

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

**January 16, 2025 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 7:00 p.m.

**Board Member Recognition**

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Cotter School District for the School Year 2024-2025. All board members completed the six hours of continuing education credit required during the 2024 calendar year.

**Approval of Minutes**

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2024.

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

**High School Addition Update**

Richard Johnson with Phoenix Construction gave the Board an update on the High School addition.

**Financial Reports**

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for December.

**Recommendation to approve Financial Reports**

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the financial reports as presented.

**Motion to approve the Financial Reports**

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

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

**Proposed 2026-2027 Budget of Estimated Expenditures**

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget of Estimated Expenses.

**Recommendation to approve the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget of Estimated Expenditures**

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 to and including June 30, 2027 and to approve the related Sample Ballot.

**Motion to approve the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget of Estimated Expenditures**

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 to and including June 30, 2027 and to approve the related Sample Ballot.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:23 pm)**

**Apple Mac Mini Bid - Shane Lively**

Shane Lively presented to the Board a bid for 25 Apple Mac Minis in the amount of \$13,691.31

**Recommendation to approve Apple Mac Mini Bid**

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the 25 Apple Mac Minis in the amount of \$13,691.31 as presented.

**Motion to approve the Apple Mac Mini Bid**

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Mrgan to approve the 25 Apple Mac Minis as recommended.

**The motion carried unanimously (7:49 pm)**

**Yondr Bid - Shane Lively**

Shane Lively presented to the Board a bid for student phone pouches from Yondr in the amount of \$14,040.00

**Recommendation to approve the Yondr Bid**

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Yondr bid in the amount of \$14,040.00 as presented.

**Motion to approve the Yondr Bid**

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Yondr bid as recommended.

**The motion carried unanimously (7:49 pm)**

Monthly Academic Report for January - Airl Cheek

**Board Entered Executive Session - 7:57 PM**

**Board Exited Executive Session - 9:25 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**

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

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:25 pm)**

**Superintendent Contract**

Allen Franks recommended Superintendent Jayme Jones' contract be extended for three (3) years and his salary remains at 96,833.00 per year.

**Motion on Superintendent Contract**

Luke Walker made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to approve extending Superintendent Jones' contract three (3) years and continuing his salary as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:26 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**

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

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:26 pm)**

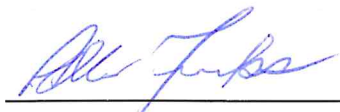
**ENROLLMENT**

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 372 and the High School Enrollment is at 323 for a total enrollment of 695.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary