



Regular Meeting of the
Welch Board of Education
Monday, February 9, 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, February 9, 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: Present
Shannon Walker: Present

All board members were present along with Mr. Ramsey, Mrs. Ezell, and Mrs. Hall. Mrs Morgan Shephard was attending to represent Helping Hands Therapy Co.

All members were present, a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation -There was no public participation.

4. Discussion and action to recess the open meeting to tour the new gym construction with BWA Architects and CSG Marion Company and to reconvene the regular board meeting afterward.

Motion to recess the open meeting to tour the new gym construction with BWA Architects and CSG Marion Company and to reconvene the regular board meeting afterward. dismissed to the tour at 5:33 p.m. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton 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

5. Discussion and action to reconvene the regular board meeting with an established quorum.

Motion to reconvene the regular board meeting with an established quorum. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton 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 reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

6. Principal Reports

Mrs. Hall reported that upper elementary hosted donuts with grownups. Each of the students researched careers and did a presentation about careers. It was great to see so many parents up here and get involved. Fifth and sixth graders competed in regional quiz bowl competition and were unable to move onto the state tournament. All elementary celebrated the 100th day of school, with different activities. Eye screenings were held by Vizivance for all PK-6th grade students and referrals sent home as needed. There was a math challenge for the Super Bowl. The Education Foundation will be hosting a Bingo fundraiser on March 27th this year.

Mrs. Ezell reports that high school has enrolled 3 new students. BPA is hosting college and career readiness this week. Career Tech interviews are this week. High School basketball District playoffs start this week. Tuesday night is the FFA 4H pie supper fundraiser. February 21st is the Spring Livestock Show.

7. Superintendent Report

Mr. Ramsey reports the Redbud allocation is up for a total of \$36,108.00, up \$4600.000 from last year and will be put in the Building Fund. Mr. Ramsey attended the OASA superintendent meeting last week in OKC. There are over 2,000 legislative bills for this session. The big one school is Calendar days. March is normally when the calendar is put out but he is holding off in limbo until more comes out, when these calendar changes will go in effect for schools. He is hoping they will give us at least a year to prepare. The reading Sufficiency plan is coming back. In the future legislation is looking to add apprenticeships to apply toward graduation credits. We should expect to get more FBA funding because it has not been paid out correctly. This is the third year for the school resource officer funding of \$92,000.00 Should continue to receive funding may not be the full amount but the funding is out there. The admin team has been in discussion about staff planning, retirees, and preparing to use the new gym in the next 26-27 school year. The digital sign quotes have been received and will be presented tonight later in the meeting.

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 (List Item#8A - 8G and descriptions). A definition of what 8G was asked for, Mr. Ramsey stated it was an online program the Administration used to

evaluate their staff required by the state. 8H is the Middle School GT trip to NASA. 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.A. Minutes of January 12, 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 # 217 - 219
- Building Fund # None
- Insurance Loss Fund # None

8.D. FY26 Payments/Warrants

- General Fund
- Building Fund
- Insurance Loss Fund

8.E. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand

8.F. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand

- BPA Fundraiser, Dance during BPA Week

8.G. SY26-27 Agreement with OKTLE for Teacher & Administrative Evaluations

8.H. Out of State Trip, Houston Tx, NASA, GT Trip

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.

Royal Speech Therapy will no longer exist as of 3/1/2026, Mrs. Morgan Shephard, of Helping Hands Therapy, Co will supply speech therapy for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. 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.A. Discussion and action regarding a contract with Helping Hands Therapy Co. for the remainder of SY25-26.

9.B. Discussion and action regarding a quote from 4 State Fence Inc to remove and install fencing and a gate at the bus barn.

Motion to approve the quote from 4 State Fence Inc to remove and install fencing and a gate at the bus barn. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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.C. Discussion and action on a quote from Curtis Restaurant Supply for two milk coolers

Motion to approve the quote from Curtis Restaurant Supply for two milk coolers. 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.D. Discussion and action regarding Athletic Activity Account transfers into sub activity accounts.

Motion to approve the transfer of Activity Funds from Athletics for working the gate and concession. 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.E. Discussion and action on a quote from Stewart Signs for a new digital sign. Pricing includes equipment and installation. The Revenue source is Welch Education Foundation Activity Account.

Motion to approve quote from Stewart Signs for a new digital sign. Pricing includes equipment and installation and be paid for out of the Welch Education Foundation Activity Account. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

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, discipline or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee:

1. Employment, Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal, SY26-27
2. Employment, Kim Hall, Elementary Principal, SY26-27

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: Executive session began at 6:41 p.m. 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

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

Returned to open session at 7:34 p.m.

12. Discussion and action regarding employment contract for Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for SY25-26

Motion to approve the employment and contract for Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for SY25-26, correction made by Mr. Ramsey motion to approve the employment for Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for the SY 26-27. 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 contract for Kim Hall, Elementary Principal for SY26-27

Motion to approve the employment and contract for Kim Hall, Elementary Principal for SY26-27. 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

14. New Business

motion to approve the estimate and more forward on lighting with Dalton Technical Services. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

Estimate from Dalton Technical Services for LED lighting around the campus. Lighting will be around the gym, two spots on the track/football field, and around the main building.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. 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 6:44 p.m.

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