

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 13, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tina Gomez, President, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

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

Absent: Curtis

Also Present: Warren, LaBerge, Johnson, Chapelo, Dwyer, Henry

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,160,765.62

General Fund: \$386,679.55

Food Service: \$59,175.97

Total: \$1,606,621.14

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

Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Jared Bush – Parent Comment

2. Ashley Hart – Parent Comment

IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Juul Case:

In November 2021, the Board approved the district to join with 1464 other school districts and 25 regional education agencies across the nation in a lawsuit against companies that make vaping products. A settlement agreement with Juul Labs Inc has been presented to school districts. The Board had the opportunity to review and ask questions about the information provided by Thrun Law Firm and Frantz Law Group.

2. Technology Purchase:

The need to renew the Microsoft Office licenses for staff computers was presented to the Board for discussion and consideration.

3. Resource Officer Memo of Understanding:

In compliance with the state School Resource Officer Grant Program, a memorandum of understanding between the district and the City of Caro was presented to the Board for their review and consideration.

4. Mega League Presentation:

Superintendent Rierson presented information to the Board regarding the Big Thumb Conference. The 25 districts' superintendents and athletic directors from the current Greater Thumb Conference and the North Central Thumb League have been working together to develop the conference and association. This could provide the opportunity for collaboration between the districts for not only athletics, but activities such as student council, academic contests, music, etc, and possibly staff development. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the information presented.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to approve the following resolution:

1. The Board accepts the settlement amount for Caro Community Schools claim against JUUL Labs, Inc in Case No. 3:19-md-2913-WHO.

2. The Board authorizes and directs the District Superintendent, George Rierson, to sign Lawsuit settlement documents pertaining to the Juul Defendants on behalf of the District and to take such other action as necessary to obtain the Settlement Amount and to settle the Lawsuit against the Juul Defendants, subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.

3. The Board waives any applicable Board Policies and Bylaws for purposes of this settlement.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

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

Motion carried.

2. Moved by McComb, supported by Skelton, to approve the renewal of 161 Microsoft Office licenses from CDW-G LLC for the total of \$5,030.42, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

3. Moved by Brunet, supported by McComb, to approve the school resource officer memo of understanding with the City of Caro, substantially in the form as presented.

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

Motion carried.

4. Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to approve the retirement of Tina English, effective June 30, 2023, with sincere regret and best wishes.

Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Skelton, Brunet, 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 that the district expects to receive a second proposal soon regarding the cost to transition to a digital radio system. Although the winter season is nearing the end, he continues to work with the grounds staff to assess the needs and options to potentially replace a vehicle used for plowing and hauling material before next winter. He shared that the building and grounds committee will meet to review the received capital improvement proposals from five firms and prepare a recommendation to the Board in April.

Superintendent Rierson also shared how the behavior intervention team at McComb continues to meet regularly to discuss data and to develop plans for students who are struggling with disruptive behavior.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Holder: Mrs. Holder thanked the parents who shared this evening, and also shared her praises about the recent school board trainings that she participated in virtually and the wealth of information that was presented.

Gomez: Mrs. Gomez also praised the school board training that she recently attended and how she looks forward to considering more trainings.

McComb: Mr. McComb shared his appreciation for all the McComb staff and the great job they are doing.

IX. OTHER:

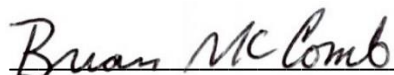
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X. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

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

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary