



The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in special session on Thursday, April 14, 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 48 hours prior to the meeting excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, notices of date, time, 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

The meeting was called to order by President Shane Burgess at 5:30 PM. Members present were President Shane Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, and Clerk Rowdy Layton. Members absent were Brian Mooney and Shannon Walker. Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Burgess.

There were no visitors present to request Public Participation.

Diana Kagy, Welch Kitchen Manager for Opaal Food Management Service, presented annual meals served and plans for the future with the cafeteria program.

Jan Schilling, representing Kerry John Patten, CPA, presented the auditor's report for the financial status of the school district for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, with no deficiencies or findings to be reported to the Board.

Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, presented the principals' reports to the members present.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Ramsey reported on meeting with the principals three days per week to plan future developments in the school's curriculum and operation, progress on the playground project, flooring, security access points and additional fiber cable runs, security camera project review, installation of the server and network and firewall completion, student testing during the month of April, meeting with OSIG for insurance policy updates, the lease-purchase of the bus for the school's fleet, and receipt of a one-time Child Nutrition Supply Chain Assistance Fund that will be used for approved food products. Mr. Ramsey also explained revenue and expenditure spreadsheets on the financial status of the district, specifically noting the deficiency in Ad Valorem taxes received to-date. He also shared legislative updates on educational matters.

Motion to approve Consent Item 8A, Minutes of the March 10, 2022, regular board meeting and March 21, 2022, special board meeting; Item 8B, Treasurer's report and Activity Fund report on the status of all funds and investments; Items 8C1 and 8C2 FY22 General Fund purchase orders #382-402 and FY22

Building Fund purchase order #50; Items 8D1 and 8D2, FY22 General Fund warrants #809-916 and FY22 Building Fund warrants #61-69; Item 8E, no school rental requests were presented; Item 8F, Football Fundraising request; and Item 8G, verifying the election results of Jesse Highsmith for Board Seat #2 and administering the Oath of Office. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Clerk Rowdy Layton administered the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to re-elected Board member Jesse Highsmith.

Motion to approve and acknowledge the 2020-2021 audit as presented by Kerry John Patten, CPA. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve a FY23 contract with school auditor Kerry John Patten, CPA, to conduct the required FY22 annual audit. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve Board Policy EGG Prohibition of Race and Sex Discrimination in Curriculum and Complaint Process to reflect OSDE Adopted Rules as provided by the OSSBA. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the out-of-state trip requests for the PK-5th Grade - Soar Trampoline Park, Webb City MO, May 4, 2022; Middle School - 4th Street Bowl, Joplin MO, May 9, 2022; Senior Class - Branson MO, May 5, 2022; and BPA - National Leadership Conference - Dallas TX, May 4-8, 2022. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve a contract with NEO Orthopedics & Rehabilitation for related OT and PT services for FY23. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve an agreement with Ruth Kelly Studio to provide photographic services for FY23. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, Tabled.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the FY23 Temporary Appropriations as prepared by Kerry John Patten, CPA. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve a Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2022-23 to authorize filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2022-23 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the Royalty Speech Therapy, LLC, contract for FY23. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve an amendment to the Clearwater Gas Sales Agreement for 2022-2023. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the Alcohol and Drug Testing Inc contracts for Student Drug Testing and Bus Driver Drug Testing for FY2022-2023. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to move the May 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting to May 16, 2022, at 5:30 PM. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to re-organize the Board of Education officers. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, Tabled.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to forego Executive Session and proceed to Item #12 Discussion and possible action. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve SY22-23 Certified Temporary Employment for Jessica Smith, Elementary Teacher. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to rescind acceptance of the resignation of Sydni Fulks for SY21-22. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve SY22-23 Support Employment for Sydni Fulks, Learning Lab Instructional Specialist and Director of Softball Operations. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve employment of Theresa A. Martins, Substitute Employee, for SY21-22. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 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, Member

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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

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