



Regular Meeting of  
the Welch Board of  
Education

Delbert Lovelace High School  
Multipurpose/Board Room  
707 South Curtis  
Welch, Oklahoma 74369

Monday, August 10, 2026 5:30 PM Central

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, 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.

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Shannon Walker, Clerk of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

4. Superintendent's Report

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Present

Rowdy Layton: Present

Shelby Miller: Absent

Brian Mooney: Absent

Shannon Walker: Present

Attendance Update Taken at 5:35 PM.

Brian Mooney: Present

Mr. Ramsey reported the school still has outstanding payments on the insurance account. Lighting at the softball field was hit by lightning two storms ago, and Barry has a new electrician Total Electronics from Joplin who is putting all on its own circuits and box. There is a new purchase order in the packet for a sound system for the football field. Lots of Compliance changes and uploads are going on. Appetgy will be our new Parent/Student/teacher contact app. There are "rooms" in the app for each activity, class, group. Easier for the parents to stay up to date with school information. Digital sign the concrete has been poured over the

weekend. Cancelled our firewall with Telecomp and now are with bolt. August 26, 2026, the auditor will be onsite to finish up our yearly audit. Should have the results and findings for the October meeting and should be receiving the Estimate of Needs soon.

Recommend motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5H as listed 5A. Minutes of the June 29, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, 5.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments, 5.C. FY27 Encumbrances/Purchase Orders General Fund - # 181 - 186, Building Fund - # 38 - 43, 5.D. FY27 Payments General Fund - # 1 - 76, Building Fund - # 1 - 7, Insurance Loss - # 1, 5.E. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand 5.F. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand, 5.G. FY27 Plans, MOU's, Protocol's, Policies 1. Title I Annual Parent & Family Engagement and Parent's Bill of Rights, 2. Welch Emergency Plans, Extra-curricular Emergency Plans, 3. Elementary and HS Cardiac Response Plans, 4. Wellness Policy, 5. FY27 MOU & Authorization to pay FY27 Alternative Education Allocation to Wyandotte (Five-Star Alternative Education Coop), 5.H. Surplus Laminator Serial #TH1818500050. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.A. Motion to adopt and update legal clarifications from Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold (RFR) regarding school board policies as recommended by the Superintendent corrections to Section 4 use Option A. Section 6, page 78 Keep Optional statement. Section 7 page 9-adopt the Do Not statement. Section 9 Do not adopt the optional statement, leave as electronic. Section 12 adopt policy. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.B. Discussion and action regarding a one-time \$600.00 Stipend to Shelly Chuckluck for training staff in CPI (Crisis Intervention Institute). This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.C. Discussion and action to approve the FY27 Welch District Employee Handbook. Make a motion to approve the FY27 Welch District Employee Handbook. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.D. Discussion and action regarding SY26-27 Elementary & HS/MS Student Handbooks Make a motion to approve the Elementary & HS/MS Student Handbooks for SY26-27. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.E. Make a motion to approve the FY27 Welch Student Discipline Policy. This motion was made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.F. Make a motion to approve Ben E. Keith as a Child Nutrition vendor to provide food services for FY27. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.G. Make motion to approve Highland Milk as a Child Nutrition vendor to provide milk and other items for FY27. This motion was made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.H. Make a motion to approve the SY26-27 Student and Employee meal prices. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.I. Make a motion to approve the SY26-27 Certified Staff to be Adjunct Instructors as listed on Exhibit A. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.J. Make a motion to approve for SY26-27 Welch Public Schools a 1086 Hr - 170-Day School Calendar and submit notification to the OSDE. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.K. Make a motion to approve to approve HS Credit for Science and Math courses from NE Technology Center for SY26-27. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.L. Make a motion to approve the Superintendent as the official administrator for federal grants and the district personnel designees as listed in Exhibit B. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.M. Make a motion to approve the SY26-27 Welch Professional Development Matrix for school employees. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.N. Make a motion to approve the OK Dept. of Career Technology Education Contract for Secondary and Technology Education Programs for FY27. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding convening in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the employment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee:

1. Employment: Sheila Yother, Support Employee

2. Employment: Melya Jones, Support Employee

3. Employment: Kayla Bellew, Support Employee

No action taken.

8. Return to Open Session, President's Acknowledgement, Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement (Members Participating, Items Discussed, No Action Taken)

No action taken.

9. Recommend employment for SY26-27 to Sheila Yother as a Support Employee. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Recommend employment for SY26-27 Employment to Melya Jones as a Support Employee. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Recommend employment SY26-27 Employment to Kayla Bellew as a Support Employee. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. New Business -No New Business.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34

Exhibit A  
Adjunct Instructor and Classes for SY 2026 - 2027

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| Nikki Daugherty  | Fundamentals of Tech, Accounting I, Desktop Publishing, Multi-Media, 8 <sup>th</sup> Business |
| Steven Daugherty | PE                                                                                            |
| Ashley Goodwin   | English, US History, Psychology                                                               |
| Amanda Herd      | Algebra II, Geometry, Math Finance, Personal Financial Literacy                               |
| Jeremy Watters   | Physical Science, Geology, Forensic Science, Electronics                                      |
| Chelsea Moody    | Art I, II, III, IV, 8 <sup>th</sup> Art                                                       |
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Jesse Highsmith, President

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Shannon Walker, Clerk

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Rowdy Layton, Vice President

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Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

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Shelby Miller, Member

An official record of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma 74369.

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Madonna Woolfolk, Board Minutes Clerk