

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

**May 21, 2026 7:00 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Jimmy Morgan, Russel Duggins, Andy Slater, and Cameron Ross. 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 7:04 p.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Cameron Ross made a motion, seconded by Andy Slater to approve the meeting minutes from the [Regular Board Meeting on April 16, 2026](#).

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

**Financial Reports**

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

**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. (7:07 pm)**

**Revised Classified Personnel Salary Schedule 2026/2027**

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

**Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule**

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Revised Classified Personnel Salary Schedule.

**Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule**

Motion by Cameron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept the Revised 2026/2027 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule as presented.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:11 pm)**

**Guy Berry College and Career Memorandum of Understanding for School Year 26/27**

Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Guy Berry College & Career Academy for alternative learning environment services for the 2026-2027 school year for \$75.00 per student per day, securing three (3) seats.

**Motion to approve the Guy Berry College and Career Memorandum of Understanding**

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Guy Berry College and Career Memorandum of Understanding as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:12 pm)**

**Cotter School 26/27 District Improvement Plans**

Superintendent Jones presented the Cotter School [26/27 School and District Improvement Plans](#).

**Recommendation to approve Cotter School 26/27 District Improvement Plans**

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Cotter School District Improvement Plans as presented.

**Motion to approve the Cotter School District 26/27 Improvement Plans**

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the Cotter School District Improvement Plans as recommended.

**The motion carried unanimously (7:13 pm)**

**Establish Professional Development Year 2026/2027**

Superintendent Jones presented the Professional Development year as June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Recommendation to approve Professional Development Year**

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Professional Development year as June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Motion to approve the Professional Development Year**

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater to approve the Professional Development Year as recommended.

**The motion was unanimously approved. (7:14 pm)**

## **Monthly Academic Report For May - Superintendent Jones**

### **Savvas Quote - Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones, presented the Board with a quote from [Savvas](#) in the amount of \$86,499.45.

### **Recommendation to approve the Savvas Quote**

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Savvas quote as presented.

### **Motion to approve the Savvas Quote**

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Renaissance quote as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (7:28 pm)**

### **Renaissance Quote - Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones, presented the Board with a quote from [Renaissance](#) in the amount of \$18,658.13. The elementary portion will be paid from Title 1 and the high school portion will be paid from ESA..

### **Recommendation to approve the Renaissance Quote**

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Kindergarten through 12th-grade Renaissance quote as presented.

### **Motion to approve the Renaissance Quote**

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Russel Duggins to approve the Renaissance quote as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (7:28 pm)**

### **IXL Quote - Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones, presented the Board with a quote for Kindergarten through 12th-grade from [IXL](#) in the amount of \$15,925.00. The elementary portion will be paid from Title 1, and the high school portion will be paid from ESA.

### **Recommendation to approve the IXL Quote**

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the IXL quote as presented.

### **Motion to approve the IXL Quote**

Motion by Camron Ross and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the IXL quote as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (7:29 pm)**

### **Gym Video Board Quote - Shane Lively**

Technology Director, Shane Lively, presented the Board with [three \(3\) quotes for a Video Board](#) for the gym. A quote from Curtis Weaver in the amount of \$59,188.00 A quote from Smart LED, Inc in the amount of \$36,250.00. A quote from ACE Sports in the amount of \$65,882.93

### **Recommendation to approve the Projector Quote**

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the Video Board quote from Smart LED, Inc in the amount of \$36,250.00 as presented.

### **Motion to approve the Projector Quote**

Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Cameron Ross to approve the Projector quote as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (7:42 pm)**

**Board Entered Executive Session: (7:42 pm)**

**Board Exited Executive Session: (9:21 pm)**

### **Recommendations on Personnel Report – Jamye 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 Jimmy Morgan to approve recommendations on the Personnel Report as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:22 pm)**

### **School Choice – Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones presented fifteen (15) School Choice students to the Cotter School District from the Mountain Home School District, and five (5) School Choice students from the Flippin School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Viola School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Norfolk School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Calico Rock School District into the Cotter School District, and ten (10) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District, and one (1) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Flippin School District

**Recommendations on School Choice– Superintendent Jones**

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the fifteen (15) School Choice students to the Cotter School District from the Mountain Home School District, and five (5) School Choice students from the Flippin School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) School Choice student from the Viola School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Norfolk School District into the Cotter School District, and two (2) School Choice students from the Calico Rock School District into the Cotter School District, and ten (10) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Mountain Home School District, and one (1) School Choice students from the Cotter School District into the Flippin School District as presented.

**Motion on School Choice**

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

**The motion carried unanimously. (9:22 pm)**

**Enrollment**

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is 362 and High School Enrollment is 291 for a total enrollment of 653.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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**Allen Franks, President**

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**Jimmy Morgan, Secretary**