

# STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

## STEWARD, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 posted for participation.

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Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:03 pm, the following members were present:

**Board members present:** Chele Wells, Bethany Drendel, Jennie O'Rorke, Vicki Maertz, Jen Kraemer, Tom Brown and Superintendent Steven Simpson

**Board members late:**

**Board members absent:**

**Visitors:** Michelle Esposito and Erin Odle

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

**On a motion by Chele Wells, a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented with the addition of holiday gifts as a discussion item.**

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**On a motion by Bethany Drendel, a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were accepted as presented with the change of Tom Brown from being late to being absent.**

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, 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. Congrats to Mr. Hayes, Erik Kedzie, Ilhan You, Nate Ramsey, and Gavin Altepeter on a good basketball season. Proud that the team was coached with good sportsmanship and life lessons.
- b. Mrs. Odle and Mrs. Aldridge attended the RSE conference and presented on the Math Block, they had 25 people signed up to attend their session.
- c. We also had 3 visitors from Clay City come to meet with teachers and observe our Math block.
- d. Compliments to Mr. Groth and the faculty for a good Christmas concert. Mrs. Loeffelholz did a great job decorating the stage.
- e. Mrs. Esposito will have a student teacher in the Spring.
- f. We will be posting the job for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Para.

5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.

- a. The Craft night was a success that the Builder's Club put together.

6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
  - a. Thanks to everyone who helped buy Little Caesars pizzas to help support the Booster Club.

### **Old Business**

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage
  - a. The library heat unit is up and running, but not completely fixed. No parts are made for it anymore, so keeping it running is difficult.
  - b. Rockford Glass repaired the Art room window (golf ball hole) as well as recaulk some windows upstairs.
8. 10-year Health/Life Safety (to be completed by Johnson & Associates of Rockford)
  - a. none.
9. Board Member Vacancy (Resignation from June)
  - a. none.

### **New Business**

10. Holiday Gifts (added as a new agenda item)
  - a. It was suggested that a \$50 Amazon gift card could be purchased for each staff member.

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all eyes, it was approved to purchase 18 - \$50 Amazon gift cards for the Steward staff for Christmas.**

11. For Distribution and First Reading: PRESS 117 (for consideration at January meeting)
  - a. A copy was shared with everyone.

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

**NONE**

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13. Action Resulting from Executive Session
  - a. None
14. The next meeting will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**On a motion by Bethany Drendel, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:39pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary  
Board of Education  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Chele Wells, President  
Board of Education