

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday December 9, 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.

Rowdy Layton, Clerk of the Board of Education

The meeting was called to order by President Shane Burgess. Members present were President Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, and Member Shannon Walker. Absent members were Clerk Rowdy Layton and Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney. Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Ramsey was the Administrator present.

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no request for Public Participation from the visitors present.

Superintendent Ramsey shared the November activities listed by both Principals in their reports with the Board.

Melissa Gonzalez, Opaal Director of Child Nutrition, reported on cafeteria activities to date. The Grandparents' Day was a success, the Junior Chef program worked with the Special Education class making smoothies this semester with another class of students to be selected next semester, during National School Lunch week the cafeteria served walking tacos which were another great success, coloring contests, held a nutritional advisory meeting resulting in introducing a Wednesday Waffle bar, condiment bar, and Chicken Pattie Wednesdays. She included statistical information and spoke on the Breakfast on the Go program, having 28 students participate in the program. The Elementary students will start grab and go for breakfast for the kids to eat in their classrooms to increase participation in breakfast. Both Middle and High School students will be given the opportunity for breakfast grab and go to increase meal participation in the second semester. The Director of Operations for NE Oklahoma spoke on additional programs including 2nd chance breakfast, Child Adult Care Feeding Program which allows the students to be fed after school and pays at the same rate as lunch, would allow for more people to be employed to support the program, CEP (Community Eligibility Program) would be a program to look at to see if it is a good fit.

Superintendent Ramsey reported that he met with the Engineers, Construction Manager, and Architect, made changes in electrical, lighting, HVAC, created a 20 x 10 area/room for aerobics, will utilize one storage room on the SE corner of the room to be more like a coach's conference room with drops and internet, and lighting in the safe room. The two big HVAC units may still be usable so the building will be wired specifically for those salvaged equipment in the gym. If the two 10-ton units are not usable, the expense could be as much as \$200,000 for new equipment. In the next week or two, the team should

be able to finalize plans and go out for bid in February. The policy manual survey has been returned to Rosenstein for continuation of the conversion. Senator Pugh was straightforward in his meeting in that the education budget will be flat for the next year, and to possibly expect some type of cell phone legislation being prepared. Regional Accreditation Officers will be making spot visits to the district. Also discussed were administrative cost reduction, getting rid of smaller districts, general election of superintendents, and reinstatement of County Superintendents. Budget spreadsheets were discussed, with a lack of federal monies receipts due to slowness of applications being approved.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Minutes of the November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting; Item 7B Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 7C FY25 General Fund Purchase Orders #260-268, Building Fund Purchase Orders #55-57, Sinking Fund Purchase Orders #1-3, and Insurance Loss Purchase Orders #12-13; Item 7D FY25 General Fund Warrants #365-470, Building Fund Warrants #54-66, and Sinking Fund Warrant #1 as presented, and Item 7G Acknowledgment of SDE Accreditation. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

There were no School Rental Requests or Fundraising Activities Requests presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion to approve 2025-2026 contract renewal with Bolt for internet access fiber circuit and WAN fiber circuit. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 2, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to adopt the Welch Public School District's Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for Calendar Year 2025. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, 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), (Supp.2002), to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent and resignation of Janet Glenn, Counselor, effective June 1, 2025, so that the board can return to Open Session for possible board action. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:09 PM.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:45 PM. President Burgess reported that he, Vice President Highsmith, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, convened in Executive Session at 6:09 PM, to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent and the resignation of Janet Glenn, Counselor, effective June 1, 2025, that no other item was discussed, and no action was taken while in Executive Session.

There was no action taken on the continuation of the evaluation of the Superintendent.
Motion to accept the resignation of Janet Glenn, Counselor, effective June 1, 2025. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.
Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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