



Regular Meeting of the Welch
Board of Education
Monday, December 15, 2025 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, December 15, 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

Attendance Taken at 5:24 PM.

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

All school board members were present and a quorum was declared.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation -There was no public participation.

4. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Ezell reports that BSN will be onsite tomorrow for any students that want to order letter jackets. Mrs. Miller has set up a visit for Crowder College to be onsite this week for any students that may be interested in attending there or want further college information. Oaks and Afton High school basketball this week and tonight at Fairland. Semester tests this week, with a reward party on Friday.

Mrs. Hall reports that elementary had their second POP party. Elementary is taking advantage of a \$11,000.00 grant for 3 teachers and 11 students. The elementary just completed their 16th Penny war and raised \$1640.03 for water and elect bills in the community.

5th and 6th grades competed at Cleora for District Quiz Bowl.
Santa is coming to school this year instead of elementary going to the bank.
AR field trip Wednesday and Christmas Parties Friday.

5. Superintendent's Report

Shelby Miller will be running unopposed for that seat, Shelby will be sworn in April 2026.
December 4th, we received our first beef grant shipment of about 1100 pounds.
Elementary is taking part in the Rural Literacy Grant for \$11,000.00
Mr. Ramsey was invited to sit in on the Vinita District teacher of the year committee.
NE Area superintendents meeting was last week, things discussed were adding number of school day, what is going on in legislation, technology vs textbooks in the classroom.
Door frame is coming from Miami Glass for the southwest side door..
Mr. Ramsey went over the financials, made sure the board understood the Building Fund is totally funded by ad valorem monies.

6. Gym Construction Update

Mr. Ramsey met with the construction manager last week.
The roof was the big topic. The roofing employees went home for Thanksgiving and have not returned. Koehn out of Coffeyville KS is now finishing up the roof.
Project completion is set for June 26 and we are currently under budget and have request an estimate for contingencies.

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 through 7I. This motion, made by Rowdy Layton 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

7.A. Minutes of the November 17, 2025 Special Board Meeting

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

7.C. FY26 Purchase Orders/Encumbrances

1. General Fund #194-208

2, Building Fund #42

7.D. FY26 Payment Registers

Gen Fund

Building Fund

Insurance Loss Fund

Sinking Fund

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

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

7.G. FY27 Yearbook Vendor Walsworth Agreement

7.H. FY27 School Picture Vendor Strawbridge Studios Inc. Agreement

7.I. Activity Account Transfer Athletics 803 \$100.00 to TSA STEM 825

8. 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.

8.A. Discussion and action to approve the Welch Public Schools District's Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for Calendar year 2026

Motion to approve the Welch Public Schools District's Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for Calendar year 2026. 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

8.B. Discussion and action to approve the 3rd party Vendor GWN Securities, Inc 403(b) plan document for calendar year 2026.

Motion to approve the 3rd party Vendor GWN Securities, Inc 403(b) plan document for calendar year 2026. 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.C. Discussion and action to approve the FY27 Contract with Bolt for Internet access 2 Gbps dedicated fiber circuit and 1 Gbps Leased Lit Fiber (WAN) circuits, Erate Funds.

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Mr Jesse Highsmith: Yea, Rowdy Layton: Yea, Shelby Miller: Yea, Brian Mooney: Yea, Shannon Walker: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Discussion and action regarding convening in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items:

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

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 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

Dismissed to executive session at 5:55 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 6:25

11. New Business

PO # 2026-11-209 Savvas Learning was presented for approval to purchase textbooks, online materials and teachers edition in the amount of \$3297.06 for Science curriculum. 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

12. 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 6:27 p.m.

Jesse Highsmith, President

Shannon Walker, Clerk

Rowdy Layton, Vice President

Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

Shelby Miller, Member