

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

December 13th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of December 13th, 2023 was called to order by President, Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:33pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chele Wells, Vicki Maertz, Jennifer Kraemer, Tom Brown and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late: Marcy DeLille (6:38pm)

Board members absent: Julie Lovet and Jennifer O'Rorke

Visitors: Will Hantzmon

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented with the addition of a Staff Christmas Gift.

- a. Hexagon Energy Presentation by Mr. Will Hantzmon (see file)
- b. Question/Answer Session
- c. Revenue from the project is expected to begin in the 27/28 school year.
- d. A resolution was provided for the board to approve.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, a resolution to support the Steward Creek Solar, LLC project was approved.

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from November 15th, 2023

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote with, the minutes from November 15th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Tom Brown, 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. The ROE and Fire Marshall did their annual inspection of our school on Friday, Dec. 1st.
 - b. Mr. Bullock did a good job preparing the school for the inspection.
 - c. Looking forward to the Christmas program on Monday, December 18th.
 - d. Very excited about the information Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Odle brought back from their RSAC Conference they attended.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Thank you for all the support for the Conor blood drive. There were 29 donors and 26 of them were able to give blood.
 - b. Thank you for the support for the Conor Drive Through pork chop dinner.
 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. Kathy Bradley who taught music here for six years back in the 70's called and is coming to the Christmas program.

Old Business

7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement (Update to be held in Executive Session)*
 - a. To be discussed in Executive Session.
8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update.
 - a. Dean Ackland replaced one of the gym lights that was under warranty.
 - b. He also replaced the can lights with LED lights in the entry area by the office.
9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals.
 - a. Nothing at this time.
10. Follow Up on Any Additional Old Business.
 - a. Discussion of Current/ Reserve School Bus Replacement.
 - b. Central States have received some used buses and have given us specs on a bus we are interested in.
 - c. Mr. Simpson plans on going over and looking at it with Mrs. Reed in the near future.

New Business

11. Policy Update: Second Reading of PRESS Issue 113 (2:20-8:30).
 - a. Discussion/Adoption of Policy Updates from PRESS Issue 113.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a roll call of all eyes, the Board approved to adopt the updates of the PRESS Issue 113.

12. Staff Christmas Gift
 - a. Discussion was had about what to supply the staff for Christmas.

On a motion by Jennifer Kraemer and a second by Tom Brown and a roll call of all eyes, the Board approved to purchase a \$25 - Headon's gift card and a \$25 - 926 gift card for each staff member as a Christmas gift.

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 Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 8:17pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:26pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

- a. Hiring of a new staff member/ meet and confer agreement.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Vicki Maertz and a unanimous voice vote, the Board hired Blayne Kappes as the new 6th-8th L.A./S.S. teacher.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Marcy DeLille and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the Meet and Confer Agreement as presented.

14. The next meeting will be held on January 17th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
January 17th, 2023

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education