

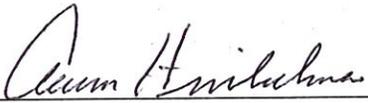
COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2026

Members Present: Chair Aaron Hinkelman, Vice Chair Tara Klapprich, Keith Holcomb, Casey Forsmann, and Shawn Kaschmitter

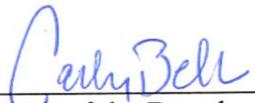
Administration Present: Jon Rehder and Carly Behler – Clerk

Others Present: Brittany Stewart and Terry Cochran

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Hinkelman at 5:30 p.m. in the board room in the Auxiliary Gym.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Action Items:**
 - a) **Budget Workshop:** Superintendent Rehder and Business Manager Behler went over the numbers for the 2026-2027 school year. They also talked about the School District Facility Funds and how those help our patrons with the levy. Carryover needs were also discussed and how they are there to protect the district in case the state starts cutting K-12 funding.
 - b) **Discuss Levy Amount:** After Superintendent Rehder and Business Manager Behler went over the numbers there was discussion about what different amount for the levy would look like. In order to look at keeping the number of teacher positions status quo for 26-27 it was discussed to look at 0% increase for staff wages to keep in line with state funding.
 - c) **Public Input (3 Minute Limit):** None
 - d) **Resolution to Set Levy Amount – May 19, 2026 Election:** *After discussion Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve the levy amount to be set at \$275,000, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
5. **Adjourn:** Chair Hinkelman adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.



Chairman of the Board



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