

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 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

Vice President Jesse Highsmith called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present were Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and members Shannon Walker and Brian Mooney. President Shane Burgess was absent. Administrators present were Superintendent of School Jeremy Ramsey, Middle & High School Principal Stacy Ezell, and Elementary School Principal Kimberley Hall.

A quorum was established.

Vice President Highsmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no visitors present to request Public Participation.

Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, reported on activities by the Elementary students. Stacy Ezell, Middle and High School Principal, reported on current activities with the Middle and High School students.

Superintendent Ramsey updated the Board on the playground, flooring, security access points, security cameras, and the IT server projects, the handicap lift installation update, and current legislation moving through the State Legislature. Mr. Ramsey also discussed the current financial status of the District, mid-year adjustment of State Aid, and new Redbud School Funding from the State.

The meeting was turned over to President Shane Burgess upon his arrival at 5:46 PM during Mr. Ramsay's report.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6A Minutes of the January 20, 2022, Special Board Meeting; 6B Treasurer's Reports, Activity Fund Report, and Status of all Funds and investments; 6C FY22 Purchase Orders for General Fund #340-357 and Building Fund #42-44; 6D FY22 Warrants for General Fund #611-712 and Building Fund #49-56; 6E School Rental Request from Welch Little League for the Little League Field and Old Gymnasium, and 6F Fundraising Activity Request of the FFA for a Barn Quilt

Painting Class from March 1 through April 1, 2022, 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 the purchase of BEAR Form 472 on 350 Chromebooks by vendor TeleComp as quoted and to be reimbursed by the Emergency Connectivity Funding, 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 Welch Little League to install fencing around the perimeter of the Little League Field for security purposes and run power to the infield with funding to be provided by private sources, 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

After discussion, no action was taken on funding options for an activity bus.

Motion to approve Option #1 for the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar, 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 revised Welch Public Schools Board Policy FE - Student Transfers, 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 Welch Public Schools students who participate in the part-time Vocational Rehabilitation Services program to be paid the Federal minimum wage, 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 direct the Superintendent to approve a proposal from Wyandotte Technologies on access control additions and fiber cable to the fieldhouse, 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

After discussion, no action was taken on a FY21 proposal from Wyandotte Technologies regarding a VOIP phone system.

Motion to declare as surplus old playground equipment (swing sets, teeters, old plastic retainers) and pea gravel and donating to the City of Welch, 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 amending the SY21-22 School Calendar for inclement weather days, 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 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 the employment contract for Kim Hall, Elementary Principal for FY23; employment contract for Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for FY23; part-time employment for three (3) Welch Public Schools students in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program; employment of Kendra Jordan, Joshua Orlor, Jessie Pitcher, Olivia Pitcher, and Frances Dodd as Substitute Employees for the remainder of the SY21-22; addendum to the FY22 contract for Ryan Gleaves to reflect a Master's Degree earned on the Certified Teacher pay scale; employment of Teruko Rogers on a 67-day Temporary Retired Certified Substitute Contract for the remainder of SY21-22; and resignations from Certified Teachers Amber Davis and Sydni Fulks, 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 6:48 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:35 PM. Board President Burgess stated he, Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and members Walker and Mooney, along with Superintendent Ramsey, convened in Executive Session at 6:48 PM to discuss personnel issues listed. No other items were discussed in Executive Session and no vote was taken.

Motion to approve the Employment Contract for Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal for FY23; Employment Contract for Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for FY23; Part-Time Employment for three (3) Welch Public School Students in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program; Employment of Kendra Jordan, Joshua Orlor, Jessie Pitcher, Olivia Pitcher, and Frances Dodd as Substitute Employees for the remainder of SY 21-22; Addendum to the FY22 contract of Ryan Gleaves to reflect a Master's Degree earned on the Certified Teacher pay scale; Employment of Teruko Rogers on a 67-day Temporary Retired Certified Substitute Contract for the remainder of SY21-22; and the Resignations from Certified Teachers Amber Davis and Sydni Fulks, 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

No new Business was presented for the Board to consider.

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 7:37 PM.

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