

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2023, in the Multipurpose/Board Room in the Delbert Lovelace High School, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Education of Welch Public Schools, District I017 of Craig County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that at least 24 hours prior to the meeting excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, notices of date, time, place, and agenda of the meeting were posted in prominent public view at the location of the meeting.

Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

President Shane Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present were President Burgess, Clerk Rowdy Layton, Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney, and Member Shannon Walker. Vice President Jesse Highsmith was absent. Administrators present were Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, Stacy Ezell, Middle and High School Principal, and Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal.

A quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Burgess.

There was no request for Public Participation.

Mrs. Hall reported on the current number of students in need of reading assistance through the Reading Sufficiency program, parent-teacher conferences were at a record high of 95% for in-person and phone contacts, the numerous reports to be completed in the month of October. The Middle School Gifted and Talented students attended three plays off-campus today and the elementary students attended the Miami Fire Department Fire Safety program at the Coleman Theatre in Miami. Mrs. Hall reported \$9,999.00 was raised at the Enrichment Foundation banquet last week. Mrs. Ezell reported on the in-person parent-teacher conference meetings stating the majority of the conferences for Middle and High School students were done via telephone or email; FFA students presenting at the Tulsa State Fair; the Juniors will soon be participating in ASVAB testing; High School Academic Team competing in the District contest at Agra today, Football season is still ongoing during October; National Honor Society is collecting clothing for a drive that will end the first week in December; and the installation of new teacher Chrome boxes.

Superintendent Jeremy Ramsey reported there were no findings during the on-site OSDE accreditation by Mr. Mike Teel, Regional Accreditation Officer. Mr. Ramsey has contacted several alarm companies about upgrading the current alarm systems for increased security purposes throughout the district; that the Enrichment Foundation banquet was not as successful as in previous years; he will be meeting with the committee in the near future on future banquets and projects, with project requests being scaled back due to funds not being available. Four financial auditors were in-house last week from 9:30 to 1:30 for the annual financial audit. There were no findings, but they made some suggestions on booster club

sanctioning and contract wording. Mr. Ramsey then discussed September expenses, along with first quarter total revenue and expenditures. He also furnished monthly financials for the Building Fund in the same format as General Fund reports.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A, Minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting; Item 6B, Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 6C FY23 General Fund Warrant #1345; Item 6D General Fund Purchase Orders #218-247 and Building Fund Purchase Orders #42-43; Item 6E General Fund Warrants #143-260 and Building Fund Warrants 32-39; Item 6G October Fundraisers by the Sophomore Class, Speech/Debate, and FFA as presented; and Item 6H, Out-of-State trip request for 4th-6th Grade. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

There were no requests for use of the school's facilities.

Motion to approve the Annual Dropout Report and Annual Student Remediation Report provided by the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education as presented by Mrs. Ezell, MS/HS Principal. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to adopt the Welch Foster Care Plan for SY23-24. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to accept the FY24 Title I School Wide Plan. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve a resolution calling for a Board of Education General Election for Seat #4 to be held April 2, 2024, with a Primary Election (if needed) on February 13, 2024. This motion, made by Shane Burgess and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve closing of Precinct #580007 Ottawa County polling place (No registered voters). This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve second stipend payment in the amount of \$1,625.00 for student teaching to Morgan Mills with funds to be reimbursed from the OSDE. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the ACT be administered to all 11th grade students to fulfill meeting State and Federal requirements for College and Career Readiness Assessment in Math and English for SY23-24. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to adopt the following School Board Policies: EFA - School Library Media Center; EFA-P - Library Media Public Comment; EFA-R1 - School Library Selection of Materials - Regulation; EHAH - Sex Education; EHBDBA-E - Notification; EHDD - Concurrent Enrollment - Student; EHDD-R - Concurrent Enrollment - Student Regulation; EIED - Graduation Requirements; EMC - Graduation Policy; FNF-E2 - Student Searches Authority to Transport; and FNF-R - Search of Students. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items, so that the board can return to Open Session and possible board action to approve: Discussion, consideration and action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items: Superintendent's Evaluation; Employment of Shelby Miller (Substitute); Employment of Chelsea Crites (Substitute); Employment of Melis Bailey (Substitute). This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:02 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:41 PM. President Burgess reported he, Clerk Rowdy Layton, Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney, and Member Shannon Walker, along with Superintendent Jeremy Ramsey, convened in Executive Session at 6:02 PM to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation, and employment of substitute employees. No other items were discussed and no action was taken while in Executive Session.

No action was taken on the ongoing Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion to employ Shelby Miller as a Substitute Employee for SY23-24 pending background investigation. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to employ Chelsea Crites as a Substitute Employee for SY23-24 pending background investigation. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to employ Melis Bailey as a Substitute Employee for SY23-24. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, Tabled.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

There was no New Business presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Shane Burgess, President

Shannon Walker, Member

Jesse Highsmith, Vice President

Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

Rowdy Layton, Clerk

An official record of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma 74369.

Mona Stines, Board Minutes Clerk