

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**July 10, 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, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Gomez  
Absent: Skelton  
Also Present: Chapelo

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:  
Moved by McComb, supported by Brunet, to approve the June 27, 2023 minutes, as written.  
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez  
Motion carried.
2. Approval of Bills:  
Moved by Holder, supported by Moore, to approve the bills as follows:  
Payroll: \$1,316,688.57  
General Fund: \$779,807.78  
Food Service: \$66,945.22  
Total: \$2,163,441.57  
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez  
Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**IV. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Capital Improvement Project:  
Dave Moore from IDI Architects presented to the Board an update on the facility needs assessment information that is being collected and will be reviewed as part of a potential future bond proposal. Also discussed was the possible community engagement services available by Banach, Banach and Cassidy in the capital improvement project. Board questions were answered and discussed.
2. SID Update:  
Superintendent Rierson updated the Board on the district's annual School Infrastructure Database report to the state including incidents of bullying.
3. Policy Committee Report:  
The Policy Committee met with high school administrators to review the revisions to the dual enrollment portion of the High School Handbook.
4. Capturing Kids Heart:  
The social and emotional learning program, Capturing Kids Hearts was piloted by McComb Elementary over the 2021-22 school year, and then implemented district wide for the 2022-23 school year. It was brought to the Board to consider renewing the district wide implementation for the 2023-24 school year.

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

1. Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to approve the community engagement services from Banach, Banach and Cassidy including focus panels for \$12,000, and employee, parent, and community survey for \$8,000, as presented.  
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez  
Motion carried.
2. Moved by Brunet, supported by McComb, to approve the revised language regarding Dual Enrollment for the 2023-2024 Caro High School Handbook, with inclusion of a link to the policy and required forms, as presented.  
Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez  
Motion carried.
3. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to table the purchase of Capturing Kids Hearts as a district wide program for the 2023-24 school year for \$46,600.00, until the next board meeting.  
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, Moore, Brunet, Gomez  
Motion carried.

4. Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve July 10, 2023 as the second reading of revisions for NEOLA policies: 2623, 6325, 8390, 8400, 1615, 3215, 4215, 5512, 7434, and 9160 as presented.  
Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Gomez  
Motion carried.
5. Moved by Holder, supported by Brunet, to set the meal prices for 2023-2024 school year, per State requirements as follows: Student Breakfast: \$2.25 and Student a la carte Breakfast: \$1.75; Adult Breakfast: \$3.00 and Adult a la carte Breakfast: \$2.25; Student Lunch: \$3.15 and Student a la carte Lunch \$2.75; Adult Lunch: \$5.11 and Adult a la carte Lunch \$3.25; and Play Pals Lunch: \$2.25.  
Ayes: Holder, McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Gomez  
Motion carried.
6. Moved by Curtis, supported by McComb, to grant Tenure to: Jessica Arquette, Sarah DepelsMaeker, and Lauren Henry; 5th year probation to: Allison Sira, Melissa Anger, Michael Paul, James Sira, and Leigha Drohn; 4th year probation to: Jennifer Bock, Shane Hood, and Stephanie Shauger; 3rd year probation to: Heather Morse, Brendan Galbraith, and Cathy Convery; 2nd year probation to: Carly Brown, Joshua Cahoon, Zachery Helm, Mary Karavas, Brady Palmer, Kelsey Setla, and Tiffany Lutz.  
Ayes: McComb, Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez  
Motion carried.
7. Moved by Moore, supported by Brunet, to approve the hire of Tana Shrader as High School Special Ed Teacher, effective the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.  
Ayes: Moore, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez  
Motion carried.

#### **VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Rierson shared a brief summary of the State K-12 School Aid funding update for 2023-2024 as well as the state bill that is expected to be signed by the Governor that would change collective bargaining rules for teachers. The district applied and was approved to participate in the Talent Together consortium that provides a grant that has the ability to offset costs for individuals working towards their teaching certificate. Superintendent Rierson thanked Cheryl for the work put into the end of the year Education in Our Town. He shared that he was collecting estimates on marketing options related to student enrollment as well as the group from Frankenmuth that will be bringing 500 people to Caro in October to work on community service projects throughout the community of Caro. Condolences were shared to the family of Gene Babich that passed away recently, as Gene taught and subbed at Caro Schools for over fifty years.

#### **VII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

None

#### **VIII. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:**

Moved by Holder, supported by McComb, to go to closed session at 9:06 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to end the closed session at 9:53 PM and return to open session in the Middle School Media Center.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Holder, to return to open session at 9:57 PM.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the July 10, 2023 closed session minutes.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Moore, to approve the MESPA Letter of Agreement as discussed in closed session.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Moore, supported by Holder, to approve the renewal of administrators' contracts and central office contracts.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to approve the extension of Superintendent Rierson's contract for two additional years.

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

Motion carried.

**IX. OTHER:**

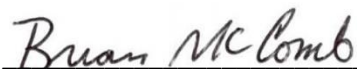
None

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM.

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

Motion carried.



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Brian McComb, Secretary