

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

March 19, 2026 7:00 P. M.

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Cameron Ross, Jimmy Morgan, Russel Duggins, and Andy Slater. 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.

Reorganization of the Board

Superintendent Jones chaired for the purpose of reorganization of the Board. Cameron Ross nominated Allen Franks and was seconded by Jimmy Morgan for the new President of the Board.

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

Superintendent Jones relinquished the Chair in favor of the new Board President, Allen Franks.

Andy Slater nominated Cameron Ross for Board Vice President, seconded by Russel Duggins.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:01 pm)

Cameron Ross nominated Jimmy Morgan for Board Secretary, seconded by Andy Slater.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:01 pm)

Jimmy Morgan nominated Allen Franks for Board Disbursing Officer, seconded by Andy Slater.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:01 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Allen Franks opens the floor for public comment. Comments were made within the two (2) minute allotted time..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the meeting minutes from [February 19, 2026](#).

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the [Financial Reports for February](#).

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 Cameron Ross to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:09 pm)

Virtual Academy Update - Keri Raycraft

Virtual Academy Director Keri Raycraft presented to the Board progress on the Cotter Virtual Academy, including an update on the At The River Curriculum.

Recommendation to approve the Virtual Academy Curriculum At The River

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Cotter Virtual Academy curriculum At the River as presented.

Motion to approve the At The River Curriculum for the Cotter Virtual Academy

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the Cotter Virtual Academy curriculum At the River as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:34 pm)

Monthly Academic Report for March - Jarod Jefferson

School Calendar 2026-2027 - Jarod Jefferson

High School Principal, Jarod Jefferson, presented the [Proposed District Calendar](#) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve School Calendar 2026-2027

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Motion to approve School Calendar 2026-2027

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the District Calendar as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:38 pm)

Certified Personnel Salary Schedule 2026/2027

Superintendent Jones presented the [2026/2027 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule](#).

Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the 2026/2027 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule.

Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule

Motion by Russel Duggins and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the 2026/2027 Certified Personnel Salary Schedule as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:41 pm)

Graduation Update

High School Principal, Jarod Jefferson, gave an update to the Board on the 2026 Graduation.

Body Mass Index Report

Superintendent Jones reviewed Cotter Public Schools' [Student Body Mass Index](#) for the 2025/2026 school year.

Recommendation to approve the Grounds Care Bid Process

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval to begin the bid process for grounds care and snow removal.

Motion to approve the Grounds Care Bid Process

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the grounds care and snow removal bid process as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:54 pm)

2026-2027 Therapy Contracts and Proposals for Cotter School District

Superintendent Jones presented the contracts from Shining Stars for Occupational Therapy, Ozark Therapy for Physical Therapy, and Martin School-Based Therapy for physical and occupational therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Martin School-Based Therapy Contracts for Cotter School District

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Martin School-Based Therapy Contracts for Cotter School District as presented.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 MSBT Contract for Cotter School District

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the 2026-2027 MSBT Contract for Cotter School District as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:55 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:55 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 10:15 PM

Absolute Janitorial Services Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Jones presented an MOU from Absolute Janitorial Services

Recommendation to approve the MOU for Absolute Janitorial Services

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the MOU from Absolute Janitorial Services as presented.

Motion to approve the MOU for Absolute Janitorial Services

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the MOU for Absolute Janitorial Services as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (10:18 pm)

Recommendations on Certified Contract Renewals – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval of the [Certified Contract Renewals](#) as presented.

Motion on Certified Contract Renewals

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the Certified Contract Renewals as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (10:18 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student into the Deer Mt Judea School District from the Cotter School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer Out– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the one (1) Petition for Transfer of Student into the Deer Mt Judea School District from the Cotter School District as presented.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer Out

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the Petition for Student Transfer as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (10:18 pm)

School Choice – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented six (6) School Choice students to the Cotter School District from the Mountain Home School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Calico Rock School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Yellville-Summit School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Norfolk School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District

Recommendations on School Choice– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the six (6) School Choice students to the Cotter School District from the Mountain Home School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Calico Rock School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Yellville-Summit School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Norfolk School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District as presented.

Motion on School Choice

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the School Choice Transfers as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (10:19 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. (10:19 pm)

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 363 and High School Enrollment is 296 for a total enrollment of 659.

ADJOURNMENT

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Allen Franks, President

Jimmy Morgan, Secretary