

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024, 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 5:30 PM. Members present were President Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and Member Shannon Walker. Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney was absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Ramsey, Middle and High School Principal Stacy Ezell, and Elementary Principal Kimberley Hall.

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Public Participation requests from the visitors present.

Middle and High School Principal Stacy Ezell reported to the Board about testing schedules, students placing in regional and state Powerlifting, TSA, BPA, and Gifted/Talented Quiz Bowl competitions, a student receiving and NEO A&M scholarship through OYE and participation in the OYE Talent Show, and the named Students of the Month. She also reported that 14 students participated in a Safe Driving program at Bluejacket conducted by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Elementary Principal Kimberley Hall reported on the students celebrating Read Across America last week; that all grades, except one, have now taken field trips; there was 94% parent participation at the February parent/teacher conferences, and she has submitted the grant application for the Adventure Summer Learning program.

Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Ramsey reported that the plumbers had been on-site for repairs to the old gymnasium restrooms and the tool room waste pump project is still waiting for the replacement pump at an approximate \$6,000.00 expense. Due to an elementary student becoming seriously ill, the Department of Health and OU Medical Center sent an employee to do free wastewater testing for the school and city. School results detected Norovirus (common student bug or stomach flu). The student is back in school now. Spring Accreditation audit is May 26 and sites are working on their documentation. Tree trimmers will be removing a tree on the NE corner of old gym due to falling limbs. Copper water lines have been replaced with PEX piping in the old gym. Mr. Ramsey recently attended Cherokee Nation collaboration to comply with Title I program. Alert 360 has updated the district's fire alarm panels to cellular and will update

security panel accesses over spring break. He also discussed revenue as of end of February and expenditures for the general and building fund.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Minutes of the February 16, 2024 Special Meeting; Item 6B Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 6C General Fund Purchase Orders #298-315 and Building Fund Purchase Orders #51-55; Item 6D General Fund Warrants #787-890 and Building Fund Warrants #78-85; Item 6E School Facility Use Requests by the Welch Little League Baseball for use of the field March-July 2024 and the Welch Little League Softball for use of the softball field from March until July 2024; Item 6F the Sophomore Class fundraising request to hold a pulled pork dinner on April 26 for prom expenses, and Item 6G Out-of-State trip requests from Crystal Gleaves to take the kindergarten to the Curious Minds Discovery Center in Parsons KS on March 27, and Gala Miller to take a student to the National BPA Conference in Chicago IL May 10-14. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve vendor contracts for FY25 with SylogistED for Student Information software, SylogistED for Accounting software, and OKTLE for Administrator & Certified Employee Evaluation Services. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve a FY25 Engagement Letter and Contract with school auditor Patten & Odom, CPAs, PLLC, to prepare financial budgets and conduct financial audits. 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: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve a Floor Services Agreement with Statewide Commercial Cleaning Company to strip and wax HS, Cafeteria, Upper and Lower Elementary. 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: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve a FY25 Contract with Northeast Rural Services dba BOLT Fiber Optic Services for 2 GBPS Dedicated Internet Access Fiber Circuit. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Abstain (With Conflict), Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to approve a FY25 Contract with Northeast Rural Services dba BOLT Fiber Optic Services for 1 Gbps Dedicated lease Lit Fiber WAN Circuits. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Abstain (With Conflict), Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to approve revision of Board Policy EMDB-Flags. 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: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to transfer funds from Activity Account Athletics #803 to Seniors #804 in the amount of \$350.00 for Basketball Gate and Athletics #803 to MS Cheer #810 in the amount of \$150.00 for Basketball Gate. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the Option (1) SY24-25 School Calendar. 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: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to table the SY24-25 Athletic Extra-Duty Pay Schedule. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the FY25 Temporary Appropriations as prepared by Patten & Odom, CPAs, PLLC. 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: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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: 1) Resignation, Bryson Cottrell, Extra-Duty Head Coach Slow Pitch Softball; 2) Employment of Bryson Cottrell on Extra-Duty Contract for FY24 Summer Softball and Summer Boys Basketball; 3) Employment of Shelly Chuckluck, Head Coach Slow Pitch Softball for Spring 2024; 4) Employment of Dawni Orlor, Assistant Coach Slow Pitch Softball for Spring 2024; 5) Employment of SY24-25 Athletic Extra-Duty Assignments (Exhibit A), and 6) Early Graduation request of Welch Student for May 2024. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:00 PM.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:01 PM. President Burgess, along with Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, met in Executive Session to discuss the resignation of Bryson Cottrell as Slow Pitch Softball Head Coach; employment of Bryson Cottrell on the extra-duty contract for FY24 Summer Softball and Summer Boys Basketball; employment of Shelly Chuckluck as Head Coach for Slow Pitch Softball for the Spring of 2024; employment of Dawni Orlor as Assistant Coach Slow Pitch Softball for Spring 2024; employment of SY24-25 Athletic Extra-Duty Assignments (Exhibit A), and early graduation request of Welch student for May 2024. No other items were discussed, and no vote was taken while in the Executive Session.

Motion to accept the resignation of Bryson Cottrell as Extra-Duty Head Slow Pitch Softball Coach. 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: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to take no action on the Extra-Duty contract for FY24 Summer Softball and Summer Boys Basketball for Bryson Cottrell. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Nay, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

Motion to employ Shelly Chuckluck on an Extra Duty Contract as Head Coach Slow Pitch Softball for Spring 2024. 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: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to employ Dawni Orlor on an Extra-Duty contract as Assistant Coach Slow Pitch Softball for Spring 2024. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to take no action on the Athletic Extra-Duty Assignments for SY24-25 as recommended. 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: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the early graduation of a Welch student as required to have credits to graduate in May 2024. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

There was no New Business presented to the Board for consideration.

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

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 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

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