

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

February 15, 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 6:58 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Jimmy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2024

The motion was unanimously approved. 6:58 pm)

Student Expulsion Hearing

High School principal, Mr. Gustin recommended to Superintendent, Jayme Jones, that student 2482 be expelled from Cotter Public School for violating Policy 4.17 of the student handbook.

Recommendation to approve Student Expulsion

Superintendent Jones recommended to the Cotter School Board that student 2482 be expelled for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and attend a minimum of one (1) semester at the Guy Berry College and Career Academy. If student 2482 meets the requirements of the Guy Berry Academy then it may be possible for his return to the Cotter School Campus.

Student 2482 has been offered an opportunity to attend digital learning courses during the expulsion.

Motion to approve the Student Expulsion

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Student Expulsion as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:14 pm)

Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for January.

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 Russel Duggins to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:25 pm)

Revised 2023-2024 District Calendar

Superintendent Jones reviewed the [2023-2024 Revised District Calendar](#).

Recommendation to approve the Revised 2023-2024 District Calendar

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

Motion to approve the Proposed 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. (7:29 pm)

Recognition of Gifted and Talented Teacher Lisa Coots

Monthly Academic Report for February - Airl Cheek and Clark Gustin

Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance with ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust

Superintendent Jones recommended the renewal of [Workers' Compensation Insurance](#) with ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust at the cost of \$14,952.00.

Motion to approve the Workers' Compensation Insurance with ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Cameron Ross to renew Insurance as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:45 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:45 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:20 PM

Early Start Date Waiver for the 2024/2025 School Year

Superintendent Jones recommended approval to apply for the waiver for an early starting date for the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion to approve the Early Start Date Waiver for the 2024/2025 School Year

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve applying for the waiver for an early starting date as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:20 pm)

Food Management Negotiations

Superintendent Jones recommended that Cotter Schools begin initial stages of negotiations for a food management company.

Motion to approve Food Management Negotiation

Motion by Russel Duggins and seconded by Jimmy Morgan that Cotter Schools begin initial stages of negotiations for a food management company as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:21 pm)

Amplified Tutoring and AirTutors Quotes - Airl Cheek

Elementary Principal, Airl Cheek, presented the Board with quotes from Amplified Tutoring and AirTutors.

Recommendation to approve the Amplified Tutoring and AirTutors Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Amplified Tutoring and AirTutors quotes as presented.

Motion to approve the Amplified Tutoring and AirTutors Quotes

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Amplified Tutoring and AirTutors quotes as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:21 pm)

Elementary Principal Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended renewing the contract of Airl Cheek as Elementary Principal, Federal Programs Coordinator and 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach.

Motion to approve the Elementary Principal Contract

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to renew the contract of Airl Cheek as Elementary Principal, Federal Programs Coordinator, and 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:22 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

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:22 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 Russel Duggins, to approve the Petitions for Student Transfers as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:22 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 Russel Duggins, to approve the Petitions for Student Transfers as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:22 pm)

The March Board Meeting Will be held on March 28, 2024

Enrollment

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 392 and High School Enrollment is 315 for a total enrollment of 707.

Adjournment

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Luke Walker, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.


Allen Franks, President


Jimmy Morgan, Secretary