

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

August 20, 2026, 7:00 P. M.

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Jimmy Morgan, Cameron Ross, 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 6:54 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 Jimmy Morgan, to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on July 16, 2026, and the Special Board Meeting on July 24, 2026.

The motion was unanimously approved. (6:55 pm)

Dr. Bentley Wallace, Chancellor of Arkansas State University-Mountain Home and Dr. Robert Shurley, Provost of Arkansas State University-Mountain Home shared with the Board the Dr. Rogers Simons Promise Scholarship which will establish Promise scholarship opportunities for eligible graduates of Cotter, Flippin, Norfolk, and Yellville-Summit High Schools who choose to attend ASUMH. Beginning with the 2027 graduating classes, eligible students will receive scholarship support covering remaining tuition and mandatory fee cost after federal, state, and institutional financial aid has been applied.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports for June and July

Recommendation to approve Financial Reports

Mr. Jones recommended that the Board approve the June and July 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. (7:28 pm)

Kindergarten iPad Quote

Superintendent Jones recommended accepting the quote from Apple for Kindergarten iPads at \$25,569.01, to be purchased from Title I carryover money.

Motion on iPad Quote

Russel Duggins made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the Apple Quote as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:29 pm)

Interlocal Service Agreement

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Interlocal Service Agreement with Yellville-Summit.

Motion on Interlocal Service Agreement

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the Interlocal Service Agreement as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:32 pm)

The September Board Meeting will be held on September 24, 2026

Board Entered Executive Session - (7:32 PM)

Board Exited Executive Session - (9:34 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

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:35 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer In – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented seventeen (17) Petitions for Transfer of Student into Cotter. Two (2) from the Flippin School District, one (1) from the Bergman School District, one (1) from the Yellville-Summit School District, and thirteen (13) from the Mountain Home School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer In– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the seventeen (17) Petitions for Transfer of Student into the Cotter School District as presented.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer In

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the Petition for Student Transfers as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:35 pm)

Petition for Student Transfer Out – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones presented eight (8) Petitions for Transfer of Students out of Cotter. One (1) to the Yellville-Summit School District, and seven (7) to the Mountain Home School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer Out– Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for the eight (8) Petitions for Transfer of Students out of 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 Out as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:35 pm)

ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Jones reported that the Elementary Enrollment is at 385 and the high school enrollment is at 291, for a total enrollment of 676.

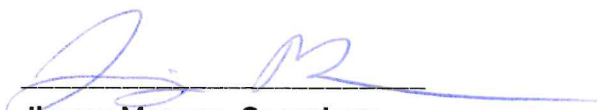
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Allen Franks, President



Jimmy Morgan, Secretary