

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

February 17, 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 6:59 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2025

The motion was unanimously approved. (6:59 pm)

Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for January.

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 Russel Duggins to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:05 pm)

Additional Duty Sheet

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Additional Duty Sheet with the Board.

Recommendation to approve the Additional Duty Sheet

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Additional Duty Sheet as presented.

Motion to approve the Additional Duty Sheet

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the Additional Duty Sheet as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:07 pm)

Monthly Academic Report for February - Misty Haynes

First Security Beardsley; Financial Advisor

Superintendent Jones presented to the Board to employ First Security Beardsley as Financial Advisor for a period of three (3) years effective as of the date of adoption.

Recommendation to approve First Security Beardsley; Financial Advisor

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the First Security Beardsley; Financial Advisor

Motion to approve the First Security Beardsley; Financial Advisor

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the First Security Beardsley; Financial Advisor as presented.

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

Facilities Consortium Contract

Superintendent Jones presented to the Board to employ Aliza Jones as Facility Coordinator for a period of two (2) years effective July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

Recommendation to approve Facilities Consortium Contract

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Facilities Consortium Contract as presented.

Motion to approve Facilities Consortium Contract

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the Facilities Consortium Contract as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:15 pm)

Ozark Therapy, Inc. Physical Therapy Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones presented the contract for Ozark Therapy for services for the 2025-2026 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

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

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:16 pm)

Gym Floor Quote

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with a quote from Gym Masters to refurbish the gym floor in the amount of \$32,980.00 as a Tips-Taps vendor.

Recommendation to approve the Gym Floor Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Gym Masters quote as presented.

Motion to approve the Gym Floor Quote

Motion by Russel Duggins and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Gym Floor quote as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:21 pm)

Interactive Board Quote

Shane Lively presented the Board with quotes from Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$62,981 and from White River Services and Solutions in the amount of \$70,315.29 for interactive boards.

Recommendation to approve the Interactive Board Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the quote from Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$62,981.00 as a Tips-Taps vendor as presented.

Motion to approve the Interactive Board Quote

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the quote from Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$62,981.00 as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:28 pm)

Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance with ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust

Superintendent Jones recommended the renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance with ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust at the cost of \$11,403.00.

Motion to approve the Workers' Compensation Insurance with ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust

Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Russel Duggins to renew Insurance as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:29 pm)

Fuel Tanks

Superintendent Jones discussed with the Board fuel tank options.

Recommendation to approve Fuel Tanks

Superintendent Jones recommended moving forward with fuel tanks.

Motion to approve Fuel Tanks

Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve moving forward with fuel tanks.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:44 pm)

Cafeteria Dishwasher Lease

Superintendent Jones discussed with the Board the cafeteria dishwasher lease.

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:49 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:10 PM

Elementary Principal Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended renewing the contract of Airl Cheek as Elementary Principal, Federal Programs Coordinator, and 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach.

Motion to approve the Elementary Principal Contract

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to renew the contract of Airl Cheek as Elementary Principal, Federal Programs Coordinator, and 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:10 pm)

High School Principal Contract Renewal

Superintendent Jones recommended renewing Jarrod Jefferson's contract as High School Principal.

Motion to approve the High School Principal Contract

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to renew the contract of Jarrod Jefferson as High School Principal.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:10 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer In – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District, three (3) students from the Flippin School District, and one (1) student from the Yellville-Summit School District into the Cotter School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer In– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District, three (3) students from the Flippin School District, and one (1) student from the Yellville-Summit 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. (9:11 pm)

Enrollment

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 377 and High School Enrollment is 321 for a total enrollment of 698.

Adjournment

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Luke Walker, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary