

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

April 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 on the District's website. Allen Franks called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Russel Duggins made a motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2025.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:02 pm)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for March.

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. (7:12 pm)

Monthly Academic Report for April - Jarod Jefferson

School Calendar 2025-2026 - Jarod Jefferson

High School Principal, Jarod Jefferson, presented the Proposed District Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation to approve School Calendar 2025-2026

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the 2025-2026 school calendar.

Motion to approve School Calendar 2025-2026

Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the District Calendar as presented.

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

Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement.

Recommendation to approve Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement for the 2025/2026 school year.

Motion to approve the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:30 pm)

Copier Contract

Superintendent Jones presented the state contract for a five year copier lease from Sumner One in the amount of \$2,151.11 monthly.

Recommendation to approve the Copier Contract

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the state contract for a five year copier lease from Sumner One in the amount of \$2,151.11 monthly as presented.

Motion to approve the Copier Contract

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the state contract for a five year copier lease from Sumner One in the amount of \$2,151.11 monthly as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:32 pm)

Certified Personnel Salary Schedule 2025/2026

Superintendent Jones presented the 2025/2026 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule.

Recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Certified Personnel Salary Schedule.

Motion to approve the 2025/2026 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the 2025/2026 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:32 pm)

Graduation Update

High School Principal, Jarod Jefferson, gave an update to the Board on the 2025 Graduation.

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:40 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 9:38 PM

Classified Personnel Salary Schedule 2025/2026

Superintendent Jones presented the 2025/2026 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule.

Recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Classified Personnel Salary Schedule.

Motion to approve the 2025/2026 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Cameron Ross to accept the 2025/2026 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:38 pm)

Bus Purchase

Superintendent Jones recommended that a bus be purchased as an activity bus from American Bus Sales, and the Blue Bird travel bus be traded.

Motion to Approve the Bus Purchase

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Luke Walker to accept the purchase and trade of the buses as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (9:38 pm)

Recommendations on Personnel – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the staff recommendations as submitted in 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 carried unanimously. (9:38 pm)

Recommendations on Classified Contract Renewals – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the Classified Contract Renewals as presented.

Motion on Certified Contract Renewals

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to approve the Classified Contract Renewals as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:38 pm)

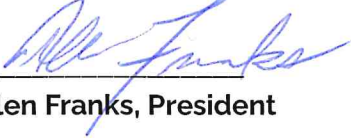
ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 379 and High School Enrollment is 318 for a total enrollment of 697.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary