

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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

President Shane Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present were President Burgess, Vice President Jesse Highsmith, Clerk Rowdy Layton, and Member Shannon Walker. Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney was absent. Administrators present were Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Ramsey, Middle and High School Principal Stacy Ezell, and Elementary Principal Kimberley Hall.

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no requests for Public Participation.

Elementary Principal Kimberley Hall reported on the yearly eye screening for elementary students, Super Bowl challenge all week long with students with a week-end party for the students, teachers working on progress monitoring this week, the elementary students scoring 65% or better in Star Math and/or Star Reading will receive a proficiency award during parent/teacher meetings, safety drills were conducted, civil rights reporting has been concluded, December Teacher and Support staff of the month were announced.

Middle and High School Principal Stacy Ezell reported that the last home basketball games were played Friday night, district tournaments are this weekend at South Coffeyville, Speech and Debate team has been placing well in district tournaments, all three qualified for Regionals, Career Tech interviews will be conducted later this week, Random acts of kindness are being performed by the BPA during Kindness Week, scholastic book fair will occur in the next week, NHS induction has been rescheduled to be next week so as to not conflict with basketball, the Career Tech Lottery Grant plasma table has been installed in the AG shop, March 1st is the Craig County livestock fair, Pie Supper in next couple of weeks, the local livestock show will be March 22nd, and OYE is scheduled for Spring Break.

The Board then proceeded to Item 7A on the Agenda, Presentation by Tyler Marion, Construction Manager, on the Auxiliary Gym project.

Tyler Marion, Construction Manager, presented information to the Board regarding the results of the bid openings for a GMP of \$2,295,475.88, which is \$81,000 under bid package estimate. Some allowances are worked into the insurance amount allowable which will be presented to OSIG to cover expenses with the architects. The build is currently on a 14-month schedule, but may take only 11 months, resulting in a reduction of the general contractor's amount to the actual amount of time spent on the project. He has

seen price decreases in bids since the project began. The construction manager's risk management insurance covers all sub-contractors, and the entire project start to finish. OSIG will not need to add builder's risk on the project until the project is completed. Fire suppression is not required for the project as the facility is under 10,999 square feet and does not have bleachers in the facility.

The Board then continued with the Agenda action items after the presentation.

Motion to award contracts to the lowest competitive bid for bid packages #1 - #32 for construction purposes on the auxiliary gym. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the amendment to Marion Company, LLC, d/b/a Construction Services Group Contract to reflect the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$2,295,475.88 for construction purposes on the auxiliary gym. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve a Draft Copy of the RFR Board Policy Manual, Sections 4 Instruction, 5 School Property, 6 Employee General, 7 Certified Employees, 8 Support Employees, and 9 Records and adopt recommendations as amended. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the early graduation of one (1) Welch Skills Center student that has met High School graduation requirements early in their fourth year and to receive their High School Diploma. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

In his Superintendent report, Jeremy Ramsey reported the proposed cell phone bell-to-bell passed out of legislative committee. The Governor replaced three SBOE members with other people today, Walters blasted Stitt in a tweet, there was a state meeting director replaced one hour before meeting. The proposed bill to change Board member elections has passed out of committee requesting moving elections to November and bond proposals only in the November General Election. He believes that students are trying to stay healthy, and the schools averaging 30-40 out per day. Three staff members are out with positive flu, staff are being relatively healthy. He attended a one and one-half hour webinar with Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold on Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Request for Quotation (RFQ) bid preparation and attended a Child Nutrition webinar for changing from FSMC to self-operating local control. He will give a presentation in March for the Board on the upcoming Request for Quotation for Child Nutrition services. Welch hosted the area superintendent meeting this month. Three options for the 2025-2026 school calendar were presented to three options, which are basically a mirror of this year's calendar. Two of the options will be presented to the Board for approval in March. Last week, a portion of the Red Bud funds were released to the school for Building Fund expenses, and we should

receive another payment of approximately \$30,000 in June. Revenue and Expenditures for the month of January, including receiving some property tax monies, were discussed with the members. The Building Fund revenue is favorable. Mr. Ramsey congratulated Shane Burgess on his new position.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A, Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting; Item 6B, Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 6C FY25 General Fund Purchase Orders #285-296 and Building Fund Purchase orders #62-66; Item 6D FY25 General Fund, Building Fund, and Insurance Loss Fund warrants as presented; Item 6F Sophomore Class fund raiser; Item 6G Out-of-State trips for Pre-Kindergarten and Seniors; Item 6H SY25-26 Ruth Kelly school picture agreement, and Item 6I SY25-26 OKTLE agreement for Teacher and Administrative evaluations. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

There were no school facility rental requests to be considered.

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items, so that the Board can return to Open Session and possible board action to approve: 1) Employment of Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for SY25-26; 2) Employment of Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal for SY25-26; 3) Resignation/Retirement of Rhonda Mercer, Certified Teacher, and 4) Finalize Evaluation of Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:24 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:12 PM. President Burgess reported that he, Vice President Highsmith, Clerk Layton, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, met in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss the FY25-26 employment of Site Principals, employee resignation/retirement, and the Superintendent's evaluation. No other items were discussed during the Executive Session, and no vote was taken.

Motion to employ Stacy Ezell, MS/HS Principal for SY25-26. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to employ Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal, for SY25-26. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to accept the Resignation/Retirement of Rhonda Mercer, Certified Teacher. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the evaluation of Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

One item of New Business was presented to the Board for consideration. Motion to re-allocate Pie Supper funds at 30% to local premium sales, 50% to FFA #1 account, and 20% to FFA #2 account/building and maintenance of the Showbarn. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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 filed in the Office of the Superintendent, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma 74369.

Mona Stines, Board Minutes Clerk