

**MINUTES**  
**CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**November 10, 2025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian McComb, Vice President, in the Caro Middle School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb, Sawyer

Absent: Gomez

Also Present: Branding, Bitzer, Bringard, Moyer, Warren, LaBerge, Maynard, Lester, Chapelo, Henry

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the October 13, 2025 minutes, as written.

Ayes: Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, Sawyer, Curtis, McComb

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bills:

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

Payroll: \$1,430,388.36

General Fund: \$462,272.23

Food Service: \$77,592.89

Total: \$1,970,253.48

Ayes: Hart, Holder, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, McComb

Motion carried.

**III. GOOD THINGS:**

Board members shared good things.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**V. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Hooper Street Property:

Superintendent Rierson provided an update on inspections and assessments that the district scheduled for 5 and 17 North Hooper Street property. A resolution to purchase the property was presented to the Board for consideration.

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

1. Moved by Curtis, supported by Sawyer, to approve the resolution to purchase 5 and 17 North Hooper Street, Caro and to authorize Tina Gomez, Board President to close on the property purchase as presented.

Ayes: Holder, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, McComb

Motion carried.

**VII. BUILDING REPORTS:**

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

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Rierson recognized all of the buildings for their recognition from the MDE MiMTSS program for their work to implement a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) last year. MDE also contacted the district for our success in reducing chronic absenteeism. Pupil accounting fall numbers show a continued decline in enrollment with a total student headcount of 1336 students. Unfortunately the MDHHS Pathway to Potential Program was eliminated in the recent state budget which leads to losing the great dedication and services that Mr. Sean Connolly provided to our district's families, teachers and administrators for so many years. A brief update on the bond project was shared with Phase 2 bid documents to come soon as well as the Series II bonds proceeds to finance the bond project should be presented to the Board for consideration in December. Superintendent Rierson thanked the coaches, parents and athletes for their commitment as the end of the successful fall sports season for many of our teams.

**IX. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Holder: Mrs. Holder encouraged fellow Board members to attend the musical production at the end of the week.

**X. CLOSED SESSION IN PURSUANT TO OMA SECTION 8(1(b)) - DUE PROCESS DISCIPLINARY HEARING AND IN PURSUANT TO OMA SECTION 8(1(e)) - ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

Moved by Curtis, supported by Hart, to go into closed session at 6:25 PM for the pursuant of OMA Section 8(1(b)) – due process disciplinary hearing and in pursuant to OMA Section 8(1(e)) – attorney client privilege.

Ayes: Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, McComb

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to return to open session at 7:53 PM in the Middle School Media Center.

Ayes: Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, Sawyer, McComb

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Holder, to approve the November 10, 2025 closed session minutes.

Ayes: Groosbeck, Hart, Holder, Sawyer, Curtis, McComb

Motion carried.

Moved by Curtis, supported by Sawyer, to follow the administration's recommendation that, pursuant to 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, that Student – 02098292 be expelled from Caro Community Schools for no less than 65 days. The student may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than February, 2, 2026.

Ayes: Hart, Holder, Sawyer, Curtis, McComb

Nay: Groosbeck

Motion carried.

**XI. OTHER:**

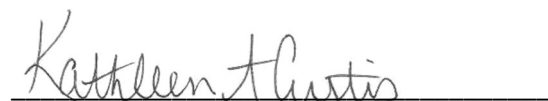
None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Sawyer, supported by Holder to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Ayes: Holder, Sawyer, Curtis, Groosbeck, Hart, McComb

Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Curtis", is written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen Curtis, Secretary