

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 19, 2023 6:30 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Luke Walker, 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

Jimmy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the meeting minutes from the September 28 Regular Board Meeting.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for September.

Recommendation to approve Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the 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. (7:07 pm)

Annual Report to the Public

Misty Haynes and Superintendent Jones presented the Annual Report to the Public.

Master Plan Narrative 2023/24

Superintendent Jones Presented the Master Plan Narrative for 2023/24.

Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Act

Superintendent Jones Presented the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Expenditures

Superintendent Jones Presented the Cotter School District's Annual Expenditures-M/Capital as indicated by the Annual Statistical Report of 02/2023.

Master Plan Committed Projects

Superintendent Jones Presented the [Master Plan Committed Projects](#) to the Board.

2024 6-Year Master Plan Resolution

Superintendent Jones presented the [2024 6-Year Master Plan Resolution](#) to the Board.

Motion to approve the 2024 6-Year Master Plan Resolution

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the 2024 6-Year Master Plan Resolution as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:28 pm)

Arkansas Department of Education Annual Equity Compliance Report

Superintendent Jones presented the [Annual Equity Compliance Report](#) to the Board.

Motion to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Equity Compliance Report

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Equity Compliance Report as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:32 pm)

Classified Personnel Salary Schedule 2023/2024

Superintendent Jones presented the [2023/2024 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule](#) for the Boards consideration.

No Action Taken (7:38 pm)

Rezoning Resolution

Superintendent Jones presented the [Rezong Resolution](#) to the Board.

Recommendation to approve Rezoning Resolution

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Rezoning Resolution.

Motion to approve the Rezoning Resolution

Motion by Russel Duggins and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the Rezoning Resolution as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:41 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:43 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:14 PM

Personnel

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the resignation of Fourth Grade Teacher, Lisa Mason, effective December 15, 2023.

Motion on Personnel

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the resignation of Fourth Grade Teacher, Lisa Mason, effective December 15, 2023, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:15 pm)

Personnel

Superintendent Jones recommended offering an employment contract to Ashton Barnett for the position of Fourth Grade Teacher, effective January 2024.

Motion on Personnel

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve offering an employment contract to Ashton Barnett for the position of Fourth Grade Teacher, effective January 2024, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:16 pm)

Monthly Petition for Student Transfer IN – Superintendent Jones

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. Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the following transfer applications: Superintendent Jones presented one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District, and one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student from the Viola School District.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer In

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Petitions for Student Transfers as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:17 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented one (1) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District from the Cotter School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer Out– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for one (1) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Petitions for Student Transfers as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:17 pm)

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 392 and the High School Enrollment is at 322 for a total enrollment of 714.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary