



Regular Meeting of the Welch  
Board of Education  
Monday, May 18, 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, May 18, 2026, 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.

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Shannon Walker, Clerk of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

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

Those present were Jesse Highsmith, Rowdy Layton, Shannon Walker, and Shelby Miller from the school board. Jeremy Ramsey, Madonna Woolfolk, Kim Hall, Stacy Ezell and Ryan Gleaves Welch staff and administration were present. The public that attended were Cuchara Jaggars, Teresa Bruce, Catrina Kelley, Justin Janda, Crystal Creech and Jennifer Welch.

Quorum established and meeting called to order at 5:30.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Jesse Highsmith led the flag salute.
3. Public Participation There was no public participation.
4. Discussion on the Student Handbook — Cuchara Jaggars

Cuchara Jaggars handed out binders to all the school board. Jesse Highsmith stated the school board would look at and review the information provided in the binders, review and discuss with Mr. Ramsey about the bullying policy.

5. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Ezell reports the Sports Banquet went really well, FFA was awarded the Bronze level \$4000.00 scholarship and elected their new officers. \$40,000.00 in scholarships were handed out

to the seniors that applied. Girls' basketball qualified for Academic All State with a 3.25 GPA. Girls and boys will start open gym next week.

Mrs. Hall reports the trampoline field trip to Soar for Elementary field trip school wide. Pre-K had their Pre-K/Senior Walk and had Pre-K graduation. Fun Day last week of school. Cabin Creek donated money for inflatables and water slides. Had the awards assembly. Kelly Biggs was voted Elementary Teach of the Year, and District Teacher of the Year. JJ Seigel retired. Twenty-one students coming to summer school , Mrs. Hall reached out to six more students to possibly attend.

## 6. Superintendent's Report

Building fund Mr. Ramsey reports the state fire Marshall will be in May 22nd. Pay apps are getting complicated, PO's are out for Building Fund, then we-the school will reimburse the Building fund for any payments needing made. Expecting about \$16,000.00. Plans are to have an Open house a Wildcat Welcome to show off the new gym and bring in some school vendors and such. June we will be having security and access points added to the gym. Bills that passed legislation are in the attachment, Mr Ramsey went over them with the board.

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 7.A. Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting and May 12, 2026 Special Meeting ,7.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments, 7.C. FY26 Encumbrances/Purchase Orders General Fund #233 - #236, Building Fund #45, Insurance Loss Fund #3 7.D. FY26 General Fund & Building Fund Payments. 7.E. FY27 Contracts and Agreements 1. OSSBA Unemployment Services and Assemble 2. Sylogist - Student Information, Lunchroom and Accounting 3. Agreement for Ed Services between Welch PS and ROCMND (Skills Center) 4. NEO Ortho & Rehabilitation 7.F. Activity Account Transfers 7.G. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand, no others at hand 7.H. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand. 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

## 8.A. Discussion and action regarding 2026 Summer Wage Employment Schedule

Motion to approve 2026 Summer Wage Employment Schedule. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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. Motion to approve F27 Title III Part A Consortium Agreement between Commerce and Welch Public Schools. 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

Motion to approve a Transportation Agreement with Laura Haws for 2026 Summer and SY26-27 for student transportation. 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

Motion to take action on a stipend payment provided by the OK State Regents for Higher Education "Inspired to Teach" program, up to \$4000.00 for Morgan Mills, Certified Teacher . This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

9. Motion to go into 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. FY27 Employment of Steven Daugherty, Certified Teacher & Coach 2. FY27 Employment of Nikki Daugherty, Certified Teacher 3. FY27 Employment of Paula Knight, Certified School Counselor 4. Employment of 2026 Summer, FY27 Certified & Support Staff as listed on Exhibit A, B, C 5. Resignations received and any others at hand Went into Executive sessions at 5:56 p.m. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

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

Returned from Executive session at 6:58 p.m.

11. Motion to take action regarding FY27 employment of Steven Daugherty, certified teacher and athletic coach. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

12. Motion to take action regarding FY27 employment of Nikki Daugherty, certified teacher. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

13. Motion to take action regarding FY27 Employment of Paula Knight, Certified School Counselor. 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

14. Motion to take action regarding FY27 certified, support and 2026 Summer employment as listed on exhibit A, B, C . 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

15. Motion to take action on resignations received and any others at hand, no other resignations on hand. This motion, made by Shannon Walker 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

16. New Business -No new business.

17. Adjournment Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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

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Jesse Highsmith, President

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Shannon Walker, Clerk

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Rowdy Layton, Vice President

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Brian Mooney, Deputy Clerk

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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.

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Madonna Woolfolk, Board Minutes Clerk