

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in special session on Friday, February 16, 2024, 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.

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Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

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

A quorum was established.

Vice President Highsmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public participation requested by the visitors present.

Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, reported on the Gifted and Talented program attending the Thunder/Blues basketball game and annual vision screening for the elementary students. She also reported that the Cherokee Nation Indian Dancers assembly was well received by all students.

Stacy Ezell, Middle and High School Principal, reports that five students had qualified for the BPA State Conference competition, one Speech/Debate student competed in the final round of Original Oratory, the success of the FFA Pie Supper, and upcoming parent/teacher conferences, the conclusion of Basketball season, and start of Baseball season, and the Students of the Month for January.

Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the status of the Federal Consolidation Compliance audit, the Child Nutrition audit findings and submission, the meeting of the Calendar committee for school year 2024-2025, and the progression of the water leak repairs on the Old Gymnasium, recognizing Barry Armstrong and Buck Buchanan for their assistance with the Old Gym clean up. He reported the administrators are compiling the Civil Rights Data Collection reports for the Federal government, the upcoming Spring Accreditation visit from the Regional Accreditation Officer, and the monthly budget review.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A minutes of the January 16, 2024, Regular board meeting; Item 6B Treasurer's report, Activity Fund report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 6C FY24 General Fund Purchase Orders #276-297 and Building Fund Purchase Orders #45-50; Item 6D General Fund warrants #529-786

and Building Fund warrants #59-77; Item 6F Fundraising activities requested by the Middle school academic team for Pick-a-Date to Donate from February-March, 2024; Sophomore Class to raffle a beef, "Egg my House" East Egg, 50/50 raffle, Movie Day, Easter Candy Grams, Car Window Wash, Baseball and Softball to have a 100 Inning game on May 17, Baseball to sell hoodies and t-shirts from February-May, and Boys Basketball to solicit sponsorship donations and an alumni basketball game; and Item 6G, Out-of-State trips for the Middle School Gifted and Talented program to travel to NASA at Houston TX March 25-28, Pre-Kindergarten class to Joplin MO for Ocean Adventure Indoor Park on February 29, and the Baseball team to travel to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, May 1. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.  
Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

Motion to approve updating Board Policy EHBDB Title I, Parents' Bill of Rights. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.  
Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve Ruth Kelly Student Picture Agreement for SY24-25. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.  
Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve Activity Account money transfers from Athletics 803 to STEM 825 - \$30.00 for Sooter Tournament Plaques, and Elementary 811 to Middle School G/T 839 - \$180.00 for OKC Thunder Tickets. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.  
Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve quote from Oklahoma Glass & Mirror for High School door component replacements. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.  
Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

No action taken on Agenda Item 7E Discussion and possible action on Property & Liability representation for Welch Public insurance agenda item.

Motion to grant Superintendent Ramsey the authority to deviate from the month-end payroll by up to seven business days for the months of March and April 2024. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.  
Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items, so that the Board can return to Open Session and possible board action to approve  
1) Employment of an Athletic Director for the remainder of SY23-24 and SY24-25; 2) Employment of an Assistant

Athletic Director for SY24-25; 3) Employment of an Adjunct HS/MS Assistant Baseball Lay Coach for SY23-24; 4) Employment of Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for SY24-25, and 5) Employment of Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal for SY24-25. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:58 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:29 PM.

Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, convened in Executive Session to discuss the SY23-24 and SY24-25 employment of an Athletic Director and the SY24-25 employment of an Assistant Athletic Director, employment of an Adjunct HS/MS Assistant Baseball Lay Coach for SY23-24, and the employment of the HS/MS and Elementary principals. No other items were discussed, and no vote was taken while in the Executive Session.

Motion to employ Ryan Gleaves as Athletic Director for the remainder of the SY23-24 and for SY24-25. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to execute an Athletic Director Extra-Duty Contract in the amount of \$1,666.65 for the remainder of the SY23-24. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to employ Joseph Bryson as Assistant Athletic Director for SY24-25. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to employ Gunner Johnson as Adjunct HS/MS Assistant Baseball Lay Coach for SY23-24. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to execute an Adjunct HS/MS Assistant Baseball Lay Coach Extra-Duty Contract in the amount of \$2,000.00 for SY23-24. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to employ Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for SY24-25. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to employ Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, for SY24-25. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Absent, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

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Shane Burgess, President

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Shannon Walker, Member

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Jesse Highsmith, Vice President

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Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

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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.

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Mona Stines, Board Minutes Clerk