



The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 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

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

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present did not request any public participation.

Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, presented information on the activities of the Elementary school for the month of November and through the end of the term in December. Mrs. Ezell's reports for the Middle and High Schools were presented in writing due to her and Mr. Gleaves serving as administrators for the Sooter Basketball Tournament that started this evening.

Superintendent Ramsey reported that documents have been submitted on the Consolidated Monitoring for Federal Programs on time. The department has notified schools being audited that the reviews should be reviewed and finalized by the month of May. Child Nutrition was on site for four days and we are still waiting to complete the audit due to coding issues that are to be discussed between the State Department and Child Nutrition. Overhead Door has been contacted for upgrading crash bars and doors for use of the state security funds. A draft of the school calendar for SY25 is in process, he has been meeting with area superintendents, and will also be coordinating an area professional development day with several schools as was done this year. Shannon Walker was the only candidate to sign up for Seat #4 so there will be no election in the spring. He will officially fill Seat #4 on the Board in April for another five years. Mr. Ramsey then reviewed the revenue and expenditures for the month of November for the General and Building funds.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A, minutes of the November 13, 2023, regular board meeting; Item 6B, Treasurer's report, Activity Fund report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 6C, FY24 General Fund purchase orders #261-267; Item 6D, FY24 General Fund warrants #373-528 and Building Fund warrants #51-58; Item 6E school rental requests as presented for use of the Old Gymnasium by Kaleb and Corina Tucker for basketball practice; and Item 6F Fundraising requests of the Junior Class

After Prom for ticket sales for a quilt blanket at home basketball games and the Senior Class for a talent show on February of 2024. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to adopt the Welch Public School District's Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for Calendar Year 2024. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve an out-of-state field trip to Bentonville, Arkansas, for 2nd and 3rd graders on February 9, 2024. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve transfer of \$1,450.00 to Junior Class Activity Account #805 and \$150.00 to GT Activity Account #839 from Athletic Activity Account for working concessions and gate during football and softball seasons. This motion, made by Shane Burgess and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss 1) Evaluation of the Superintendent; 2) Employment of an Adjunct Support Employee to teach 7/8 Math, Algebra I, Math Remediation per contractual agreement for the remainder of SY23-24; and 3) Resignations. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:51 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:28 PM. President Burgess reported that he, Clerk Layton, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, convened in Executive Session at 5:51 PM to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent and employment issues. No other items were discussed and no vote was taken during the Executive Session.

Motion to employ Brandon Miller as an Adjunct Support Employee to teach 7/8 Math, Algebra I, and Math Remediation per contractual agreement for the remainder of SY23-24. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

There were no resignations presented for the Board to consider.

There was no New Business for the Board to consider.

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.
Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Absent, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 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