

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

**February 19, 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 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2026

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:00 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**

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

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

**Monthly Academic Report for February - Misty Haynes**

**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 \$9,630.00.

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

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Russel Duggins to renew Insurance as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. ( 7:18 pm)**

**Board Entered Executive Session - 7:18 PM**

**Board Exited Executive Session - 9:08 PM**

**Elementary Principal Contract Renewal**

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

**Motion to approve the Elementary Principal Contract**

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

**The motion was unanimously approved. (9:09 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**

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

**The motion was unanimously approved. (9:09 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 Russel Duggins, to approve recommendations on the Personnel Report as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:10 pm)**

**Petition for Student Transfer In – Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones presented one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student from the Viola 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 Viola 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)**

**Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones presented two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District.

**Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer Out– Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Cotter School District, into the Mountain Home School District as presented.

**Motion on Petition for Student Transfer Out**

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the Petitions for Student Transfers as recommended.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:11 pm)**

**Enrollment**

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 365 and High School Enrollment is 299 for a total enrollment of 664.

**Adjournment**

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

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



**Allen Franks, President**



**Jimmy Morgan, Secretary**