

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2026

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

**Administration Present:** Jon Rehder, Matt Elven and Carly Behler – Clerk

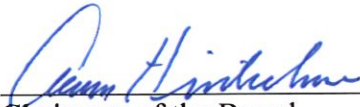
**Others Present:** Greg Wherry, Liz McLeod, Dylan Klapprich, Kane McIntire, Madison Flick, Travis Mader

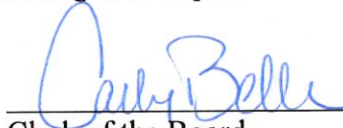
1. **Executive Session – 74-206(1)(b) – Personnel (6:00 p.m.):** The Board was polled as follows regarding entering into executive session, Shawn – yes, Keith – yes, Tara – yes, Casey – yes, and Aaron – yes. All Board Members were present. Also present were the administrators, clerk, and High School Athletic Director Travis Mader. The board moved into executive session at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Reconvene:** The board moved out of executive session at 6:53 p.m.
3. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Hinkelman at 7:00 p.m. in the board room in the Auxiliary Gym.
4. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a) **Agenda**
  - b) **Minutes from Regular Meeting – March 16, 2026**
  - c) **Presentation of Bills**
  - d) **Clerk/Treasure Financials – District, Jr/Sr High, and Elementary Student Body Funds**
  - e) **Resignation of Elementary Paraprofessional – Noah Behler**
  - f) **Resignation of Jr High Girls Basketball Coach – Jeff Martin**

*Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
7. **Public Input – Items on the Agenda:** None
8. **Co-Curricular State and Nationals Update:**
  - a) **FFA – FFA students,** Dylan Klapprich and Kane McIntire, presented the FFA update on the state competition in Twin Falls on April 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) **HOSA – HOSA advisor,** Liz McLeod, presented the HOSA update on nationals and the group that will be representing Prairie Jr/Sr High School in June 2026 in Indianapolis.
9. **Action Items:**
  - a) **Maintenance for Track Transfer:** *Vice Chair Klapprich moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000 to the fund for track maintenance, seconded by Board Member Kaschmitter, motion carried unanimously.*
  - b) **Hire of Volleyball Coach:** Principal Elven passed on the recommendation from AD Travis Mader to hire Julie M Schumacher for the Head Volleyball Coach. *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve Julie M Schumacher for the position, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
  - c) **Hire of High School Co-Athletic Director:** Principal Elven recommended Lisa Riener as the High School Co-Athletic Director. *Board Member Holcomb moved*

to approve Lisa Riener for the position, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.

- d) **Hire of Jr High Athletic Director:** Principal Elven recommended Jeff Martin as the Jr High Athletic Director. Board Member Forsmann moved to approve Jeff Martin for the position, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.
  - e) **Offer 0% Salary Increase and Issue Contracts:** After discussion, Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve a 0% increase for all salary schedules and to issue contracts to certified staff for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.
  - f) **Gate Fee Increase – Whitepine League:** Principal Elven brought up the Whitepine League decision to increase gate fees. He recommends we follow the league to stay consistent. After discussion Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the gate fee increase as presented, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.
  - g) **Baseball Field/Fence:** The high school baseball field was discussed and the fence is getting to a place where it could affect the playability and rules enforcement for out-of-play base running awards under NFHS rules. After discussion the Board talked about finding options to help the field and fix the fence.
  - h) **High School Roof Bids – Gym Roof, Flat Roof, & Lower Entry Roof:** Superintendent Rehder went over the bids we have received to replace parts of the high school roof. He talked about the recommendation from Maintenance Supervisor Rick Forsmann. After discussion Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the high school roof bids from Concept Construction LLC, seconded by Board Member Kaschmitter, motion carried unanimously.
  - i) **Policy Update 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 3050:** Principal Elven talked about the increase of stamp costs and how updating this policy to emails can help the cost of sending letters to parents via the post office. After discussion Board Member Forsmann moved to approve policy 3050 as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.
  - j) **Policy Update 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 3085P:** After discussion Vice Chair Klapprich moved to approve policy 3085P, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.
10. **Reports:**
- 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.
11. **Public Input – Items Not on the Agenda:** None
12. **Future Agenda Items:** Senior Projects and Baseball Field Update from Dustin Behler
13. **Adjourn:** Chair Hinkelman adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Clerk of the Board