



Special Meeting of
the Welch Board of
Education
Monday, April 14,
2025
5:30 PM

Delbert Lovelace High School
Multipurpose/Board Room
707 South Curtis
Welch, Oklahoma 74369

Agenda

NOTE: The Board of Education may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda. The Board of Education reserves the right to take up an agenda item in any order regardless of how items are listed below.

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Participation
4. Principals' Reports
5. Superintendent's Report
6. Consent Agenda Items recommended for approval by a single vote. Items may be voted on separately at the request of any board member.
 - 6.A. Minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
 - 6.B. Treasurer's Report, Activity Fund Report, and status of all funds and investments
 - 6.C. FY25 Purchase Orders
 1. General Fund - #308-324
 2. Building Fund - #72
 - 6.D. School Rental Requests as listed, any others at hand
 - 6.E. Fundraising Activities Requests as listed, any others at hand
 - 6.F. FY26 Lease Agreement with Lakeland Office Systems for District copiers and toner supplies.
 - 6.G. Contract Amendment to the Clearwater Gas Sales Agreement for FY26
 - 6.H. School Based Services, PLLC FY26 Contract for Special Needs Services
 - 6.I. Quarter #4 Student Transfer Capacity
 - 6.J. Out of State Field Trip for PK to Kansas, May
7. 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.
 - 7.A. Discussion and possible action to acknowledge election certification of Board Seat #5 to Brian Mooney and to administer the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath

8. Discussion and action regarding convening in Executive Session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 25 § 307 (B)(1) & (7), (Supp.2002), to discuss the following items
 3. Appointment of a new board member to fill seat vacated by resignation of Shane Burgess, so that board may return to open session for possible vote to appoint a new member.
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 2. Employment of Certified Teachers as listed on Exhibit A for SY25-26
 3. Employment of a Child Nutrition Director for June 2025 and FY26
11.
 4. Employment of Tia Wilkins, Custodian/maintenance for remainder of FY25
12.
 5. Employment of April Miller, School Counselor for FY26 on an Emergency Certificate
13.
 6. Employment of Jeremy Watters, Biological Science Teacher for FY26 on a 2nd year Emergency Certificate
14.
 7. Employment of Ashley Chenoweth, Elementary Teacher for FY26 on a Emergency Certificate
15. Return to Open Session, President's Acknowledgement, Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement (Members Participating, Items Discussed, No Action Taken)
16. Discussion and possible action to appoint, or not to appoint, a new board member to fill seat vacated by resignation of Shane Burgess.
17. Board Clerk to administer the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to appointed board member.
18. Discussion and possible action on reorganizing Board Member Officers: President; Vice President; Clerk; Deputy Clerk; Member
19. Discussion and possible action on employment of Certified Teachers as listed in Exhibit A for SY25-26
20. Discussion and possible action on Welch Public Schools (LEA) to transition to a Self-Operating Child Nutrition Department for FY26
21. Discussion and possible action on employing a Child Nutrition Director for June, 2025 and FY26
22. Discussion and possible action on a FY26 Engagement Letter and Contract for Audit of Welch Public Schools with auditor Jenkins & Kemper Certified Public Accountants, P.C. to prepare financial budgets and conduct financial audits.
23. Discussion and possible action on the presentation of remodeling projects at the Welch Show Barn by James Stoner and directing the Superintendent the authority to issue purchase orders for project that may exceed \$15,000.00.
24. Discussion and possible action to approve FY26 Temporary Appropriations
25. Discussion and possible action on moving school board meetings to the first Mondays of each month for the remaining 2025 calendar year.
26. Discussion and possible action to remove the names Mary Jane Cook and Shane Burgess from all financial accounts held with Welch State Bank.

27. Discussion and possible action to add the individual names that were reorganized to Board President and Board Clerk to the financial accounts held with Welch State Bank.
28. Discussion and possible action on the employment of Stephen L. Smith Corp. as financial consultants to the School District for fiscal year 2024-2025
29. Discussion and possible action, in the absence of the President and/or Clerk, to appoint an acting President and/or acting Clerk for the School District to execute any and all documents pertaining to setting the maturities, date, time, and place of the bond sale.
30. Discussion and possible action on a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time, and place for the sale of the **\$330,000** Building Bonds of this School District and designating bond counsel for this issuance of bonds
31. Discussion and possible action on draft RFR Board Policy Manual, Sections 10 Students, 11 Discrimination, 12 Technology, 13 Special Education
32. Discussion and possible action to employ Tia Wilkins, Custodian/Maintenance for remainder of FY25
33. Discussion and possible action to employ April Miller, School Counselor on a Emergency Certificate for FY26
34. Discussion and possible action to employ Jeremy Watters, Biological Science Teacher on a 2nd Year Emergency Certificate for FY26
35. Discussion and possible action to employ Ashley Chenoweth, Elementary Teacher on a Emergency Certificate for FY26
36. Vote to Adjourn meeting

Posted the 11th day of April, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the front door of the Delbert Lovelace High School, 707 South Curtis Street, Welch, Oklahoma and WPS website, www.welchwildcats.net.

Signature: _____
Title: Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent



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

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