



Regular Meeting of the
Welch Board of
Education
Monday, April 13, 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, April 13th, 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.

Shannon Walker, Clerk of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Present

Rowdy Layton: Present

Shelby Miller: Present

Brian Mooney: Absent

Shannon Walker: Present

Mrs. Ezell and Mrs Hall were also present for the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation -There was no public participation.

4. Principals' Reports

Attendance Update Taken at 5:32 PM.

Brian Mooney: Present

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Ezell gave their reports.

Mrs. Hall- Ms. Brannon did an outstanding job on the Pre-k circus. Elem had a testing Pep assembly- to prepare and pep the elementary students for state testing that started today. Mrs. Hall applied and received the Cresap Foundation for \$28,366.00

Mrs. Ezell reported the Jr-Sr prom went well. Juniors and seventh graders have started their state

and ACT testing. Middle School baseball has enough players this year and is improving more and more. State FFA Convention is coming up. Mrs. Kelley is doing the EOY concert differently this year and will just be for middle and high school band at 2:15 on May 15. Graduation is set for May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ramsey reported that the new gym is 90% ready for the Fire Marshall inspection, which is the 3rd week of May. Moisture content was too high, so a barrier is needed. The contractors will be adding a barrier and a leveler. Electrical and plumbing have been finalized. Need to finish up on the contents. Administration team would like to plan on hosting an open house for the new gym on Wildcat Welcome night. Accreditation visit was April 10th and we had no deficiencies. Mr. Mooney needs to finish up with one point by June, and Mrs. Miller needs to finish up with fifteen points in fifteen months for school board training.

6. Discussion and action to acknowledge election certification of Board Seat #1 to Shelby Miller and administer the Oath of Office

Make a motion to acknowledge election certification of Board Seat #1 to Shelby Miller and Board Clerk to administer the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath. Shelby Miller read the oath for Board Seat #1. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Discussion and action on reorganizing board member officer positions: President, Vice President, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Member

Motion to leave the seats the same with Shelby Miller as the Deputy Clerk. Jesse Highsmith-President, Rowdy Layton Vice-President, Shannon Walker-Clerk, Shelby Miller-Deputy Clerk, Brian Mooney-Member. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. 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 8a Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, 8.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments, 8.C. FY26 Encumbrances/Purchase Orders General Fund #227 - #232 Building Fund # None, 8.D. FY26 Payments/Warrants, General Fund #970 - #1102 Building Fund #56 - #65, Insurance Loss Fund - None, 8.E. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand 8.F. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand, 8.G. FY27 School Based Services, PLLC, Contract, Evaluations & Psychological Services, 8.H. FY27 Clearwater Enterprises Agreement, natural gas 8.I. Girls Basketball out of state trip to Joplin, MO, 8.J. Discussion and action on FY26 Quarter #4 Transfer Capacities. Mr. Ramsey also pointed out there was a correction that on 8.I. the agenda reflects the trip to Joplin Mo; However, the basketball camp is in Branson, Mo. which is reflected correctly in the attachment submitted by Shawn Goodwin. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea,

Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. 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.

The board chose to individually take action items 9A through 9G.

Motion to approve 9A. regarding SY 26-27 School Year Calendar. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mr. Ramsey explained the calendar recommendation for the 2026-2027 school year and each principal gave their input.

Motion to take actions on 9B. on a quote from Remington Cleaning LLC for the summer floor project in amount of \$17,600. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to take actions on 9.C. Discussion and action on FY27 Temporary Appropriations as prepared by the school auditor. This motion was made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.D. Discussion and action in absence of the President and/or Clerk, to appoint an acting President and/or acting Clerk for the school district to execute any and all documents pertaining to setting the maturities, date, time and place of the bond sale

No action taken.

Motion to approve 9.E. the resolution calling for a bond sale on May 12, 2026 at noon. This motion, made by Mr Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Make a motion to approve the E-rate resolution authorizing the filing of FCC Form 471 and authorizing payment of the applicant's share subject to USAC and SLD approval for funding for FY27. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed.

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

Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.G. Discussion and action on Welch Public Schools Chromebook 1:1 initiative, Chromebook fees, and student distribution used for academic instruction

Motion to discontinue sending home Chromebooks with students and collecting Chromebook fees. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shelby Miller, passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mr Ramsey explained that there had been lots of discussion with building principals and staff about returning to using classroom perishables and paper pencil. Schools are having lots of issues with students using them inappropriately and the additional monitoring it take to keep them off of an unapproved website. With approval the school handbook will have to be updated and no Chromebook fees will be collected. Mrs. Hall reports since the beginning of using the Chromebooks our test scores have fallen. Mrs. Ezell reports that middle school and high school students struggle to use a textbook and notes. AI is turning into a big issue.

10. 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 of David Dunlap, Certified Teacher, Head Softball Coach
2. Employment of Mariah Mitchell, Certified Teacher, Assistant Softball Coach
3. Employment of Certified Staff for FY27 as listed on Exhibit A

Motion to not convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items, . 1. Employment of David Dunlap, Certified Teacher, Head Softball Coach 2. Employment of Mariah Mitchell, Certified Teacher, Assistant Softball Coach 3. Employment of Certified Staff for FY27 as listed on Exhibit A. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

No Action taken on 11. Return to Open Session, President's Acknowledgement, Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement

12. Discussion and action regarding employment of David Dunlap for FY27 as a Certified Teacher and Head Softball Coach

Make a motion to employ David Dunlap for FY27 as a Certified Teacher and Head Softball Coach. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. Discussion and action regarding employment of Mariah Mitchell for FY27 as a Certified Teacher and Assistant Softball Coach

Make a motion to employ Mariah Mitchell for FY27 as a Certified Teacher and Assistant Softball Coach. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14. Discussion and action to employ Certified Teachers for FY27 as listed on Exhibit A

Make a motion to employ certified teachers as listed on exhibit A. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed. Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

15. New Business -There was no new business.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36

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