

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

April 16, 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 on the District's website. Allen Franks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment - Board President Allen Franks opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

Approval Of Minutes

Jimmy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2026.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for March.

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 Jimmy Morgan to approve the Financial Reports as recommended.

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

Monthly Academic Report for April - Jayme Jones

Revised School Calendar 2026-2027

Superintendent Jones presented the Revised District Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the Revised School Calendar 2026-2027

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

Motion to Approve the Revised School Calendar 2026-2027

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the revised district calendar as presented.

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

Grounds Care/Snow Removal Bids

Superintendent Jones opened bids for school grounds care and snow removal for one (1) year beginning May 01, 2026 - April 30, 2027.

Recommendation to Accept Grounds Care/Snow Removal Bid

Superintendent Jones recommended that a bid in the amount of \$38,400.00 submitted by G3 Lawn Care & Land Services be accepted for a one (1) year contract beginning May 01, 2026 - April 30, 2027, for grounds care and snow removal.

Motion to approve the Grounds Care/Snow Removal Bid

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept a bid of \$38,400.00 from G3 Lawn Care & Land Services for a one (1) year contract beginning May 01, 2026 - April 30, 2027, for grounds care and snow removal as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:20 pm)

Simple Source Quote for Teacher/Staff MacBooks - Shane Lively

Shane Lively presented to the Board a quote for 65 13-inch MacBook Neos, and 4 13-inch MacBook Airs, in the amount of \$47,116.77

Recommendation to approve the Teacher/Staff MacBook Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the 65 13-inch MacBook Neos, and 4 13-inch MacBook Airs in the amount of \$47,116.77 as presented.

Motion to approve the Apple Mac Mini Bid

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the 65 13-inch MacBook Neos, and 4 13-inch MacBook Airs in the amount of \$47,116.77 as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously (7:21 pm)

Diamond Assets Buyback Quote - Shane Lively

Shane Lively presented to the Board a quote for the buy back of 70 MacBook Air 13" (2020) Apple M1 3.2GHz 8GB 128GB in the amount of \$17,850.00

Recommendation to approve the Diamond Assets Buyback Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the buyback of 70 MacBook Air 13" (2020) Apple M1 3.2GHz 8GB 128GB in the amount of \$17,850.00 as presented.

Motion to approve the Diamond Assets Buyback Quote

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the buyback of 70 MacBook Air 13" (2020) Apple M1 3.2GHz 8GB 128GB in the amount of \$17,850.00 as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously (7:22 pm)

Legislative Audit Report - Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented the Board with the Legislative Audit Report

Recommendation to approve the Legislative Audit Report

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Legislative Audit Report as presented.

Motion to approve the Legislative Audit Report

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Legislative Audit Report as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:24 pm)

Board Entered Executive Session - 7:25 PM

Board Exited Executive Session - 10.05 PM

Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement 2026/2027

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement.

Recommendation to approve Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement for 2026/2027

Superintendent Jones recommended the Board approve the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement.

Motion to approve the Special Education Assurance and GEPA Statement 2026/2027

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. (10:06 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 Russel Duggins, to approve recommendations on the Personnel Report as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (10:07 pm)

School Choice – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented five (5) School Choice students to the Cotter School District from the Mountain Home School District, and four (4) School Choice students from the Flippin School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Yellville-Summit School District into the Cotter School District, and four (4) 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 five (5) School Choice students to the Cotter School District from the Mountain Home School District, and four (4) School Choice students from the Flippin School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Yellville-Summit School District into the Cotter School District, and four (4) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District as presented.

Motion on School Choice

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

The motion carried unanimously. (10:07 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. (10:07 pm)

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 362 and High School Enrollment is 292 for a total enrollment of 654.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary