

MINUTES
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 10, 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, Moore, Gomez

Absent: Skelton

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

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Moore, supported by McComb, to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes, as written.

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

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,620,645.83

General Fund: \$478,703.99

Food Service: \$9,062.49

Total: \$2,108,412.31

Ayes: Holder, 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 Kindergarten through eighth grade. 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 implemented district wide starting in the 2022-23 school year. Superintendent Rierson shared that all building administrators are in support of having CKH for another year. It was brought to the Board to consider renewing the district wide implementation for the 2024-25 school year.

3. Athletics:

The Board was presented with information regarding the opportunity to add another school district to the varsity boys swim program through a new co-operative agreement. The proposed co-op would be for Caro, Cass City and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. The annual renewal of MHSAA membership was also brought to the Board for consideration.

V. TOPICS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to table the resolution for Capturing Kids Hearts until the July Board Meeting.

Ayes: McComb, Brunet, Curtis, Holder

Nays: Moore, Gomez

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Holder, supported by Curtis, to approve the renewal of our membership with MHSAA for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

3. Moved by McComb, supported by Brunet, the cooperative agreement for Caro Community Schools boys swim with Cass City Schools and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools to begin in the 2024-25 season.

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

Motion carried.

4. Moved by Moore, supported by Curtis to approve the hire of Dustin Dennis as Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Imogen Sanders as 3rd Grade Teacher, Andrea Keoshian as 1st Grade Teacher, and Rylie Weiler as Kindergarten Teacher for 2024-25 school year.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Moore, 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 information related to the August 6th bond proposal that is a zero mill increase, but will generate 18.4 million for the district to address critical needs across the district. Funds will be used to improve safety across the district, and complete updates at McComb to increase operating efficiencies. Communication via post card will be sent to the community by the end of June and the opportunity to share information to community groups is available. Data results from the school year's Focused Instruction Model (FIM) were provided to the Board. He also shared a potential opportunity for the district to have a chief security officer who would work with school districts and ISD's within the three counties in the Thumb regarding cybersecurity. Superintendent Rierson expressed his gratitude for all of the staff retiring this year and for their many years of experience that they have provided.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Brunet: Ms. Brunet shared great appreciation to Mr. Branding and Superintendent Rierson for the wonderful graduation ceremony

Holder: Mrs. Holder thanked Superintendent Rierson for being at the Cars and Crafts event with information and reaching out to the community.

Curtis: Mrs. Curtis welcomed our new hires that were present at the meeting and said she is looking forward to the amazing things they will do for Caro.

Moore: Ms. Moore welcomed the new teachers and wished them the best of luck.

IX. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Moore, to go into closed session at 6:42 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

Moore left at 6:42 PM

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to return to open session at 7:32 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

Ayes: McComb, Brunet, Curtis, Holder, Gomez

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the June 10, 2024 closed session minutes.

Ayes: Brunet, Curtis, Holder, McComb, Gomez

Motion carried.

X. OTHER:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by McComb, supported by Curtis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Ayes: Curtis, Holder, McComb, Brunet, Gomez

Motion carried.



Brian McComb, Secretary