



Regular Meeting of the
Welch Board of Education
Monday, March 9, 2026 5:30
PM Central

Delbert Lovelace High School
Multipurpose/Board Room
707 South Curtis
Welch, Oklahoma 74369

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, 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.

Shannon Walker, Clerk of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum
Attendance Taken at 5:38 PM.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Present
Rowdy Layton: Present
Shelby Miller: Absent
Brian Mooney: Absent
Shannon Walker: Present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Principals' Reports

Mrs.Hall reported WPS celebrated Kindness Week the week of February 16. Mrs. Miller had multiple challenges and activities for the students to do all week to show and practice kindness. We had PT conferences on Feb. 17 and 19. We had several teachers out this week ill or gone to the regional basketball tournament. However, all those teachers have stayed after school and completed phone conferences with all parents. There were only 4 parents that were not conferenced with for this PT conference in grades PK - 6. Elementary School Highlight #3 Enrichment Foundation Fundraiser raised \$4600 in an hour and 45 minutes! It was a fun fundraiser that everyone seemed to really enjoy. There have been multiple individuals asking if

we could do this two or three times a year. Elementary School Highlight #4 The GT students visited NASA in Houston on February 27 - March 2. Mrs. Seigel said they had a wonderful time. PTO has been averaging between \$100 - \$125 dollars each Tuesday in ice cream sales after lunch. They are planning on using these funds to put a sound system in the cafeteria to use during lunch to play music and for elementary rise and shine.

Mrs> Ezell reports that the girls' basketball team had a great season, finishing with an overall record of 19-6. Their season ended at the Area Tournament with a loss to Whitesboro, 39-31. The TSA Chapter had a successful Northeast Regional Conference at NEO on February 25th. Conference Highlights: Marley Goodwin placed 1st in Flight Endurance. Zoey Vicker placed 3rd in Dragster Design. Emery Schaper and Grady Gleaves placed 2nd in Structural Engineering and 3rd in Problem Solving. At the end of February, the middle school GT students traveled to Houston to attend the Stars & STEM program at NASA. While there, the students participated in various enrichment activities. The Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter attended their Awards Ceremony in Tulsa last week. Our students achieved excellent results: Marly Goodwin placed 1st in Digital Photography. Melissa Zacarias placed 2nd in Digital Photography. Three students placed 3rd in their respective categories. Five students placed in the top 8 of their categories.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ramsey reports construction is winding down; I see completion a little earlier than expected. The administrative team is in the process of staff planning. We have advertised a softball coach and math teaching position to supplement our staff. I have a calendar committee with teachers from each building to begin our review process of the SY26-27. Of course, all depends on legislative action.

6. Consent Agenda Items recommended for approval by a single vote. Items may be voted on separately at the request of any board member.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6A -6G. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.A. Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

6.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments

6.C. FY26 Encumbrances/Purchase Orders

1. General Fund #220-226

2. Building Fund #43-44

6.D. FY26 Payments/Warrants

1. General Fund
2. Building Fund
3. Insurance Loss Fund

6.E. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand

1. Little League SB Field

6.F. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand

1. Sophomore Class, candle sales

6.G. Elementary Out of State Trip, Joplin MO

7. Action Agenda - Individual items for discussion and action. The Board may choose to take action on any item listed including motion to approve, motion to not approve, make a specific motion, take no action, table an item, or concur no action required. Members may second a motion, cast a vote, or abstain.

7.A. Discussion and action regarding Engagement Letter for the 25-26 fiscal year audit and contract for audit with Jenkins & Kemper CPA, P.C.

Motion to approve a engagement Letter for the 25-26 fiscal year audit and contract for audit with Jenkins & Kemper CPA, P.C. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.B. Discussion and action regarding a contract with Helping Hands, LLC for Speech services for FY27.

Motion to approve a contract with Helping Hands, LLC for Speech services for FY27. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.C. Discussion and action regarding an extra-duty contract for Ashley Chenoweth, Assistant Slow Pitch Coach.

Motion to approve an extra-duty contract for Ashley Chenoweth, Assistant Slow Pitch Coach amount \$1000. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney:

Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding convening in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the employment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee:

1. Retirement/Resignation, Brenda "JJ" Seigel, Certified Employee
2. Resignation, Kevi Tucker, Support Employee

Motion was made and approved to go to executive session at 5:52 p.m. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9. Return to Open Session, President's Acknowledgement, Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement (Members Participating, Items Discussed, No Action Taken)

Returned to Open Session at 6:31 p.m.

10. Discussion and action regarding resignation of Kevi Tucker, Support Employee, effective March 10, 2026

Motion to accept the resignation of Kevi Tucker, Support Employee, effective March 10, 2026. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

11. Discussion and action regarding retirement/resignation of Brenda "JJ" Seigel, Certified Employee, effective end of contract.

Motion to accept the retirement/resignation of Brenda "JJ" Seigel, Certified Employee, effective end of contract. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

12. New Business

Motion to approve extra duty contract for Ryan Gleaves with Head Slow Pitch Softball coach and \$2500.00. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

New salary contract was presented for Ryan Gleaves for head coaching position for girls softball. A stipend will be added.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Jesse Highsmith, President

Shannon Walker, Clerk

Rowdy Layton, Vice President

Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

Shelby Miller, Member

An official record of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma 74369.

Madonna Woolfolk, Board Minutes Clerk