

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2026 7:00 P. M.**

The following members of the Board were in attendance for the meeting: Allen Franks, Jimmy Morgan, Cameron Ross, Andrew Slater, and Russel Duggins. Administrators and other guests were also in attendance. Appropriate notice of this meeting has been given to local news media and 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

Russell Duggins made a motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 20, 2026.

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

Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Financial Reports.

Recommendation to approve Financial Reports

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Financial Reports as presented.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports

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

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:03 pm)

Annual Financial Report and 2026-2027 Annual Budget

Superintendent Jones presented the Annual Financial Report and 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

Recommendation to Approve the Annual Financial Report and 2026-2027 Annual Budget

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Annual Financial Report and 2026-2027 Annual Budget as presented.

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Report and 2026-2027 Annual Budget

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Annual Financial Report and 2026-2027 Annual Budget as presented.

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

Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report For 2025-2026 and Budget for 2026-2027

Superintendent Jones presented the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report for 2025-2026 and Budget for 2026-2027.

Recommendation to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report for 2025-2026 and Budget for 2026-2027

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Arkansas Department of Education's Annual Financial Report for 2025-2026 and the Budget for 2026-2027, as presented.

Motion to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report for 2025-2026 and Budget for 2026-2027

Russell Duggins made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report for 2025-2026 and Budget for 2026-2027

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

Academic Report - Jarod Jefferson

High School Principal Jarod Jefferson presented the Monthly Academic Report to the Board.

Erate - Shane Lively

Shane Lively presented to the Board the HPE Aruba Networking Central AP Foundations 5-year Subscription from White River Services and Solutions.

Recommendation to approve Erate Project

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Erate Project.

Motion to approve the Erate Project

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to approve the Erate Project as recommended.

The motion carried unanimously (7:20 pm)

Student Transfer Resolution

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Student Transfer Resolution with the Board

Recommendation to approve the Student Transfer Resolution

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Student Transfer Resolution as presented.

Motion to approve the Student Transfer Resolution

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Jimmy Morgan, to approve the Student Transfer Resolution as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:21 pm)

Recommendation to approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding 2026/2027

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Motion to approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding 2026/2027

Cameron Ross made the motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Career Coach Memorandum of Understanding as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:22 pm)

Recommendation to approve the Reddick Law Firm MOU

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Reddick Law Firm Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Motion to approve the Reddick Law Firm Memorandum of Understanding

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russell Duggins, to approve the Reddick Law Firm Memorandum of Understanding as recommended.

The motion was unanimously approved. (7:27 pm)

Interlocal Service Agreement

Superintendent Jones recommended that the Board approve the Interlocal Service Agreement with the Deer-Mt Judea School District.

Motion on Interlocal Service Agreement

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

The motion carried unanimously. (7:31 pm)

Recommendation on 2026/27 Classified Salary Schedule – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones recommended Board approval for the 2026/27 Classified Salary Schedule.

Motion on 2026/27 Classified Salary Schedule

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Cameron Ross, to approve the 2026/27 Classified Salary Schedule as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (7:31 pm)

The Board Entered Executive Session 7:31 pm

The Board Exited Executive Session 9:00 pm

Early Dismissal November 20th, 2026

Superintendent Jones recommended Board approval to dismiss school at 12:45 pm on November 20th, 2026.

Motion on Early Dismissal

Jimmy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Andy Slater, to approve the early dismissal on November 20th, 2026 as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:00 pm)

Recommendations on Personnel Report – Jayme Jones

Superintendent Jones recommended Board approval of the personnel report as presented.

Motion on Personnel Report

Jimmy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Russel Duggins, to approve the personnel report as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. (9:01 pm)

Monthly Petition for Student Transfer IN/OUT – Superintendent Jones

Requirements from Act 731 of 2023 (A.C.A 6-13-1007) require transfer applications received since the last meeting must be considered at the next meeting (if received at least 5 days prior to the meeting). Each transfer application shall be considered individually and receive a separate vote by the Board. Superintendent Jones presented the following transfer applications: Two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District into the Cotter School District, and one (1) Transfer of Student from the Flippin School District to the Cotter School District. As well as two (2) Transfers of Students from the Cotter School District to the Mountain Home School District.

Recommendations on Petition for Student Transfer IN/OUT – Superintendent Jones

Superintendent Jones requested Board approval for two (2) Petitions for Transfer of Student from the Mountain Home School District, into the Cotter School District and one (1) Transfer of Student from the Flippin School District to the Cotter School District. As well as two (2) Transfers of Students from the Cotter School District to the Mountain Home School District, as presented.

Motion on Petition for Student Transfer IN/OUT

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

The motion carried unanimously. (9:02 pm)

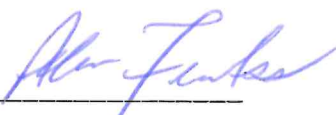
Enrollment

Superintendent Jones reported the Elementary Enrollment is at 391 and High School Enrollment is at 295 for a total enrollment of 686

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.


Allen Franks, President
Jimmy Morgan, Secretary