COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in regular session on **June 15, 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 4:02 p.m.

No public comments.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the minutes of the 5/20/26 and 6/4/26 board meetings. 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 paying Lara to deep clean the school. A discussion was held regarding rate of pay. The motion was amended (MC) and seconded (AH) to include the rate of pay at $35/hour. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to transfer any remaining general funds at the end of June into fund 182. No discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

The Board discussed employee year-end bonuses. It was decided to increase last year's bonuses by 4%. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to approve paying end of year bonuses as follows:

Lara Belice: $12,480 (REAP)
Laura Carroccia: $2,340 (General Fund)

Motion passed with all in favor.

The Board also discussed reimbursing Lara's tuition expenses for this year. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve reimbursing Lara's tuition in the amount of $5,250 this year, and to have it on the agenda to reimburse the remaining $2,759 at the next meeting. Motion passed with all in favor.

Teacher Comments

Lara thanked the Board for their support this year and mentioned the new student for next year.

Clerk Comments

The Clerk thanked the Board for her bonus and said she was preparing for year end and had MASBO training this week.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa mentioned that the school has been recognized as a successful school in Montana, she thanked Lara and Laura and the Board for another good year.

Board Comments

Tim said he has received good feedback from the parents of currently enrolled students/

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 4:30 p.m.

The budget meeting will be held on August 19th, 2026.