

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

**November 21, 2024 7:00 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Jimmy Morgan, Luke Walker, 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 October 17, 2024 meeting.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for October.

**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. (7:08 pm)**

**New Addition Furniture Bids**

High School Principal, Jarod Jefferson presented the Board with bids from VIRCO in the amount of \$49,345.63, from Arkansas Correctional Industries in the amount of \$17,856.64, Hertz Furniture in the amount of \$57,032.20, and School Outfitters in the amount of \$51,163.52

**Recommendation to approve the Furniture Bids**

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the bids from VIRCO in the amount of \$49,345.63 and Arkansas Correctional Industries in the amount of \$17,856.64 as presented.

**Motion to approve the Furniture Bids**

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the New Addition Furniture bids as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (7:11 pm)**

**Retainment of Kristen Craig Garner**

Superintendent Jones recommended retaining Kristen Craig Garner for school legal assistance for 12 months at the rate of \$2,400.00 per year.

**Motion to approve the Retainment of Kristen Craig Garner**

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Retainment of Kristen Craig Garner as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:20 pm)**

**November Academic Report - Misty Haynes**

Misty Haynes gave the Board an updated November academic report

**Establish Fund 7092 for Jr High Baseball**

Superintendent Jones recommended establishing Fund 7092 as Jr High Baseball.

**Motion to approve Fund 7092 for Jr High Baseball**

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve establishing Fund 7092 for Jr High Baseball as presented.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:28 pm)**

**Change Fund 7091 to Sr High Baseball**

Superintendent Jones recommended changing Fund 7091 to Sr. High Baseball.

**Motion to approve Changing Fund 7091 to Sr High Baseball**

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve changing Fund 7091 to Sr High Baseball as presented.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:28 pm)**

**Board Entered Executive Session - 7:28 PM**

**Board Exited Executive Session - 8:21 PM**

**Recommendations on Personnel Report – Jayme Jones**

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the staff recommendations as submitted on 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 was unanimously approved. (8:21 pm)**

**Monthly Petition for Student Transfer IN – Superintendent Jones**

Requirements from Act 731 of 2023 (A.C.A 6-13-1007) require 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 four (4) Petition for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District, and two (2) Transfer of Student from the Flippin School District.

**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 was unanimously approved. (8:22 pm)**

**Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer Out– Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District, one (1) to the Harrison School District, and one (1) to the Yellville-Summit School District.

**Motion on Petition for Student Transfer**

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

**The motion was unanimously approved. (8:22 pm)**

**December Board Meeting**

The December Board Meeting will be held on December 12, 2024.

**ENROLLMENT**

Superintendent Jones reported that the elementary enrollment is at 374, and the high school enrollment is at 323, with a total enrollment of 697.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

  
Allen Franks, President

  
Jimmy Morgan, Secretary