

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 15, 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, Debbie Schmidt, and Judelle Schmidt

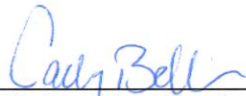
1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Hinkelman at 7:00 p.m. in the board room in the Auxiliary Gym.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a) **Agenda**
  - b) **Minutes from Regular Meeting – May 18, 2026**
  - c) **Presentation of Bills**
  - d) **Official Levy Results**
  - e) **Clerk/Treasure Financials – District, Jr/Sr High, Elementary Student Body Funds, and General Fund Preliminary Budget 2026-2027**
  - f) **Resignation of Elementary Teacher – Alecia Hagen**  
*Board Member Holcomb moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
5. **Public Input – Items on the Agenda:** None
6. **Action Items:**
  - a) **2026-2027 Budget Hearing:** Business Manager/Clerk Behler went through the budget explaining the 2.65% increase in the General Fund based on inflation and steps on the salary schedules, but no increase to the base amount. *After a few questions Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve the budget, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
  - b) **Preschool Agreement:** Superintendent stated that this agreement is the same as last year's but was waiting to hear from Erin Shears to confirm. *After discussion the Board tabled this item until the July meeting to get Erin's thoughts.*
  - c) **Water and Sewer Service Agreement:** Superintendent Rehder went over the meeting with the Monastery about the water and sewer agreement and the changes that are coming. *Vice Chair Klapprich moved to approve the Water and Sewer Service Agreement, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
  - d) **Hire of Elementary Teacher:** Superintendent Rehder recommended Micah Weber as the Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. *Board Member Holcomb moved to approve Micah Weber for the position, seconded by Board Member Kaschmitter, motion carried unanimously.*
  - e) **Policy Update 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 2550 & 3420:** Superintendent Rehder and Principal Elven went over the updates to policy 2550 and went over the discussion points to policy 3420. *After discussion the Board decided to bring back policies 2550 & 3420 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and further discussion at the July meeting.*

- f) **Policy Update 2nd Reading – 1303, 2150, 2150P, 3255, 5360, 7400, 7400P3, 7400P4, 7403, 7430, 7455, 8103 & 2570:** *After discussion Vice Chair Klapprich moved to approve policies 1303, 2150, 2150P, 7400, 7400P3, 7400P4, 7403, 7430, 7455, 8103, & 2570 as presented and to bring back policies 3255 & 5360 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the July meeting, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*

7. **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.
8. **Public Input – Items Not on the Agenda:** Debbie and Judelle Schmidt ask the Board to reevaluate the Bus Stops in Ferdinand for the 2026-2027 school year. They presented a map of their thoughts and the board will discuss further at the August Board Meeting, when bus routes are annually approved.
9. **Future Agenda Items:** Policies 2550, 3420, 3255, & 5360, Elementary Tour to begin the July meeting, Preschool Agreement.
10. **Executive Session – 74-206(1)(b) – Personnel:** 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 and clerk. The board moved into executive session at 8:51 p.m.
11. **Reconvene:** The board moved out of executive session at 9:10 p.m.
12. **Adjourn:** Chair Hinkelman adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Clerk of the Board