

**COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in special session on **May 6, 2025** at the school.

Trustees present: Marie Carpenter, Alix House

Trustees absent: Tim Short

Visitors present: Lara Belice

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

Trustee Marie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

No public comments.

**Business**

The Board discussed the proposed teacher contract for the 2025-2026 school year. The contract has been reviewed by MTSBA. The Board discussed and decided that the teacher would be able to stay in school-provided housing for the remainder of the year if the school were to close. The Board discussed and decided to remove the wording “other duties assigned by Trustees” from the proposed contract. A discussion was held about taxes relating to teacher housing that MTSBA mentioned. The Board determined that it is a requirement that the teacher live in the provided housing due to a lack of other available housing and the remote location of Cooke City.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the proposed teacher contract with the following edits: remove “other duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees” and add in that the teacher can remain in the house for the school year if the school closes mid-year. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to reimburse Lara \$3,980.89 for tuition fees for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. No discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.