

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

March 28, 2024 7:00 P. M.

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

Reorganization of the Board

Superintendent Jones Chaired for the purpose of Reorganization of the Board. Cameron Ross nominated Allen Franks and was seconded by Luke Walker for new President of the Board.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:01 pm)

Superintendent Jones relinquished the Chair in favor of the new Board President, Allen Franks.

Russel Duggins nominated Luke Walker for Board Vice President, seconded by Jimmy Morgan.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:01 pm)

Luke Walker nominated Jimmy Morgan for Board Secretary, seconded by Russel Duggins.

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

Jimmy Morgan nominated Allen Franks for Board Disbursing Officer, seconded by Luke Walker.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from February 15, 2024.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for February.

Recommendation to approve Financial Reports

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

Motion to approve the Financial Reports

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Luke Walker to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

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

Technology Bid

Cameras: New cameras and NVRs across campus. This will be paid for with the Stronger Connections Grant and has already been approved by them. Howard won this bid with the amount of \$52,230.24

High School Cabling and New Hardware (Erate): This is to recable the entire new High School building to the new network closet. This also includes all network hardware, racks, installation, and wireless access points for the new addition. WRS won this bid in the amount of \$89,638.99. Erate pays: \$45,156.33, School pays: \$44,482.56 if everything is approved by rate.

Recommendation to approve the Technology Bid

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the quotes from Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$52,230.24 and White River Solutions in the amount of \$89,638.89 with Erate paying \$45,156.33 and school paying \$44,482.56 as presented.

Motion to approve the Technology Bid

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the technology bids from Howard Technology Solutions and White River Solutions as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:13 pm)

Monthly Academic Report for March - Clark Gustin

School Calendar 2024-2025 - LaDonna Mendleski

LaDonna Mendleski presented the Proposed District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation to approve School Calendar 2024-2025

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the 2024-2025 school calendar.

Motion to approve School Calendar 2024-2025

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the District Calendar (option # 2) as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:35 pm)

Body Mass Index Report

Superintendent Jones reviewed Cotter Public Schools Student Body Mass Index for the 2023/2024 school year.

Health Special Risk Insurance Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended renewing the Health Special Risk Insurance for the 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation to approve Health Special Risk Insurance Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Health Special Risk Insurance Renewal as presented.

Motion to approve the Health Special Risk Insurance Renewal

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Health Special Risk Insurance Renewal as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:39 pm)

Ozark Therapy, Inc Physical Therapy Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones presented the contract for Ozark Therapy for services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation to approve Ozark Therapy, Inc Physical Therapy Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Ozark Therapy Contract Renewal as presented.

Motion to approve the Ozark Therapy, Inc Physical Therapy Contract Renewal

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the Ozark Therapy Contract Renewal as recommended.

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

Speech Therapy Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones presented the contract for Speech Therapy for services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation to approve Speech Therapy Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Speech Therapy Contract Renewal as presented.

Motion to approve the Speech Therapy Contract Renewal

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Speech Contract Renewal as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:42 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:42 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:21 PM

Petition for Student Transfer In – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented one (1) Petition 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 one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District into the Cotter School District as presented.

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. (9:21 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

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

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. (9:21 pm)

Recommendations on Personnel Report – Jayme Jones

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

Motion on Personnel Report

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:21 pm)

Recommendations on Certified Contract Renewals – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the Certified Contract Renewals as presented.

Motion on Certified Contract Renewals

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the Certified Contract Renewals as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:22 pm)

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 393 and High School Enrollment is 316 for a total enrollment of 709.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.


Allen Franks, President


Jimmy Morgan, Secretary