

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in special session on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 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.

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, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and Members Shannon Walker and Brian Mooney. Administrators present were Nick Highsmith, Superintendent of Schools, Rick Kibbe, incoming Interim Superintendent. Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, was present outside the Board Room with a prospective interviewee.

A quorum was established

There were no visitors to request Public Participation.

Motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss the employment of two teachers and interview and discuss the applicants and applications for the Superintendent position so that the board can return to Open Session to vote on these items pursuant to Section 25 OS 307 (B) (1) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board convened in Executive Session, with Rick Kibbe, Interim Superintendent, and Nick Highsmith, Superintendent, at 5:31 PM.

Superintendent Highsmith left Executive Session at 5:32 PM.

President Burgess announced the Board returned to Open Session at 8:09 PM.

President Burgess stated he, Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and Members Walker and Mooney, along with Rick Kibbe, incoming Interim Superintendent, convened in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment of two teachers; interviewing and discussing Superintendent candidates and applications; and no action was taken by the Board during the Executive Session.

Motion to approve the hiring of April Miller as Middle School English Language Arts Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year on a temporary contract, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the hiring of Amber Davis as an Elementary Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year on a temporary contract, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

No action was taken by the Board to name/not name a finalist and/or possible selection of one applicant for the Superintendent position.

There being no other business on the agenda for the Board to consider, motion to adjourn, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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