

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

January 15, 2026, 7:00 P. M.

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Cameron Ross, Jimmy Morgan, Andy Slater, 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 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment

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

Board Member Recognition

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Cotter School District for the School Year 2025-2026. All board members completed the six hours of continuing education credit required during the 2025 calendar year.

Approval of Minutes

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from December 11, 2025.

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

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

Andy Slater made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:10 pm)

Monthly Academic Report for January - Jarod Jefferson

Arkansas School Recognition Program

High School Principal, Jarod Jefferson, presented to the Board the Arkansas School Recognition Program. Cotter High School received an award from the Arkansas School Recognition Program for being in the top 6-10% of all public high schools in the state in student performance and academic growth

Recommendation to approve the Arkansas School Recognition Program Bonus

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve a one time bonus to be given to Cotter High School staff with the money awarded Cotter High School for its academic achievements/improvements through the Arkansas School Recognition Program.

Motion to approve the Arkansas School Recognition Program Bonus

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the one time bonus as recommended.

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

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:15 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 8:52 PM

Superintendent Contract

Allen Franks recommended that Superintendent Jayme Jones' contract be extended for one (1) year.

Motion on Superintendent Contract

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve extending Superintendent Jones' contract one (1) year as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (8:53 pm)

Motion on Superintendent Contract

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve increasing the Superintendent salary by 5%.

The motion carried unanimously. (8:53 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

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

The motion carried unanimously. (8:53 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer In – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented two (2) Petitions 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 two (2) Petitions 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 Cameron Ross, to approve the Petition for Student Transfer as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (8:54 pm)

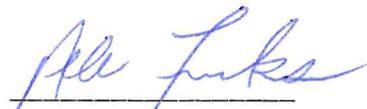
ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 365 and the High School Enrollment is at 298 for a total enrollment of 663.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



Allen Franks, President


Jimmy Morgan, Secretary