COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in regular session on **May 20, 2026** at the school.

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

Trustees absent:

Visitors present: Lara Belice

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

Chairman Marie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

No public comments.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the minutes of the 4/15/26 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 discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the Resolution to Request that the County Conduct Elections for next year. The Clerk clarified that in the case we have a school election, the county would run it, the request is due by June 1 every year. No further discussion, motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the MOU for Rural Resilience. Comment was received from Lara and Lisa to say that they would like to continue the partnership as it is a good resource for the school. Motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the Special Education Reversion payment. It is needed to meet our Maintenance of Effort this year for our budget. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Board discussed purchasing new Chromebooks, a new printer and getting some repairs done to the roof. Lara has not had time to get quotes together yet. We do have the budget to cover the probable costs. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the expenditures for roof repairs and a printer. Lara will let the Board know if the roof repairs are going to be more than expected, and she plans to hold off purchasing new Chromebooks for now. Motion carried with all in favor.

Laura mentioned that there may be a possibility to join a multi district agreement with Melville School, this would allow us to set aside some money in Fund 82.

Lara also mentioned that the school van will need a thorough service soon.

Teacher Comments

Lara clarified with Laura what REAP funds we have remaining. We have approximately $3,600 that needs to be spent by September 2026, we still have funds from this year which need to be spent by September 2027, and we are expecting next year's grant to be approximately $26,000.

Lara reported that she wraps up her Masters degree in June/July. She has been awarded a scholarship for another graduate program which she plans on taking classes for next year.

The stop motion animation project is going well.

Clerk Comments

Marie asked if we have moved forward with the new accounting software. Laura said she has a meeting on June 8 to get everything set up.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa reported that she visited the school last week and enjoyed seeing the students' projects and was very impressed with how they interacted with her.

The teacher evaluation has been completed for the year.

The REAP application has been submitted and the UEI for the school has been updated for another year.

Lisa has been in communication with the parents of the new student.

Both Lisa and Lara are still working on finding another school to do a cultural exchange.

Board Comments

Tim asked about a bonus for Lara due to her excellent teacher evaluation. Marie said that we normally discuss employee bonuses in June.

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 5:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 15th, 2026.