

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 26, 2024 7:00 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, 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 and posted on the district's website. Allen Franks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 15, 2024.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:01 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

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

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

Annual Financial Report and 2024-2025 Annual Budget

Superintendent Jones presented the Annual Financial Report and 2024-2025 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)

Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2023-2024 and Budget for 2024-2025

Superintendent Jones presented the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2023-2024 and Budget for 2024-2025.

Recommendation to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2023-2024 and Budget for 2024-2025

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2023-2024 and Budget for 2024-2025 as presented.

Motion to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2023-2024 and Budget for 2024-2025

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2023-2024 and Budget for 2024-2025

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:19 pm)

Academic Report - Misty Haynes

Curriculum Director, Misty Haynes presented the Monthly Academic Report to the Board.

Retirement of Fixed Assets

Superintendent Jones recommended retiring a Technics Digital Piano, a Contrabass clarinet, a 2021 Chevrolet bus, a chemical hood, a piano, a Brightlink projector, three (3) Impac computers, a server switch, three (3) Epson PowerLite projectors, a Gym camera recorder, a computer server switch, an Apple Macbook Air, a Network Video Recorder, an HP Procurve Switch, and a Phantom Quadcopter Drone.

Motion to approve the Retirement of Fixed Assets

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the retirement of the reported fixed assets as recommended.

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

Establish Fund 7626 for Track

Superintendent Jones recommended establishing Fund 7626 as the Track Fund.

Motion to approve Fund 7626 for Track

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve establishing Fund 7626 for Track as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:26 pm)

Amplified Tutoring Quote

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with quotes from Amplified Tutoring.

Recommendation to approve the Amplified Tutoring Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Amplified Tutoring quotes as presented.

Motion to approve the Amplified Tutoring Quote

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

The motion carried unanimously. (7:28 pm)

Bus Radio Quotes - Shane Lively

Shane Lively presented to the Board the L & B Electronics quote in the amount of \$24,530.00, Arkansas Valley Communications quote in the amount of \$29,647.78, Arkansas Valley Communications quote in the amount of \$22,263.11, Diga-Talk Lease quote in the amount of \$992.00, and Diga-Talk purchase quote in the amount of \$5,264.00.

Recommendation to approve the Bus Radio Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Diga-Talk purchase quote in the amount of \$5,264.00 as presented.

Motion to approve Bus Radio Quote

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the Diga-Talk purchase quote in the amount of \$5,264.00 as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:38 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:38 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:48 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

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:48 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 presented the following transfer applications: Four (4) 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 four (4) 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. (9:48 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented to the Board one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District, and two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Flippin School District and two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Yellville-Summit 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) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District, and two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Flippin School District and two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Yellville-Summit School District from the Cotter School District.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer Out

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:48 pm)

Enrollment

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 373 and High School Enrollment is at 325 for a total enrollment of 698

Adjournment

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary