

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

August 17, 2023 7:00 P. M.

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Jimmy Morgan, Cameron Ross, and Russel Duggins. 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

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2023 meeting.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports and recommended moving \$265,000.00 from the Operating Fund to the Building Fund in order to maintain a consistent legal balance.

Recommendation to approve Financial Reports

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the Financial Reports following the transfer.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports

Motion by Russel Duggins and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to move \$265,000.00 from the Operating to the Building Fund and to approve the Financial reports following the transfer.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:07 pm)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for June and July

Recommendation to approve Financial Reports

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the June and July Financial Reports as presented.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

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

Phoenix Contractors and Architecture Plus

Phoenix Contractors and Architecture Plus gave an update on the High School addition.

Academic Report - Misty Haynes

Instructional Facilitator, Misty Haynes, presented the Monthly Academic Report to the Board.

Ready for Learning District Support Plan

Superintendent Jones presented the Ready for Learning District Support Plan to the Board.

Recommendation to approve the Ready for Learning District Support Plan

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Ready for Learning District Support Plan as presented.

Motion to approve the Ready for Learning District Support Plan

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Ready for Learning District Support Plan as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously (7:39 pm)

Miscellaneous Information

Elementary Principal Airl Cheek and High School Principal Clark Gustin gave an update on the first day of school.

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:49 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 8:54 PM

Recommendations on Personnel – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Lindsey Aaron for the position of Custodian, for the 2023/2024 school contract year contingent upon her meeting all state and district employment requirements, including background checks.

Motion on Personnel

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the employment contract as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (8:55 pm)

Recommendations on Personnel – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the resignation of Head Cook Victoria Yearwood effective August 16, 2023.

Motion on Personnel

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the resignation as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (8:54 pm)

Monthly Petition for Student Transfer IN – Superintendent Jones

Mr. Jones reviewed District Policy 4.4 - Student Transfers. He stated that in the past Cotter has only considered student transfer requests at the Regular July and December meetings. However, requirements from Act 731 of 2023 (A.C.A 6-13-1007) requires transfer applications received since the last meeting must be considered at the next meeting (if received at least 5 days prior to the meeting). Each transfer application shall be considered individually and receive a separate vote by the Board. He requested Board approval of the following transfer applications:

Approval of Student Transfers INTO Cotter (begins at 8:54 pm)

Yellville-Summit Student 1 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Yellville-Summit Student 2 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Yellville-Summit Student 3 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Flippin Student 1 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Flippin Student 2 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Flippin Student 3 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Flippin Student 4 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 1 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 2 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 3 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 4 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 5 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 6 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 7 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 8 - motion by Cameron Ross second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 9 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 10 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 11 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Russel Duggins approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 12 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 13 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 14 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 15 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 16 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 17 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 17 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 19 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 20 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously

Monthly Petition for Student Transfer OUT – Superintendent Jones (begins at 8:57)

Mountain Home Student 1 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 2 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 3 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 4 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 5 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 6 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Russel Duggins; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 7 - motion by Jimmy Morgan; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 8 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 9 - motion by Russel Duggins; second by Cameron Ross; approved unanimously
Mountain Home Student 10 - motion by Cameron Ross; second by Jimmy Morgan; approved unanimously

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 395 and High School Enrollment is at 333 for a total enrollment of 728.

ADJOURNMENT

Jimmy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.


Allen Franks, President


Jimmy Morgan, Secretary