

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2026

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

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

Others Present: Greg Wherry, Vikki Riener, Cooper Riener, and Kyle Westhoff

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 – July 20, 2026**
 - c. **Presentation of Bills**
 - d. **Clerk/Treasures Financials – District, Jr. Sr. High and Elementary Student Body Funds**
 - e. **Annual Report**
After discussion, Board Member Holcomb moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Input – Items on the Agenda:** There was no public input.
6. **Action Items:**
 - a) **Auditor's Report:** Auditor Kurt Folke was on the phone to discuss the audit report for the district. The report was presented on the overhead. Kurt hit the highlights of the General Fund, Federal Forest Fund, Food Service Fund, School District Facility Fund, and the School District Modernization Fund. *After a few questions and discussion Board Member Kaschmitter moved to accept the audit report, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.*
 - b) **Senior Project – Cooper Riener (Baseball Batting Cages):** Cooper Riener talked to the Board about his goals for his senior project including 2 baseball batting cages on the baseball grounds of the school district. *After discussion Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve changes to the baseball grounds for Cooper Riener's senior project dependent on City approval and Suzi Quintal's approval, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
 - c) **Hire of Elementary Paraprofessional:** Superintendent Rehder recommended Lexi Schumacher as the Elementary Paraprofessional. *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve Lexi Schumacher for the position, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
 - d) **Hire of Jr/Sr High Paraprofessional:** Superintendent Rehder recommended Shelby VonBargen as the Jr/Sr High Paraprofessional. *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve Shelby VonBargen for the position, seconded by Board Member Kaschmitter, motion carried unanimously.*
 - e) **26-27 District & School Handbooks:** Superintendent Rehder and Principal Elven explained the changes made in the handbooks. *After questions and discussion Vice Chair Klapprich moved to approve the handbooks with changes as discussed, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*

- f) **26-27 Administrative Procedure:** Superintendent Rehder went over the procedure. *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the procedure, seconded by Board Member Kaschmitter, motion carried unanimously.*
- g) **Bus Routes 2026-2027:** Superintendent Rehder passed on the recommendation from the transportation supervisor for the approval of the 26-27 bus routes. *After questions and a brief discussion Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the 26-27 Bus Routes, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
- h) **Elementary Schedule:** *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the Elementary Schedule, seconded by Vice Chair Klapprich, motion carried unanimously.*
- i) **Jr/Sr High Schedule:** *Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the Jr/Sr High Schedule, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
- j) **Fire Alarm System Update:** Superintendent Rehder provide an update for the fire alarm systems in the buildings.
- k) **Policies Update 3rd Reading – 3420 & 3420F:** Superintendent Rehder and Principal Elven went over the updates to this policy and the addition of the form to go with the policy. *After discussion, Board Member Forsmann moved to approve the policy 3420 & 3420F with added reference to policy 7260, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
- l) **Policy Update 1st Reading – 7260:** Superintendent Rehder and Principal Elven went over the policy. *After discussion, Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve policy 7260, seconded by Board Member Holcomb, motion carried unanimously.*
- m) **Policy Update 4th Reading – 5360:** Superintendent Rehder and Principal Elven went over the update to this policy. *After discussion, Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve policy 5360, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*
- n) **Policy Update 2nd Reading – 2353, 2353F, 3295, 3295P, 3330, 3331, 3500, 3500F, 3515F, 3515P, 3540, 5100, 5100P1, 5100F1, 5210, 5260, 5265, 5295, 5296, 5296P, 5335, 5335F, 5500, & 5900:** Superintendent Rehder went over the policy and it was briefly discussed. *After discussion, Board Member Kaschmitter moved to approve the policies with the changes as discussed, seconded by Board Member Forsmann, motion carried unanimously.*

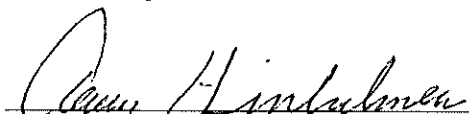
7. Reports:

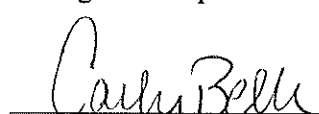
- a) **Jr/Sr High:** Principal Elven went through his report with no additions. He answered questions from the board.
- b) **Elementary/Supt/Facilities:** Superintendent Rehder went through his report with no additions. He answered questions from the board.

8. Public Input – Items Not on the Agenda: There was no public input.

9. Future Agenda Items:

10. Adjourn: Chair Hinkelman adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.


Chairman of the Board


Clerk of the Board