

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 13, 2025 7:00 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Andrew Slater, Cameron Ross, and Russel Duggins. Jimmy Morgan arrived at 7:03pm. 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 6:58 p.m.

Public Comment

Board President Allen Franks opens the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

Approval of Minutes

Camerson Ross made a motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the meeting minutes from the October 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:00 pm)

Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports.

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. (7:01 pm)

Proposed 2027-2028 Budget of Estimated Expenditures

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Proposed 2027-2028 Budget of Estimated Expense and Sample Ballot.

Recommendation to approve the Proposed 2027-2028 Budget of Estimated Expenditures

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2027, to and including June 30 2028, and to approve the related Sample Ballot.

Motion to approve the Proposed 2027-2028 Budget of Estimated Expenditures

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the Proposed 2027-2028 Budget of Estimated Expenses and the related Sample Ballot as recommended.

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

High School Handbook Revisions

High School Principal Jarod Jefferson presented a revision to the High School Handbook.

Recommendation to approve the High School Handbook Revisions

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the revision to the High School Handbook as presented.

Motion to approve the High School Handbook Revisions

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the High School Handbook revisions as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:04 pm)

Personnel Policy Committee Revisions

Keri Raycraft presented updated and revised Section 3 District Policy updates.

Recommendation to approve Policy Updates and Provisions

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the updated and revised District Policy as presented.

Motion to approve the Policy Updates and Provisions

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Policy Update as recommended.

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

Policy Revisions - Ruth Howse

Ruth Howse presented updated and revised Section 8 District Policy.

Recommendation to approve Policy Updates and Provisions

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the updated and revised District Policy as presented.

Motion to approve the Policy Updates and Provisions

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Policy update as recommended.

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

Academic Report - Jarod Jefferson

High School Principal Jarod Jefferson presented the Monthly Academic Report to the Board.

Master Plan Narrative 2025/26

Superintendent Jones Presented the Master Plan Narrative for 2025/26.

Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Act

Superintendent Jones Presented the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Planned Projects

Superintendent Jones Presented the Planned Projects to the Board.

2025 6-Year Master Plan Resolution

Superintendent Jones presented the 2025 6-Year Master Plan Resolution to the Board.

Motion to approve the 2025 6-Year Master Plan Resolution

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the 2025 6-Year Master Plan Resolution as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:17 pm)

Informational

Superintendent Jones shared information/updates with the Board.

Board Entered Executive Session - 8:10 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 10:02 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

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

The motion carried unanimously. (10:03 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 presented one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student from the Flippin School District into the Cotter School

District. Superintendent Jones requested that the Board decline the one (1) transfer application.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer In

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

The motion carried unanimously. (10:03 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented three (3) Petitions for Transfer of Student. Two (2) transfers to the Mountain Home School District and one (1) to the Flippin School District from the Cotter School District.

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 and one (1) to the Flippin School District from the Cotter School District.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student to the Mountain Home School District and one (1) to the Flippin School District from the Cotter School District as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (10:03 pm)

December Board Meeting Change of Date

The December Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on December 11th, 2025, instead of December 18th, 2025.

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported that the Elementary Enrollment is 369 and the High School Enrollment is 306 for a total enrollment of 675.

ADJOURNMENT

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.


Allen Franks, President


Jimmy Morgan, Secretary