545,558.87

Food Service: \$38,526.07

Total: \$2,023,039.18

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

Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Sandra Garza – Parent Comment

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Grant Recognition:

Superintendent Rierson recognized the teachers and district staff that were selected to receive grants from the Tuscola County Community Foundation this fall.

2. Academic Goals Review:

Superintendent Rierson discussed the mid-year assessment achievements and the goals that were established by each of the school buildings. As data is collected and reviewed, the administrative team continues to learn and understand more about the assessments and the data provided. Board members shared their thoughts and questions were answered.

3. Meet of Champs – Friend of Youth:

The Board was presented with a list of Caro School's previous Friend of Youth honorees and were given the opportunity to discuss potential nominees for the 2024 Meet of Champs.

4. MASB Region 5 Ballot:

MASB provided information to the Board regarding the two candidates that were on the ballot for three year terms in Region 5. The Board had the opportunity to review and discuss the potential candidates.

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

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to nominate Nick Berry as Caro Schools' "Friend of Youth" for the 2024 Thumb Meet of Champs.

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

Motion carried.

2. Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to nominate Janice Holz for the 2024 MASB Region 5 Board of Directors Election.

Ayes: Skelton, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Nays: Brunet

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Curtis, supported by Brunet, to approve February 12th as the second reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 0122, 1420, 3120, 3130, 3131, 3132, 3139, 3140, 3142, and 3220.

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

Motion carried.

4. Moved by Holder, supported by Skelton, to approve the hire of Jacob Galsterer as Head Varsity Football Coach.  
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Skelton, Brunet, Gomez  
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Holder, supported by Brunet, to approve the retirement of teacher Derek Dodge effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, with regret and best wishes.  
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Skelton, Brunet, 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 shared an update on the district having two items on the upcoming May ballot. An FAQ was posted to the website with details about both the bond proposal and the non-homestead millage renewal, a citizen group has been created to help reach other district residents, and visits with community groups continue to be scheduled to share information with the community. The High School and Middle School air conditioning project is moving forward with work started on what can be done over the remainder of the school year in preparation for work done over the summer months. The district is looking into finding a road test examiner to provide the service again. A group of teachers from each building are working with Scott Dwyer and Collin Henry on a federal USDA Distance Learning Grant. Superintendent Rierson expressed appreciation for the guidance counselors over the district for school counselor appreciation week. He also shared his appreciation for Janet Weijola and the food service crew in their quick effort to deal with the loss of a freezer in the Middle School.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Skelton: Mrs. Skelton shared praise over the recent Youth in Government opportunity for high school students.

Holder: Mrs. Holder asked for the scheduled date of the high school's graduation ceremony.

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis thanked Randy Moore for all he has done as Athletic Direct so far. She also brought up the importance of mental health, as well as the continued growth and support provided throughout the district.

**IX. OTHER:**

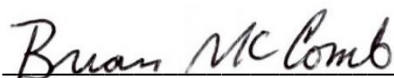
None

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM.

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

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary