

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**January 27, 2022 7:00 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Luke Walker, Jimmy Morgan, Donald Marler, and Robert Benedict. Administrators and other guests were also in attendance. Appropriate notice of this meeting has been given to local news media as well as posted to the District's website. Allen Franks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Luke Walker made a motion, seconded by Donald Marler to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2021.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:00 pm)**

**BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Cotter School District for the School Year 2021-2022. All board members exceeded the six hours of continuing education credit required during the 2021 calendar year.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for December.

**Recommendation to approve Financial Reports**

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Financial Reports as presented.

**Motion to approve the Financial Reports**

Robert Benedict made the motion, seconded by Donald Marler to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:05 pm)**

**SG360 Proposal**

Superintendent Jones presented a proposal from SG360 for janitorial services in the amount of \$6,562.72 per month.

**Recommendation to approve SG360 Proposal**

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Proposal from SG360 as presented.

**Motion to approve the SG360 Proposal**

Donald Marler made the motion, seconded by Robert Benedict to approve the SG360 Proposal as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:08 pm)**

**Proposed 2022-2023 Budget of Estimated Expenditures**

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget of Estimated Expenses.

**Recommendation to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget of Estimated Expenditures**

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Budget of Estimated Expenditures as presented.

**Motion to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget of Estimated Expenditures**

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Robert Benedict to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget of Estimated Expenses as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:09 pm)**

**Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds**

Superintendent Jones presented an Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds with related documents, for \$3,900,000 in Refunding and Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent

**Recommendation to approve the Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds**

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds as presented.

**Motion to approve the Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds**

Donald Marler made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:10 pm)**

**Board Entered Executive Session - 7:10 PM**

**Board Exited Executive Session - 9:07 PM**

**Recommendations on Personnel Report – Vanessa Thomas Jones**

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the staff recommendations as submitted on the Personnel Report.

**Motion on Personnel Report**

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Robert Benedict, to approve recommendations on the Personnel Report as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:07 pm)**

**Recommendation for use of Arkansas Department of Health Grant – Vanessa Thomas Jones**

Superintendent Jones recommended Board approval for use of the Arkansas Department of Health Grant funds to pay Breanna Cowart at a rate of \$22.91 per hour for the remainder of the 21-22 school year.

**Motion on use of Arkansas Department of Health Grant**

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Robert Benedict, to approve recommendations for use of the Arkansas Department of Health Grant funds as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:08 pm)**

**Recommendation for use of Arkansas Department of Health Grant – Vanessa Thomas Jones**

Superintendent Jones recommended Board approval of use of the Arkansas Department of Health Grant funds to pay Kim Lipe and Lori Arms at their hourly rate for extra hours worked due to COVID for the remainder of the 21-22 school year.

**Motion on use of Arkansas Department of Health Grant**

Donald Marler made the motion, seconded by Robert Benedict, to approve recommendations for use of the Arkansas Department of Health Grant funds as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:08 pm)**

**Superintendent Contract**

Allen Franks recommended extending Superintendent Vanessa Thomas Jones' contract through the 2023-2024 school year and adjusting her salary per the licensed salary schedule.

**Motion on Superintendent Contract**

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Luke Walker, to approve extending Superintendent Jones' contract as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:08 pm)**

**ENROLLMENT**

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 368 and High School Enrollment is at 348 for a total enrollment of 716.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jimmy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Donald Marler, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

  
Allen Franks, President

  
Jimmy Morgan, Secretary