

The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District I017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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, Deputy Clerk Brian Mooney, and Member Shannon Walker. Clerk Rowdy Layton was absent. Administrators present were Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, and Kimberley Hall, Elementary Principal.

A quorum was established.

President Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance

There was no request for Public Participation.

Jeremy Ramsey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each Board member in recognition of January as School Board Recognition Month. Welch Public Schools is fortunate to have five dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and energy to govern the district and thanked them for their service.

Kimberly Hall, Elementary Principal, presented information on the activities of the Elementary School in the months of December and January. Mr. Ramsey presented information provided by Stacy Ezell, Middle and High School Principal, on the technology issues in the district.

Mr. Ramsey continued discussing the technology issues, the midterm adjustment of a positive amount of \$83,543.84, the receipt of the property tax monies from the county in January, and expenditures for the month of December. He further shared that revenue projections are good, the status of his request for quotes on high school doors and hardware replacements, and correspondence received from the State Department of Education Superintendent

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting; Item 7B Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments; Item 7C General Fund purchase orders #268-275; Item 7E School Rental Request for the AG/FFA Show Barn by the Ketchum FFA for a Sheep/Goat Show on February 9; and Item 7F Baseball Fundraiser requests for donation collections and hat sales. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Jan Schilling of the auditing firm of Patten & Odom, CPAs, PLLC, presented the FY23 Financial Audit for the Welch Public School District.

Motion to acknowledge the FY23 Audit as presented by the auditing firm of Patten & Odom, CPAs, PLLC. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve transferring activity account monies from Athletics #803 \$300.00 to GT #839 (FB and Bsk concessions) and Yearbook #816 \$20.00 to MS Cheer (Calendar purchase). This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve implementation and revisions as provided by the OSSBA to the board policies CKAF - Use of Metal Detectors Option 1 for handheld devices with annual notice and DPB - Substitute Teachers. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve FY24 Quarter 3 District Transfer Capacity. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the quote from Alert360 for upgrading Alarm and Fire panels and monitoring. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a new annual agreement with Alert360 on fire and burglar monitoring. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Ramsey discussed the Child Nutrition audit results and the district's proposed responses for corrective actions.

Motion to revise the SY23-24 School Calendar to reflect inclement weather days. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Move to approve an Adoption Agreement of the district's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust for Government Entities. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed. Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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 the evaluation of Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools; employment contract of Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools; and resignation of Bricynn Hayward-Preaus, Adjunct Support Employee. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:49 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:28 PM. President Burgess announced that he, Vice President Highsmith, Deputy Clerk Mooney, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Ramsey met in Execution Session at 6:49 PM, pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss the evaluation and employment contract for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, and the resignation of Bricynn Hayward-Preaus, Adjunct support employee. No other items were discussed, and no action was taken by the Board while in Executive Session.

Motion to continue the ongoing evaluation of Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the employment contract effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, for Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools. This motion, made by Jesse Highsmith and seconded by Brian Mooney, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to accept the resignation of Bricynn Hayward-Preaus, Adjunct Support Employee. This motion, made by Brian Mooney and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

New business was presented to the Board for consideration and possible approval. Motion to give Mr. Ramsey the authority to deviate from the month-end payroll by up to seven business days for the months of January and February. This motion, made by Shane Burgess and seconded by Jesse Highsmith, passed.

Shane Burgess: Yea, Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, 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: Absent, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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 on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma 74369.

Mona Stines, Board Minutes Clerk

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