

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

January 18, 2024 7:00 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 6:57 p.m.

Board Member Recognition

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Cotter School District for the School Year 2023-2024. All board members completed the six hours of continuing education credit required during the 2023 calendar year.

Approval of Minutes

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2023.

The motion was unanimously approved. (6:59 pm)

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

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

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:02 pm)

Extra Duty Pay Schedule

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Extra Duty Pay Schedule with the Board.

Recommendation to approve the Extra Duty Pay Schedule

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Extra Duty Pay Schedule as presented.

Motion to approve the Extra Duty Pay Schedule

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Extra Duty Pay Schedule as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:04 pm)

Monthly Academic Report for January - Misty Haynes

Extend Lease Agreement for Modular Building

Superintendent Jones reviewed the extension of the lease agreement for the modular building for another 12 months with the Board.

Recommendation to approve to Extend Lease Agreement for Modular Building

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Extended Lease Agreement as presented.

Motion to approve the Extra Duty Pay Schedule

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Extended Lease Agreement as recommended.

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

Educators Legal Liability Insurance Renewal

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Renewal of the Educators Legal Liability Insurance.

Recommendation to approve the Educators Legal Liability Insurance Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Educators Legal Liability Insurance Renewal as presented.

Motion to approve the Educators Legal Liability Insurance Renewal

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Educators Legal Liability Insurance Renewal as recommended.

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

2024/2025 Regional Early Start Date

Superintendent Jones reviewed the 2024/2025 Regional Early Start Date, which would allow Cotter Schools to begin the 24/25 school year no earlier than August 12th, with the Board.

Recommendation to approve the 2024/2025 Regional Early Start Date

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the 2024/2025 Regional Early Start Date as presented.

Motion to approve the 2024/2025 Regional Early Start Date

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the 2024/2025 Regional Early Start Date as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:12 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:12 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 8:38 PM

Recommendations on Personnel Report – Superintendent Jones

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

Motion on Personnel Report

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

The motion carried unanimously. (8:38 pm)

Superintendent Contract

Allen Franks recommended Superintendent Jayme Jones' contract be extended for two (2) years and his salary remains at 96,833.00 per year.

Motion on Superintendent Contract

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve extending Superintendent Jones' contract and continuing his salary as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (8:38 pm)

Proposed Revised 2023-2024 District Calendar

Superintendent Jones reviewed changes due to inclement weather in the District Calendar. Using January 26th, February 09th, and May 24th as make-up days for days missed for inclement weather days, January 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Recommendation to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 District Calendar

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the 2023-2024 Revised District Calendar as presented.

Motion to approve the Revised 2023-2024 District Calendar

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Revised District Calendar as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (8:39 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer In – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District into the Cotter School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer In– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District into the Cotter School District as presented.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer In

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

The motion carried unanimously. (8:39 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for one (1) Petition 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 the one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District from the Cotter School District as presented

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer

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

The motion carried unanimously. (8:39 pm)

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 392 and 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 8:39 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary