



The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 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.

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Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

President Shane Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Members present were President Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, and Member Shannon Walker. Members absent were Clerk Rowdy Layton and Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney.

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Participation was requested by the visitors present.

Stacy Ezell, Middle and High School Principal, reported on activities for the Middle and High School students. Mrs. Hall did likewise for her students in the Elementary School.

Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the OSDE Varsity Tutoring program for online tutoring which is totally separate from the school and paid for by the State Department of Education which is separate from the community tutoring program introduced by OSDE; email sent to Superintendents from the Moms for Liberty regarding business with Scholastic Books and has directed Mrs. Anderson to research other vendors; budget information for the district and his projected carryover for FY25; football playoffs hosted by the District last week; the upcoming Sooter Basketball tournament; space heaters in the restrooms at the Ag barn will be replaced and the propane tank has been replaced free of charge from Bartlett Co-Op; 4-H will be sponsoring several events during the next few weeks in the Show Barn; Enrichment Foundation donated \$15,000.00 toward the cost of a digital sign for the district; and the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A, minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2023; Item 6B, Treasurer's report, activity fund report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 6C, F24 General Fund purchase orders #248-206 and Building Fund purchase order #44; Item 6D, General Fund warrants #261-372 and Building Fund warrants #40-50; Item 6E School Rental request from the Welch Little League; and Item 6F, Senior Class fundraising requests for a raffle, student labor auction, and student/teacher dodge ball tournament and from the Junior Class Parents After

Prom Committee to sell roster basketball shirts. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the Notice of Schedule of Regular School Board Meeting for calendar year 2024, changing the September meeting to September 10. This motion, made by Shane Burgess and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve increasing Basketball Season Concession Wage to \$75.00 per session/2 games. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve a net \$200.00 Christmas Bonus for WPS employees with the exception of the Superintendent. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve Activity Account transfers of \$30.00 from Athletics #803 to Welch TSA #835 and \$1,310.06 each from Athletics #803 to Football, Softball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Baseball, Track/Cross Country, and Cheer activity accounts. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the FY24 Welch District Working Budget. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve Board Policy FMA-R1 Extracurricular Activities (Regulation). This motion, made by Shane Burgess and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve nine (9) Welch Skills Center students that have met High School Graduation requirements early in their fourth year and to receive their High School Diploma. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to convene in Executive Session. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:16 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:53 AM. President Burgess reported he, Vice President Highsmith, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, met in Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent and personnel issues. No vote was taken while in Executive Session.

The evaluation of the Superintendent was tabled until December by President Burgess.

Motion to accept the resignation of Shawn Goodwin as Athletic Director, Extra-Duty Contract only. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to employ Jeremy Ramsey as Interim Athletic Director. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to employ Sayler Hayward as a substitute employee for SY23-24. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

There was no New Business for the Board to consider.

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 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