

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in special session on Thursday, May 20, 2021, 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 48 hours prior to the meeting excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, notices of date, time, and place, and at least 24 hours prior to the meeting excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, the agenda of the meeting were posted in prominent public view at the location of the meeting.

Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Shane Burgess. Members present were President Shane Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and members Brian Mooney and Shannon Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools Nick Highsmith and Elementary Principal Kimberley Hall.

A quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Nick Highsmith.

There were no visitors present to request Public Participation.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Items 5.A. through 5.G., the resignations of Nick Highsmith, Madeline Highsmith, and Jennifer Davis; a staffing agreement with Barlow Education Management Services, LLC; the appointment of an Interim Superintendent; and employment and setting of rate of pay for Certified and Support Staff for Extended School Year duties, so that the board can return to Open Session and vote on these items pursuant to Section 25 OS 307 (B) (1) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:31 PM.

President Shane Burgess acknowledged the Board's return to Open Session at 6:02 PM.

President Shane Burgess reported he, Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and members Walker and Mooney, along with Superintendent Highsmith and Principal Hall, met in Executive Session to discuss Items 5.A. through 5.G. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Motion to accept the resignation of Nick Highsmith, Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to accept the resignation of Madeline Highsmith, Virtual Education Director, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Davis, incoming Superintendent's Secretary/Payroll Clerk, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to enter into a staffing agreement with Rick Kibbe to provide an Interim Superintendent, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to appoint Rick Kibbe as Interim Superintendent, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve employment of Shelly Chuckluck as Certified Teacher for the month of July and August for Extended School Year duties for the sum of \$750.00 payable July, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve employment of Stephanie Beaty as High Needs Paraprofessional for the months of June, July, and August for Extended School Year duties at her FY 21 hourly base rate times 1.5 payable July, August, and September, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve employment of Shannon Hitz as High Needs Paraprofessional for the month of June for Extended School Year duties at her FY 21 hourly base rate times 1.5 payable July, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve employment of Tabatha Schultz as High Needs Paraprofessional for the month of June for Extended School Year duties at her FY 21 hourly base rate times 1.5 payable July, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve employment of Misty Johnson as High Needs Paraprofessional for the month of June for Extended School Year duties at her FY 21 hourly base rate times 1.5 payable July, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

There being no further action to be considered by the Board, motion to adjourn, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Shane Burgess, President

Shannon Walker, Member

Jesse Highsmith, Vice President

Brian Mooney

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