

**COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

June 18, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Vanessa Thomas Jones called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members present were Allen Franks, Luke Walker, Jimmy Morgan, Donald Marler and Robert Benedict

- 7:06 p.m. Superintendent Jones Chaired for the purpose of Reorganization of the Board. Luke Walker nominated Allen Franks and was seconded by Jimmy Morgan for new President of the Board. UNAN
- 7:07 p.m. Superintendent Jones relinquished the Chair in favor of the new Board President Allen Franks.
- 7:07 p.m. Robert Benedict nominated Luke Walker for Board Vice President, seconded by Donald Marler. UNAN
- 7:07 p.m. Luke Walker nominated Jimmy Morgan for Board Secretary, seconded by Donald Marler. UNAN
- 7:08 p.m. Luke Walker nominated Allen Franks for Board Disbursing Officer, seconded by Jimmy Morgan. UNAN
- 7:08 p.m. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Luke Walker to approve the minutes of May 21, 2020. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:09 p.m. Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports and recommended approval of the reports. Motion by Robert Benedict and seconded by Luke Walker to accept the Financial Reports as presented. UNAN (see attached)  
Financial  
Review
- 7:11 p.m. Superintendent Jones presented the Elementary Handbook revisions to the Board. Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Elementary Handbook as presented. Motion by Donald Marler and seconded by Robert Benedict to approve the Elementary Handbook as presented. UNAN (see attached)

- 7:18 p.m. Principal Doug Corley presented the High School Handbook revisions to the Board. Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the High School Handbook as presented. Motion by Donald Marler and seconded By Jimmy Morgan to approve the High School Handbook as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:20 p.m. Superintendent Jones presented the 2020/2021 Certified Personnel Certified Salary Schedule. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the Certified Personnel Salary Schedule as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:22 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Resolution for the Suspension of District Policy to Align with Emergency COVID-19 Legislation and Statutory/Rule Waivers. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Robert Benedict to approve the Resolution for the Suspension of District Policy to Align with Emergency COVID-19 Legislation and Statutory/Rule Waivers as recommended. UNAN (See attached)
- 7:26 p.m. Technical Coordinator, Shane Lively, presented proposals for the use of copiers for a five (5) year lease. Superintendent Jones Copier Proposals recommended accepting the proposal from Corporate Business Systems in the amount of 59,074.45 plus tax for a five (5) year lease. Motion by Donald Marler, seconded by Luke Walker to accept the proposal from Corporate Business Systems as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:30 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended renewing the Property Insurance and Vehicle Insurance through the Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust at a cost of \$12,768.00 for the vehicle insurance and \$25,414.75 for the property insurance. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to renew property and vehicle insurance as recommended. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:31 p.m. Superintendent Jones opened bids for the sale of one (1) retired bus. Bus Bids Motion by Donald Marler and seconded by Luke Walker to accept a bid of \$1,200.00 for the sale of the 2004 Blue Bird bus. UNAN
- 7:34 p.m. The Board went into executive session to discuss employment of specific employees.

- 9:59 p.m. The Board came out of executive session.
- 9:59 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Raychel Miller for the position of Elementary Teacher for the 2020/2021 school contract year, contingent upon her meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Luke Walker to offer a contract to Raychel Miller as recommended. UNAN
- 9:59 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Amanda Williams Cothorn for the position of Paraprofessional for the 2020/2021 school contract year, contingent upon her meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Robert Benedict to offer a contract to Amanda Williams Cothorn as recommended. UNAN
- 10:00 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Walter Jernigan for the position of Bus Driver, driving a long route for the 2020/2021 school contract year, contingent upon him meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Donald Marler and seconded by Luke Walker to offer a contract to Walter Jernigan as recommended. UNAN
- 10:00 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Taron Eaton for the position of High School Math Teacher for the 2020/2021 school contract year, contingent upon him meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Robert Benedict to offer a contract to Taron Eaton as recommended. UNAN
- 10:01 p.m. Superintendent Jones updated the Board on the FEMA project. Cotter School District was not selected for the project due to limited funding. Cotter School District will reapply at a later date.
- 10:01 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Luke Walker and seconded by Jimmy Morgan. UNAN

10:01 p.m. President Allen Franks adjourned the meeting.

  
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