



Regular Meeting of the
Welch Board of
Education
Monday, January 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, January 12, 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.

Shannon Walker, Clerk of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Jesse Highsmith declared a Quorum and the meeting began at 5:31. Jesse Highsmith, Rowdy Layton, Shannon Walker and Shelby Miller were all present. Others attending were Mr. Ramsey, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Ezell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition

- January is School Board Recognition month. Welch Public Schools is fortunate to have five dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to govern the district... We thank you for your service!

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

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

Brian Mooney was ill and unable to attend.

Mr. Ramsey thanked the Board for the time they give to serving their community and school. Mr. Ramsey let them know that their support means a great deal to our school.

4. Public Participation -there was no public participation.

5. Principal Reports

Mrs. Ezell reported the teacher returned on January 5, 2026, and they prepared their grades and had a workday in their rooms. Addison Keith was named the Winter Homecoming Queen. There are 3 high school basketball games this week. The NEO tournament is next week but a bracket has not been sent out yet. No school Monday, January 19th.

Mrs. Hall reported that elementary had enrolled 2 new students. All elementary grades were in, and report cards were being sent home this week. They are ready to roll through this next semester.

6. Superintendent Report

Mr. Ramsey reported that the architect for the new gym was on site and did his walk-through report and everything was good. Power for the new gym should be turned on this week. They will be installing the HVAC which are the ones that were salvaged from the destroyed gym. Those units will need serviced before they are up and going. Fire Marshall is scheduled to be coming out to do the electrical inspection. We are currently waiting on a \$325,000.00 payment from the insurance company, hoping it gets here soon. Doors are finalized on the southwest corner of the high school building. New key access is complete, the new cameras on all the doors are up and going.

Charles Stoner donated \$50,000.00 to the digital sign. That makes the balance for the sign \$68,895.32 for the digital sign. The school will be responsible for the concrete and electricity. The AG barn has had an increase in water and electricity usage; There is a sub account in the Activity Fund for the Ag Barn that can be used to pay for these things and propane, any upgrades and expenses to the facility.

The numbers of sick students are increasing daily. We are hoping the extra three-day weekend this weekend will help get everyone well again.

The State Department of Ed is adding back in days to the school calendar. They have not decided if it's going to be 170, 172, 175, or 180 instructional days. Mid-year adjustment is in and we received a positive adjustment of \$30,856.00.

7. 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 7A - 7F. 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.A. Minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting

7.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments

7.C. FY26 Purchase Orders/Encumbrances

- General Fund - # 209 - 216
- Building Fund - None
- Insurance Loss Fund - None

7.D. FY26 Payments/Warrants

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

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

8. Action Agenda - Individual items for discussion and action. The Board may choose to act 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.

8.A. Discussion, consideration and action regarding Activity Account Transfers

Motion to approve activity account transfer as listed on Treasurer's memo. 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

8.B. Discussion, consideration and action on FY26 Qtr. #3 Transfer Capacity

Motion to approve the FY26 Qtr. #3 Transfer Capacities. 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.C. Discussion, consideration and action on a Transportation Reimbursement Agreement between Welch Public Schools and Laura Haws for SY25-26 Spring semester, Jan-May 2026.

Motion to approve the Transportation Reimbursement Agreement between Welch Public Schools and Laura Haws for SY25-26 Spring semester, Jan-May 2026. 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.D. Discussion, consideration and action on revising the SY25-26 HS/MS/Elementary Parent/Student Handbooks with regard to Student Attendance and Excessive absences procedures.

Motion to approve the revisions to the SY25-26 HS/MS/Elementary Parent/Student Handbooks with regard to Student Attendance and Excessive absences procedures as presented by the principals. 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.E. Discussion, consideration and action by the Board of Education to authorize the School Treasurer, Madonna Woolfolk, to open accounts with Welch State Bank.

Make a motion to authorize the School Treasurer, Madonna Woolfolk, to open accounts with Welch State Bank. Also authorizing signors for the accounts will be Jesse Highsmith, Rowdy Layton, Kim Hall, Stacy Ezell, and Madonna Woolfolk. 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

9. Discussion and 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 Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent

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: 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

Motion to go to convene to Executive session at 6:07 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

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

No action was taken and the meeting reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

11. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the FY26 Evaluation of Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent.

Make a motion to approve the FY26 Evaluation for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent. 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

12. Discussion, consideration and action regarding a one-year extension to the employment contract for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools.

Motion to extend Jeremy Ramsey's contract for one year with a 6% raise to his base salary. 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

13. New Business

No New business.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. 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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54.

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