Regular Meeting of the Welch Board of Education
Monday, October 12, 2026 5:30 PM Central

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

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday , October 12, 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
Attendance Taken at 5:06 PM.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation - There was no public participation.
4. Principals' Reports – Mrs Hall reports that Parent teacher conferences were last week and since Covid and the teachers either do a phone call or in person conference and 100% participation. This year the elementary teachers are doing targeting intervention and are focusing currently on the 40% below reading level. She hopes they can start math targeting in January. The LEAD team is excelling in their roles.

Mrs. Ezell was covering the football game and her report is attached. The board had no questions.

5. Superintendent's report:

Mr. Ramsey reports the WAC has a plumbing issue due to the architect and that Livingston Plumbing will be taking care of it, and we will be reimbursed by the builders. Pictures attached to see problem one of the plumbing issue.

Mr. Ramsey, Sherriff Winfrey and Shelley Baker, Bluejacket superintendent, met last week to discuss splitting the cost of a SRO. There are still some questions out there regarding pay, hours, benefits and such that need to be answered. The sheriff is supposed to be getting back with them by the first of the year.
International is the only one that can repair their buses due to the brains they have put in them. Would like to buy the next bus on a lease purchase and pay it over three years.

5. Superintendent's Report

6. Consent Agenda Items recommended for approval by a single vote. Items may be voted on separately at the request of any board member.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.A. Minutes of the September 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting 6.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments 6.C. FY27 Purchase Orders/Encumbrances General Fund: # 197 - # 203 Building Fund: # 44 - # 47 6.D. FY27 Payment Registers General Fund: # 172 - # 300 Building Fund: # 14 - # 17 6.E. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand 6.F. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand 6.G. Presentation of 2024 College Remediation Data and 2025 Drop Out Report . This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Action Agenda - Individual items for discussion and action. The Board may choose to take action on any item listed including motion to approve, motion to not approve, make a specific motion, take no action, table an item, or concur no action required. Members may second a motion, cast a vote, or abstain.

7.A. Motion to take action regarding approval of a Resolution calling for a Board of Education General Election for Seat #2 to be held April 6, 2027, with a Primary Election (if needed) on February 9, 2027, and to close Precinct #580011, Ottawa County polling place (no registered voters reside) . This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.B.Motion to take action regarding Board Policy Section 6 - Employees General and approve the Board Policy to Section 6. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.C. Motion to take action 7 C. regarding a quote from 4State Fence to replace fencing and add gate access around the softball, football and elementary perimeters. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 7.D. Discussion and action regarding extra-duty contract for Craig Hood, JR class sponsor in the amount of $1500.00

7.D. Motion to take action regarding extra-duty contract for Craig Hood, JR class sponsor in the amount of $1500.00. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items, so that the board can return to Open Session and possible board action to approve:8. 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. Evaluation of the Superintendent, Jeremy Ramsey 2. Employment for LaRonda Smith, Cafe Substitute 3. Employment for Tyler Watson, Classroom Substitute Board went into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Return to Open Session, President's Acknowledgement, Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement

Return to Open Session at 7:22 p.m.

10. Recommend action regarding employing LaRonda Smith as a cafe substitute pending background clearance. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Recommend action regarding employing Tyler Watson as a classroom substitute pending background clearance This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Shelby Miller. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Absent, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

12. New Business No new business.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Jesse Highsmith, President Shannon Walker, Clerk

Rowdy Layton, Vice President

Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

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.

Madonna Woolfolk, Board Minutes Clerk