

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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 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 6:30 PM. Members in attendance were President Shane Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and members Shannon Walker and Brian Mooney. Superintendent of Schools Nick Highsmith and Elementary School Principal Kimberley Hall were also present.

A quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shane Burgess, President of the Board of Education.

There was no Public Participation requested by the visitor present.

Motion to verify Board Seat #1 election results with the election of Shane Burgess on April 6, 2021, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Abstain (With Conflict), Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

The Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath was administered by Clerk Rowdy Layton to Board Member Shane Burgess.

Motion to re-organize the Board of Education for 2021-22 with the current slate of officers, 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

Awaiting the teleconference call from Kerry John Patten's office, the Board heard a report on the recent elementary school's activities by Kimberley Hall, Elementary School Principal.

Jan Schilling, representing Kerry John Patten, CPA, via teleconference, presented the findings of their 2019-2020 audit to Board members present.

Motion to approve the 2019-20 audit as presented, 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

Due to Middle and High School Principal Kent Haskell attending the school's baseball game in Copan, Superintendent Highsmith reported on recent activities at the High School.

Superintendent Highsmith reported on budgetary information, construction updates, and legislative updates.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 12A, minutes of the Regular Board meeting on March 8, 2021, and the Special Board Meeting on March 22, 2021, and Item 12B, the Treasurer's Report and Activity Fund Report on the status of all funds and investments, 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 General Fund purchase order encumbrances #328-344 in the total amount \$17,172.97 and Building Fund purchase order encumbrances #53-55 in the total amount of \$7,500.00, 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 General Fund warrants #875-982 in the total amount of \$295,866.09 and Building Fund warrants #75-85 in the total amount of \$4,070.72, 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 a change order for General Fund purchase order #2021-11-7 to Bartlett Coop Assn from \$500.00 to \$928.20 for the AgEd Showbarn Propane Tank Fill, 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

Motion to approve the contract with Stout Construction for Elementary Window Replacement, 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 assign Stout Construction to the elementary window replacement project, 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

Motion to approve the quote from Architectural Flooring for flooring replacement at Welch High School in the amount of \$16,608.00, 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 the quote from Apple Inc. for staff computers in the amount of \$8,244.00, 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 modify superintendent's spending authority in policy CHA up to the amount of \$15,000.00, 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 a revision to the Welch Public Schools Support Staff 2020-21 Wage Schedule for Administrator Assistant effective June 1, 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

Motion to approve the independent contractor agreement and services agreement between Royalty Speech Therapy, LLC, and Welch Public Schools for speech therapy services for the 2021-22 school year, made by Brian Mooney 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 the 2021-2022 Agreement to Secure and Provide Evaluations and Psychological Services between School Based Services, PLLC, and Welch Public Schools, 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 approve a Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2021-2022 that authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2021-2022 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Abstain (With Conflict), Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to approve the surplus of wall mats as listed, 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

Motion to approve the out-of-state trip request of Shawn Goodwin and the High School Girls Basketball Team to attend camp in Branson, Missouri June 22-25, 2021, 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 approve the fundraiser request of Kim Hall representing Welch Elementary School for sucker sales from April 12 - May 14, 2021, with funds to be used for teacher materials, 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

Motion to authorize the school district's attorney, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, to initiate legal action against the Oklahoma State Board of Education ("Board") to address the equalization of funding as set forth in the Board's Resolution approved at the Board's special meeting on March 25, 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

Motion to approve the agreement with Municipal Accounting Systems for Student Information System for the 2021-22 school year, made by Brian Mooney 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

There was no New Business for the Board to consider.

Motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent for April in the areas of Community Relationships and Staff Relationships; certified and support personnel assignments; the resignation of Melissa Gonzalez, High Needs Paraprofessional effective April 13, 2021, and the resignation of Taya' Buchanan, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher effective May 14, 2021, so that the board can return to Open Session to vote as authorized by 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 7:24 PM.

President Burgess reconvened the meeting at 8:52 PM. Burgess stated that he, Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and members Mooney and Walker, along with the Superintendent, convened in Executive Session to conduct the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent, certified and support personnel assignments, and the resignations of staff members. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion to accept the resignation of Melissa Gonzalez, High Needs Paraprofessional effective April 13, 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

Motion to accept the resignation of Taya' Buchanan as a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, 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 business to be considered by the Board, motion to adjourn, 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 meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM

Shane Burgess, President

Shannon Walker, Member

Jesse Highsmith, Vice President

Brian Mooney, Member

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