

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023, 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.

Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Shane Burgess. Members present were President Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, and Clerk Rowdy Layton. Members absent were Brian Mooney and Shannon Walker. Administrators present were Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Ramsey, Middle and High School Principal Stacy Ezell, Elementary School Principal Kimberley Hall, and Dean of Students Ryan Gleaves.

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no requests for public participation.

Courtney Odom, CPA, of the auditing firm of Kerry John Patten, CPA, presented the Annual Financial Report and Audit of the Welch School District No. I-017, Craig County, Oklahoma, for Fiscal Year 2022, via teleconference.

Kimberley Hall, Elementary School Principal, reported on successes in the elementary school. Stacy Ezell, Middle and High School Principal, reports on activities and student achievements in the Middle and High Schools.

Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, reported on building projects throughout the district, the online apparel shop through BSN Sporting Goods, the projector and screen installation in the Old Gym, the Spring Accreditation audit conducted by the Regional Accreditation Officer, attendance at the OASA Legislative Conference in January, District Basketball playoffs were hosted by Welch last week, attendance by two teachers at the Textbook Caravan to review Secondary English curriculum for next year, an upcoming meeting with Stephen L Smith consultants for bond status, a current legislative update of the hot ticket items under review at present, the current legislature under consideration to extend the teacher pay scale from 25 years to 35 years, and monthly budget reports.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Special Board Meeting; Item 7B Treasurer's Report and Activity Fund Report on status of all funds and investments; Item 7C FY23 General Fund Purchase Orders #284-293 and Building Fund Purchase Orders #48-52; Item 7D FY23 General Fund Warrants #615-716 and Building Fund Warrants #55-44; Item 7E School Rental Request of Welch Little League Softball for the Welch Softball Field and Welch Old Gym, and Welch Jr Class After Prom Committee for the New Gym 4/8-4/9;

and Item 7F Fundraising Activities Requests the Welch Jr Class After Prom Committee as presented and the Sophomore Class to sell smoke-seasoned pork ribs. 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 acknowledge the FY22 Audit as presented by the auditing firm of 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 declare old library shelves, tables, and chairs as junk and surplus. 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 revise the SY22-23 School Calendar for inclement weather days and approve the 1080 Hour Worksheet. 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 2023-2024 School Year 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: Absent
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to accept the retirement/resignation of Certified Teacher Tammy Rogers. 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 accept the retirement/resignation of Certified Teacher/Counselor Rebecca Jane Sutton. 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

No New Business was presented to the Board for consideration.

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 was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Shane Burgess, President

Shannon Walker, Member

Jesse Highsmith, Vice President

Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

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

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