

**COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 21, 2021

7:00 p.m.

President Allen Franks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

7:00 p.m. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Robert Benedict to accept the minutes of December 17, 2020 as presented. UNAN

7:01 p.m. Superintendent Jones presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Cotter School District for the School Year 2020-2021. All board members earned six hours of continuing education credit during the 2020 calendar year. Donald Marler and Luke Walker were presented with the Outstanding Board Member Award for earning 25 hours of continuing education credit.

7:02 p.m. Transportation Coordinator, Carl Meyer, presented a bid on a 2022, 71 passenger Blue Bird bus to the Board for their consideration at the cost of \$89,960.00. Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the bid for the 2022 Blue Bird bus to the Board. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Donald Marler to purchase the Blue Bird Bus at the amount of \$89,960.00 as recommended. (see attached) UNAN

7:10 p.m. Superintendent Jones presented bids for the purchase of 175 Chromebooks. Superintendent Jones recommended purchasing 175 Chromebooks from White River Services and Solutions in the amount of 43,587.25, using ESA funds. Motion by Donald Marler, seconded by Robert Benedict to purchase Chromebooks from White River as presented. UNAN (see attached)

Chromebook
Bids

7:12 p.m. LaDonna Mendleski presented updates and changes for Section 3. Superintendent Jones presented updates and changes for Section 8 of the Board Policy Manual. Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the changes to Sections 3 and 8 as presented. Motion by

Donald Marler and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the changes to the Board Policy Manual as recommended. UNAN (see attached)

7:30 p.m. Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports and recommended approval of the reports. Motion by Robert Benedict and seconded by Donald Marler to accept the Financial Reports as presented. UNAN (See attached)
Financial Review

739 p.m. Superintendent Jones reviewed the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget of Estimated Expenses and recommended approval. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Donald Marler to approve the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget Of Estimated Expenses as presented. UNAN (see attached)
2021-22 Budget

7:40 p.m. The Board went into executive session to discuss employment of specific employees.

9:40 p.m. The Board came out of executive session.

9:40 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the resignation of Paraprofessional, Jamie Boelkens, effective January 18, 2021. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Robert Benedict to accept Jamie Boelkens resignation as recommended. UNAN
Jamie Boelkens Resignation

9:41 p.m. Allen Franks recommended extending Superintendent Vanessa Thomas Jones' contract through the 2022-2023 school year and adjusting her salary per the licensed salary schedule. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Robert Benedict to extend the contract and adjust salary as recommended. UNAN
Jones Contract

9:41 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Halstead B Dixon for the position of Title 1 Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year, contingent upon him meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Robert Benedict to offer a contract to Halstead B Dixon as recommended. UNAN
Halstead B Dixon Paraprofessional

9:42 p.m. Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Suzanna Morris for the position of Special Ed Paraprofessional for the
Suzanna Morris

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Paraprofessional remainder of the 2020/2021 school year, contingent upon her meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Robert Benedict and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to offer a contract to Suzanna Morris as recommended. UNAN
- 9:42 p.m.
Jason Shields
Custodian Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Jason Shields for the position of Custodian for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year, contingent upon him meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Robert Benedict to offer a contract to Jason Shields as recommended. UNAN
- 9:42 p.m.
Transfer Students Superintendent Jones recommended approval of 7 petitions for Transfer of student from the Mountain Home School District into the Cotter School District. Motion by Donald Marler and seconded by Luke Walker to approve the transfer of students as recommended. UNAN
- 9:43 p.m.
Transfer Students Superintendent Jones recommended approval of 1 petition for Transfer of student from the Flippin School District into the Cotter School District. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the transfer of students as recommended. UNAN
- 9:43 p.m.
Transfer Students Superintendent Jones recommended approval of 2 petitions for Transfer of students from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District. Motion by Doanld Marler and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the transfer of students as recommended. UNAN
- 9:43 p.m.
Enrollment Superintendent Jones reported that the Cotter Elementary Enrollment is at 401 and the High School Enrollment is at 338, making the total enrollment at 739
- 9:44 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Luke Walker and seconded by Jimmy Morgan. UNAN
- 9:44 p.m. President Allen Franks adjourned the meeting.



President



Secretary