



The Welch Board of Education of Independent School District 1017 of Craig County, State of Oklahoma, met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 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 1017 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

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

Vice President Highsmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no requests for public participation by the visitors present.

Mrs. Hall reported Pre-K, 2nd, and 3rd grades have taken their field trips during February and the students celebrated Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss activities. Staff are currently readying students for state testing beginning April 15.

Mrs. Ezell 7-12 grade teachers were finishing their student benchmarks. State testing begins March 26. She recognized state testing, announced teacher/support/students of the month, recognized the Middle School and High School BPA students that competed at the state level with several students placed in top 8 and one student placed 1st qualifying for national competition. Four Welch students have earned their FFA state degree, and the TSA students placed well in regional competitions and will compete at the state TSA conference in April.

Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools, started with thanking his staff and the Board of Education members for their support during the last week during his absence due to a death in his family. He has always felt full faith and trust in his staff to carry on during his absence. He has requested a quote from another auditing firm for the annual financial record review. He received the current auditor's new contract today. Last Friday he met in a pre-construction meeting with several contractors, establishing a tentative time frame schedule for the construction of the gym. Protocols and payouts were discussed. First phase contractors were all present. March 27th is the projected start day for temporary fence installation and construction start. He will have more information to discuss with Mrs. Hall since the construction is right outside her building. He gave a budget update for General Fund only on revenue and expenditures for the month of February and indicated the long-term projection to be at the same level as last year.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Minutes of the February 11, 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 #297-307 and Building Fund Purchase Orders #67-71; Item 6D as amended school rental request of Welch Little League Softball and Little League Baseball (as amended); Item 6E fundraising request of the BPA for a bake sale, and Item 6F Kindergarten and 1st Grades to travel to Bentonville, Arkansas, April 2, 2025. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the contract with Time Clock Plus, LLC for FY25. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to approve the activity account transfers for the month of March. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to revise the SY24-25 School Calendar. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to a change in school calendar letter notifying the OSDE of said calendar change dates. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

After discussion, motion to approve the SY25-26 School Calendar. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to accept tendered resignation of board member Shane Burgess. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the appointment of a new board member to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Shane

Burgess, so that the board may return to open session for a possible vote to appoint a new member. This motion, made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Rowdy Layton, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:52 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:27 PM. Acting President Jesse Highsmith stated that he, Clerk Layton, and Member Walker, along with Superintendent Ramsey, convened in Executive Session at 5:52 PM to discuss the appointment of a new board member to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Shane Burgess. During Executive Session, no other items were discussed, and no vote was taken.

No action was taken to appoint, or not appoint, a new board member to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Shane Burgess.

There was no new business presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton and seconded by Shannon Walker, passed.

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

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Shannon Walker, Member

Brian Mooney, Deputy 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