

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 28, 2023 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 on the District's website. Allen Franks called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Luke Walker to approve the meeting minutes from Regular Board Meeting August 17, 2023.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:06 pm)

Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for August and the August Board Report.

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. (7:11 pm)

Academic Report - Airl Cheek

Elementary Principal, Airl Cheek presented the Monthly Academic Report to the Board.

Annual Financial Report and 2023-2024 Annual Budget

Superintendent Jones presented the Annual Financial Report and 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

Recommendation to Approve the Annual Financial Report and 2024-2025 Annual Budget

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Annual Financial Report and 2024-2025 Annual Budget as presented.

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Report and 2024-2025 Annual Budget

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the Annual Financial Report and 2024-2025 Annual Budget as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:18 pm)

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget of Estimated Expenditures

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget of Estimated Expenses.

Recommendation to approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget of Estimated Expenditures

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Budget of Estimated Expenditures as presented.

Motion to approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget of Estimated Expenditures

Cameron Ross made the motion to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 to and including June 30, 2026 and to approve the related Sample Ballot, seconded by Russel Duggins.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:50 pm)

Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2022-2023 and Budget for 2023-2024

Superintendent Jones presented the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2022-2023 and Budget for 2023-2024.

Recommendation to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2022-2023 and Budget for 2023-2024

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2022-2023 and Budget for 2023-2024 as presented.

Motion to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2022-2023 and Budget for 2023-2024

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Luke Walker to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2022-2023 and Budget for 2023-2024

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:52 pm)

Resolution Choosing Date to Hold 2024 Annual School Election

Superintendent Jones recommended holding the Annual School Election on March 05, 2024.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Hold the 2024 Annual School Election

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Annual School Election Resolution as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:53 pm)

Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Jones presented to the Board the Memorandum of Understanding from ASUMH.

Recommendation to approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Motion to approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Luke Walker to approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:56 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:56 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:42 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. (9:42 pm)

Recommendation to Approve Cafeteria Manager Service Agreement - Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones presented a General Service Agreement between Flippin School District and Cotter School District for the Cafeteria Manager for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion to Approve Cafeteria Manager General Service Agreement

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Cameron Ross to accept the General Service Agreement for Cafeteria Manager as presented.

The motion passed unanimously. (9:43 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 five (5) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Flippin School District, twelve (12) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer In– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for five (5) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Flippin School District, and the twelve (12) 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

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:44 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented eight (8) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District from the Cotter School District, and three (3) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Yellville-Summit School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer Out– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the eight (8) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District, and three (3) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Yellville-Summit School District from the Cotter School District.

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. (9:44 pm)

Enrollment

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 391 and High School Enrollment is at 323 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 9:46 p.m.


Allen Franks, President


Jimmy Morgan, Secretary