

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Members Present: Chair Aaron Hinkelman, Vice Chair Tara Klapprich, Keith Holcomb & Casey Forsmann

Administration Present: Jon Rehder, Matt Elven (arrived at 7:43p.m.) and Carly Behler – Clerk

Others Present: Greg Wherry

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Hinkelman at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the Auxiliary Gym.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
3. **Roll Call, Vacant Zone 3**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Agenda**
 - b. **Minutes from August 18, 2025**
 - c. **Presentation of Bills**
 - d. **Clerk/Treasures Financials – District, Jr. Sr. High and Elementary Student Body Funds**
 - e. **Resignation of JV Boys' Basketball Coach – Teel Bruner**
 - f. **Resignation of 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Jamie Scheffler**
After a brief discussion and a few questions Board Member Holcomb moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.
5. **Student Presentation – Senior Project Sydney Shears:** Ms. Shears was not quite ready for the presentation and asked to be moved to the October Board Meeting.
6. **Public Input – Agenda Items:** None
7. **Action Items:**
 - a) **Continuous Improvement Plan 2025-2026:** Superintendent Rehder went over the plan and mentioned the updates that him and Mrs. Quintal focused on and have made the necessary changes. They also went through all of the targets that were set. *After a brief discussion Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the Continuous Improvement Plan as well as the Metrics, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.*
 - b) **Meeting Dates and Times:** *After a brief discussion, Vice Chair Klapprich moved to not change the monthly board meeting times, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
 - c) **Hire of Elementary Paraprofessional:** Superintendent Rehder recommended Noah Behler for the Elementary Paraprofessional. *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve Noah Behler, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
 - d) **Hire of Partial High School Athletic Director:** Superintendent Rehder recommended Lisa Riener as the Partial High School Athletic Director. *Vice Chair Klapprich moved to approve Lisa Riener, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*

- e) **Hire of Coaches:** The Board chose to approve all coaches in one vote. Superintendent Rehder recommended Teel Bruner as the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, Jamie Scheffler as the Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, Justin Jones as the Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Dustin Behler as the Head Baseball Coach, Garrett Beckman as the Assistant Baseball Coach, and Ashlee Behler as the Head Softball Coach. *Board Member Holcomb moved to approve all coaches as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.*
- f) **Moved to One Action Item (e)**
- g) **Moved to One Action Item (e)**
- h) **Moved to One Action Item (e)**
- i) **Moved to One Action Item (e)**
- j) **Moved to One Action Item (e)**
- k) **Graduation Dress Code Policy 3255:** Superintendent Rehder the options to change Policy 3255 to include Military attire for Graduation.
- l) **Accept Resignation of Zone 3 Trustee – Gus Hoene:** *After discussion and words of thanks and gratitude, Board Member Holcomb moved to approve resignation of Gus Hoene effective September 14th, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
- m) **Schedule Special Board Meeting for New Trustee Interviews:** *After discussion, Board Member Forsmann moved to set Wednesday October 8th as the Special Board Meeting for New Trustee Interviews at 6:00pm in the board room, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.*
- n) **Establish Trustee Interest Requirements:** *After discussion Board Member Forsmann moved to approve Vacant Trustee Application, Trustee Interview Questions and Evaluation Tool, for the open Zone. Applications to be turned in by October 3rd at 3:30, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.*
- o) **Policies 1615, 2340, 2435, 2435F, 3005, 3010, 3010P, 3340, 3440, 3525, 4600P, 7405, 7405P, 7407, 7408, 8300, 8300P1, and 9803 2nd Reading:** Superintendent Rehder went over the policies and they were briefly discussed. The board had a few questions regarding the policy and input from patrons was heard. *After discussion, Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the policy updates in this reading with the recommended changes, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
- p) **Policies 2320, 2320P, and 2320F 2nd Reading:** Superintendent Rehder went over the policies and they were briefly discussed. The board had a few questions regarding the policy.

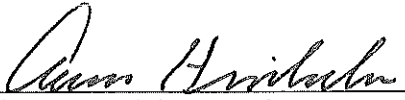
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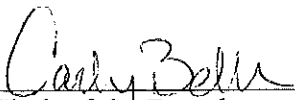
- a. **Jr/Sr High:** Principal Elven went through his report with no additions. He answered questions from the board.
- b. **Elementary/Supt/Facilities:** Superintendent Rehder went through his report with no additions. He answered questions from the board.
- c. **ISBA Region Meeting:** Superintendent Rehder mentioned that he has gone in the past and it is a good opportunity if anyone can make. No Board Members can make it.

9. Public Input – Other Items: None

10. **Future Agenda Items:** Senior Project Presentation – Sydney Shears, Item K – Dress Code Policy 3255 (2nd Reading), and Item P – Policies 2320, 2320P, and 2320F (3rd Reading)

11. **Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.


Chairman of the Board


Clerk of the Board

