

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 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 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 by President Shane Burgess at 6:30 P.M. Members present were President Shane Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and members Brian Mooney and Shannon Walker. Administrators present were Superintendent Nick Highsmith, Middle and High School Principal Kent Haskell, and Elementary Principal Kimberley Hall.

A quorum was established.

There were no visitors present to request Public Participation.

Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, and Kent Haskell, Middle and High School Principal, reported on the previous month's and upcoming activities.

Nick Highsmith, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the construction, legislative, financial, and federal program allocation updates.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 7A, Minutes of the Regular meeting on April 12, 2021, and Item 7B, Treasurer's Report and Activity Fund Report on the status of all funds and investments, 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 for Agenda Item 8.A. as the President and Clerk were present.

Motion to table Agenda 8.B. Board to consider and take action on the employment of Stephen L. Smith Corp. as financial consultants to the School District, for the fiscal year 2021-2022, 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 table Agenda Item 8.C. Board to receive bids for the \$340,000 Building Bonds of this School District and take action to award bonds to the lowest bidder, 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 table Agenda Item 8.D. Board to consider and take action on a resolution providing for the issuance of building bonds in the sum of \$340,000 by this school district, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; providing for registration thereof; designating registrar and paying agent for the issue of bonds; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the same; and fixing other details of issue, 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 table Agenda Item 8.E. Board to consider and take action on a resolution designating the general obligation bonds of 2021 as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 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 2020-2021 purchase order encumbrances, warrants, and change orders:

1. Purchase Order Encumbrances
 - a. General Fund - # 345-365 - \$71,534.53
 - b. Building Fund - #56 - \$434.00
2. Warrants
 - a. General Fund - #983-1101 - \$317,139.48
 - b. Building Fund - #86-89 - \$1,492.87,

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

Motion to approve the request for a spring semester five activity absence extension for four students, 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

Motion to approve Welch Public Schools as a worksite for the Cherokee Nation Career Services Supplemental Youth Employment Program, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

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

Motion to approve Estimate of Funds Available and Temporary Appropriation for the 2021-22 school year as prepared by Kerry John Patten, CPA, Auditor for Welch School District I017, in the sum of \$3,900,000 for the General Fund and \$120,000 for the Building Fund, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the Summer School Extra Duty Pay Schedule, 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

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Welch District Membership renewal in the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, 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 2021-2022 renewal of Oklahoma State School Boards Association Policy Subscription Service for the district, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

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

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 renewal of Oklahoma State School Boards Association Employment Services for the district, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

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

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 renewal of Oklahoma State School Boards Association Superintendent Evaluation Tool, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Replacement Agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for continued natural gas sales, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

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

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 contract with FES for continued license use of SOCS website hosting service, 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 OSIG Renewal Proposal for property and liability insurance for Welch ISD #17 effective 7/1/21, 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 quote for Literacy First Services from Catapult Learning in the amount of \$39,975.00 and payment thereof, 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

Motion to approve the Activity Fund transfer of \$1900.00 from #821 Jr. Class After-Prom to #806 Class of 2022, 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

Motion to surplus the items on the surplus inventory list attached to Agenda Item 8.T., made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Member Brian Mooney left the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Motion to approve the out-of-state trip request for the 6th and 7th Grade Quiz Bowl to go to Silver Dollar City, Branson, MO on May 19, 2021, 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

There was no New business for the Board to consider.

President Shane Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to remove from the table Agenda 8.B. Board to consider and take action on the employment of Stephen L. Smith Corp. as financial consultants to the School District, for the fiscal year 2021-2022, 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 employment of Stephen L. Smith Corp. as financial consultants to the School District, for the fiscal year 2021-2022, 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 remove from the table Agenda Item 8.C. Board to receive bids for the \$340,000 Building Bonds of this School District and take action to award bonds to the lowest bidder, 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

Two bids were opened for consideration by the Board.

Motion to receive bids for the \$340,000 Building Bonds of this School District and to award bonds to the lowest bidder, Bank of Oklahoma, with an Average Interest Rate of 0.744891%, 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 remove from the table Agenda Item 8.D. Board to consider and take action on a resolution providing for the issuance of building bonds in the sum of \$340,000 by this school district, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; providing for registration thereof; designating registrar and paying agent for the issue of bonds; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the same; and fixing other details of issue, 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 resolution providing for the issuance of building bonds in the sum of \$340,000 by this school district, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; providing for registration thereof; designating registrar and paying agent for the issue of bonds; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the same; and fixing other details of issue, 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 remove from the table Agenda Item 8.E. Board to consider and take action on a resolution designating the general obligation bonds of 2021 as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 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 resolution designating the general obligation bonds of 2021 as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 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 to discuss the listed items in Agenda Item 10.A-M to discuss the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent, convene as the district’s Medical Exemption Review Committee, discuss the certified and support staff for the 2021-2022 school year, discuss the employment of an Agricultural Education Teacher, Elementary Principal, part-time and full-time summer school teachers, and the resignations of an Elementary teacher, Middle and High School Principal, and High School teacher and basketball coach, as authorized by Title 25 OS Section 307 (B)(1) and Section 307 (B)(7). 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 7:30 PM.

President Shane Burgess acknowledged the Board's return to Open Session at 8:38 PM.

President Burgess stated he, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and Member Shannon Walker, along with Superintendent Highsmith, met in Executive Session, to discuss the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent, convene as the district's Medical Exemption Review Committee, discuss the certified and support staff for the 2021-2022 school year, discuss the employment of an Agricultural Education Teacher, Elementary Principal, part-time and full-time summer school teachers, and the resignations of an Elementary teacher, Middle and High School Principal, and High School teacher and basketball coach, and that no action was taken by the Board during the Executive Session.

Motion to approve employment of certified staff for the 2021-2022 school year as listed on Attachment A, 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 employment of support staff for the 2021-2022 school year as listed on Attachment B, 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 Lane Ullrich as Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor for the 2021-2022 school year, 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 Kimberley Hall as Welch Elementary School Principal for the 2021-22 school year, 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 Kelli Biggs as a Part-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 Tammy Rogers as a Part-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 Gala Miller as a Part-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 Ashley Goodwin as a Part-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 Trisha Perkins as a Part-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 Shelly Chuckluck as a Full-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 Patty Bayless as a Full-Time Summer School Teacher for June 2021, 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 accept the resignation of Welch Middle School and Welch High School Principal Kent Haskell effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, 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 accept the resignation of Hanna Haraughty, Welch Elementary School Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, 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 accept the resignation of Jason Bates, Welch High School Math Teacher and Head Boys' Basketball Coach effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, 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

There being no further business for the Board to consider, motion to adjourn, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 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