COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in regular session on **October 8, 2025** at the school.

Trustees present: Tim Short (via Zoom), Alix House, Marie Carpenter (via phone call)

Trustees absent: None

Visitors present: Lara Belice

The Clerk and Superintendent were present via phone and video call throughout the entire proceedings.

Chairman Marie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

No public comments.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the minutes of the 9/17/25 board meeting. No comments. Motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the claims and ACH payments as presented. No comments. Motion passed with all in favor.

Lara would like to order a roll off dumpster to clean up some old building materials from school property, the items are large enough to require a roll off dumpster. If approved, Lara thinks she can find someone local to help load it, she anticipates the cost to be approximately $1,500. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve ordering a roll off dumpster, no further discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Lara updated the Board on the situation with the school boiler which has been cutting out of power. A new electrical panel may be needed. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve expenses for fixing the boiler system if required. A brief discussion was held regarding the possible cost, but since it is necessary to have the boiler operational, the work will have to be done. Motion passed with all in favor.

The Board completed the second reading of the policies as follows:

1111: School Board Elections (updated); *first reading complete, no changes*;
2100: School Year Calendar and Day (updated); *first reading complete – no optional wording*;
2132: Student and Family Privacy Rights (updated); *first reading complete, no changes;*
2150: Suicide Awareness and Prevention (updated); *first reading complete, no changes*;
2334: Release Time for Religious Instruction (new); *first reading complete, no optional wording;*
2450: Indian Education for All (updated); *first reading complete, no changes.*

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the second reading of all policies listed. Lisa informed the Board that if the trustees intend to adopt the mandatory policies exactly as recommended by legal counsel, only one reading is needed. If the Board changes the wording of the policy, two readings are needed.

The Board completed the second reading of policy 2135: Human Sexuality Instruction and Identity Instruction (new) using the MTSBA version. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the second reading of the policy regarding Human Sexuality Instruction and Identity Instruction and to use MTSBA's policy number 2335. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

The Board completed the first reading of the policies as follows:

3110: Entrance, Placement and Transfer *(strike section as shown, approve first and final reading)*
3141: Out-of-District Student Enrollment (*remove optional wording and change wording to "Applications for enrollment of out of district students must be submitted to the District for consideration at the next Board meeting"* <u>needs second reading</u>.
3210: Equal Educational Opportunity (*approve as is*)
3235: Video Surveillance (new) (*approve as is*)
3310: Student Discipline *(approve as is)*
3410: Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations (new) *(approve as is)*
3416: Administration of Medication *(approve as is, keep optional language)*

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the first and final reading of the following policies. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

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<u>Teacher Report</u>

Lara reported that two students have moved out of the district, there are three students remaining.

<u>Clerk Comments</u>

Laura asked about the AED offered by the Park County Nurse. Lisa clarified that we are getting a new AED free of charge and we can apply for a $700 grant to spend on replacement batteries and pads which will be reimbursed.

Board Comments

Alix said that she will be gone for an extended period from January – March 2026, missing two Board meetings. The other trustees agreed that they will ensure they are both available for these meetings to work around Alix being gone.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa reported that she is working with Lara to get MAST testing underway. Due to doing well on the last accreditation cycle, we only need to do five of the 29 parts next year.

There being no further business, a motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 19, 2025.