

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

April 17th 2024 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of April 17th, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:04pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chele Wells, Tom Brown, Jennie O'Rorke, Jen Kraemer and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Julie Lovett, Marcy DeLille and Vicki Maertz

Visitors: Erin Odle

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from March 20th, 2024

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from March 20th, 2024 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

4. Good News Communication and Report from Superintendent Simpson.
 - a. See file for list of good news items.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. None.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.

Old Business

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update
 - a. A mowing bid from V&C Lawn Services for \$225 per mowing was shared.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to accept the lawn bid form V&C Lawn Services for \$225 per mowing.

8. Transportation/ School Bus Fleet Status
 - a. The diesel bus was sold last month for \$1,500.
9. 10-year Life Safety Study (to be conducted in 24-25)
 - a. To be discussed more at future meetings.

New Business

10. PRESS Issue 114 (Distribution of Materials for 1st reading)
 - a. A summary policy from PRESS was handed out.
11. Discussion of State of Illinois Starting Teacher Salary/ Update for 24-25
 - a. The Salary Schedule will be discussed in Executive Session.
12. Review of Succession Plan (starting 25-26 School Year)
 - a. Details to be discussed in Executive Session
13. Review of Summer Band Proposal
 - a. Mr. Groth presented the board with a summer band proposal last month.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to accept the Summer Band Proposal that Mr. Groth presented at the March meeting.

14. Extracurricular Stipend Review/Update
 - a. The Summer Band stipend and Teacher's summer collaboration meetings will be added to the Stipend schedule.
 - b. Jen Kraemer shared the stipend schedule that she put together of surrounding school districts.
 - c. Matt Hayes shared a spreadsheet of the stipend schedule over the last 11 years.
 - d. A new stipend schedule was put together for FY25 by the board.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to accept the updated stipend schedule as presented. (see file)

Executive Session: To consider the appointment, employment, compensation. Discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or individual student matters.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:42pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:43pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Jen Kraemer and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to increase the base salary of the salary schedule by 4% and to increase the steps over and across from \$400 to \$500.

On a motion by Jen Kraemer and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to increase the annual sick days from 10 to 12 per year.

14. The next meeting will be held on May 15th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
May 15th, 2024

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education