

**COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

July 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

President Reneta Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Allen Franks, Donald Marler, Reneta Dewey, Luke Walker and Jimmy Morgan.

7:00 p.m. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Luke Walker to approve minutes from June 26, June 29, July 5, July 6 and July 7, 2017 as presented. UNAN

7:01 p.m. Superintendent Harp presented 3 bread bids to the Board and recommended approving the bread bid from C & K Breads & Snacks, Inc. of West Plains, MO. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Jimmy Morgan UNAN (see attached)

7:02 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended transferring \$5,500 from Cotter Concessions #7240 to High School Athletics #7615. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Donald Marler to transfer funds as recommended. UNAN

7:04 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended transferring \$499.53 from Soft Drink Account #7995 to clear the Activity Funds with negative balances. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Donald Marler to transfer funds as recommended. UNAN

7:05 p.m. Superintendent Harp presented a Petition for Transfer of Student from the Yellville-Summit School District to the Cotter School District. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to grant the Transfer Petition from the Yellville-Summit School District to the Cotter School District. UNAN (see attached)

7:05 p.m. Superintendent Harp presented a Petition for Transfer of Students from the Mountain Home School District to the Cotter School District. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to

grant the Transfer Petition from the Mountain Home School District to the Cotter School District. UNAN (see attached)


- 7:07 p.m. Principal Airl Cheek presented the Elementary Handbook revisions to the Board. Superintendent Harp recommended approval of the Elementary Handbook as presented. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Luke Walker to approve the Elementary Handbook as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:09 p.m. Principal Dan Beckwith presented the High School Handbook revisions to the Board. Superintendent Harp recommended approval of the High School Handbook as presented. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve the High School Handbook as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:09 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended renewal of membership in the Arkansas School Board Association for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual cost of \$1,550.00. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Luke Walker to renew the ASBA membership. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:10 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended renewal of membership in the Arkansas Rural Education Association for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual cost of \$525.00. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Donald Marler to renew AREA membership. UNAN (see attached)
- 7:11 p.m. The Board went into executive session.
- 8:02 p.m. The Board came out of executive session.
- 8:03 p.m. Superintendent Harp presented a letter of resignation from Jody Foust from the position of Pee Wee Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion by Allen Franks and seconded by Donald Marler to accept resignation as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 8:03 p.m. Superintendent Harp presented a letter of resignation from Annamarie Cantrell from the position of Summer Baseball/Softball Director for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to accept resignation as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 8:04 p.m. Allen Franks exited the meeting.

- 8:04 p.m. Superintendent Harp presented a letter of resignation from Kelli Loudermilk from the position of Cheerleading Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Donald Marler to accept resignation as presented. UNAN (see attached)
- 8:04 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended offering a contract to Jeff Crawford for the position of High School Social Studies Teacher and Pee Wee Boys Basketball Coach effective for the 2017-2018 school year contingent upon him meeting all employment requirements including background. Motion by Donald Marler and seconded by Jimmy Walker to offer contract to Jeff Crawford as recommended. UNAN
- 8:05 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended naming Vanessa Thomas Jones and the Ex-Officio Financial Officer effective August 1, 2017. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Donald Marler to name Vanessa Thomas Jones Ex-Officio Financial Officer. UNAN
- 8:05 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended approving Arvest Bank be approved to provide financing the purchase of a new bus using post-dated warrants in the amount \$84,855 and to authorize Vanessa Thomas Jones to sign finance documents. Motion by Donald Marler and seconded by Jimmy Morgan to approve financing as recommended. UNAN
- 8:06 p.m. Allen Franks returned to the meeting.
- 8:06 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended offering a contract to Heather Yarbrough Eubanks for the position of Paraprofessional for the 2017-2018 school year contingent upon her meeting all employment requirements including background. Motion by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Luke Walker to offer contract to Heather Yarbrough Eubanks as recommended. UNAN
- 8:06 p.m. Superintendent Harp recommended offering contract to Jarod Jefferson as Summer Baseball/Softball Director for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion by Luke Walker and seconded by Donald Marler to offer contract to Jarod Jefferson as recommended. UNAN
- 8:08 p.m. Reneta Dewey recommended to set new Superintendent Vanessa Thomas Jones's salary at \$82,500 for the 2017-2018 school year and for her contract to begin on August 1, 2017. Motion by Luke Walker and

seconded by Donald Marler to approve salary and contract date as recommended. UNAN

8:08 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jimmy Morgan and seconded by Donald Marler. UNAN

At 8:08 p.m. President Dewey adjourned the meeting.

  
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