

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

December 21st, 2022 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The board meeting of December 21st, 2022 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

On roll call at 6:10pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chris Cardott, Dean Svela, Julie Lovett, Nate Ramsey, and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Joseph Powell, Chele Wells and Marcy DeLille

Visitors: Calla Stroh

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from November 16th, 2022

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from November 16th, 2022 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

4. Good News Communication and Report from Administrative Assistant
 - a. Mr. Simpson would like to make a donation to Dean Ackland for changing the gym lights. He would like to add it to the Building Grant, but changing that grant will take a while.
 - b. Mr. Simpson shared the December newsletter and said it was the best newsletter he has seen.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. The Christmas concert was amazing.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.

Old Business

7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
 - a. Nothing has been received from our lawyer as of yet.
8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
 - a. Amendments to School Maintenance Grant (pending ISBE approval).
 - b. Roofing Repair
 - i. Received a quote from the Dekalb contractor, \$4,000 for the area where the schools come together and \$58,000 to replace the flat roof.
 - c. Gym Rehabilitation
 - d. Conor O'Rourke Tournament Report
 - i. None.
9. Tax Levy
 - a. No changes needed to be made from last month's presentation.
 - b. Mr. Simpson has filed both the Dekalb and Lee County Levies.

New Business

10. Policy Discussion
 - a. The next policy was handed out that will be discussed at the January meeting.
11. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (Detailed Discussion tabled from October)
 - a. Discussion was had about making the Mission and Vision statement shorter and more elementary.
 - b. More discussion will be had at the next meeting.
12. Interest Rates/ Short-Term Investment Opportunities.
 - a. Bobby Chadwick at Holcomb State, Mary Helfrich at Stillman, Dave Eckhardt at First State, and Kim Duvall at Central bank would be contacts for investments.

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

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:10pm.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:29pm.

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session.
 - a. None.
14. The next meeting will be held on January 18th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Marcy DeLille, Secretary

Chris Cardott, President

Board of Education
January 18th, 2023

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