

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in special session on Thursday, January 20, 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, agenda of the meeting were posted in prominent public view at the location of the meeting.

Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

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

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No visitors were present to request Public Participation.

Superintendent Ramsey expressed his appreciation for the efforts and actions of the Board members for the District as January is School Board Recognition Month. Welch Public Schools is fortunate to have five dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and energy to govern the District and thanked them their service.

Member Brian Mooney arrived at 5:37 PM.

Mrs. Hall, Principal of the Elementary School, reported on new student enrollment, COVID exposures and positive cases within the staff and students, benchmark testing and improvements of students in need of reading assistance. Mrs. Hall reported the All-Staff Christmas party was a success and staff was appreciative of the bonus from the Board. Mrs. Ezell's submitted report was reviewed by the Board members. Updates will be forthcoming on rescheduling of activities canceled for the last two weeks of distance learning.

Superintendent Ramsey reported on the receipt of 350 Chromebooks for students and staff, hotspot connectivity through the E-Rate funding and the Cherokee Nation, copier maintenance agreement consideration, next year's school calendar, updating the security camera system, and monthly budget information.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 7A, Minutes of the December 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting; 7B, Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and Status of all Funds and Investments; 7C, FY22 Purchase Orders for General Fund #326-339 and Building Fund #41; 7D, FY22 Warrants for General Fund

#514-610 and Building Fund #43-48; 7E, School Rental Requests; and 7F, Fundraising Activities Requests. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve Kellogg & Sovereign Consulting to provide E-Rate services; prepare and submit all FCC forms, provide compliance documentation, prepare RFPs, receive proposals, and complete contracts with service vendors for Fund Year 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: Yea, Shannon Walker: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve modifications to the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar as presented. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), Supp.2002), to discuss the employment of Korbin Booth as Substitute Employee, and the evaluation and employment contract for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, so that the Board can return to Open Session for possible Board action. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:52 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:25 PM. President Burgess reported he, Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and Member Mooney, along with Superintendent Ramsey, entered into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a substitute employee, and the evaluation and continued employment of the Superintendent. No other business was discussed. No action or vote was taken while in Executive Session.

Motion to employ Korbin Booth as a substitute employee. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

No action was taken on the evaluation for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools.

Motion to extend the employment contract for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools for two years. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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: Yea, Shannon Walker: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 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