

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

February 15th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The board meeting of February 15th, 2023 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

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

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

Board members late: Marcy DeLille (6:13pm)

Board members absent: Joseph Powell

Visitors:

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from January 18th, 2023

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Chele Wells, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from January 18th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Nate Ramsey, 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. Last month we had our all-school Spelling Bee. Our kids who made it through four rounds will get to go to the Dixon Regional Spelling Bee on Thursday, Feb. 16th.
 - i. Ephraim, Barbara, Jaime, Ben H., Morgan, Derek S., Braylon, Isaac, Derik M. and Ryley.
 - b. Feb 3rd is school improvement day. Faculty are willing to give feedback on the meet and confer agreement.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. A Polish family is interested in moving into the district. They have lived in the country for 14 months.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.

Old Business

7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
 - a. A final draft of the Meet and Confer agreement was handed out for the board to look over and discuss at the next meeting.
8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
 - a. School Maintenance Grant Amendments. (allowed through 9/23)
 - i. We can use our Grant for items that are above and beyond what we initially put in the Grant.
 - ii. Gym mats will be purchased under the Grant.
 - b. Gym Rehabilitation- Short Term/Long Term
 - i. Once we have selected an architect, we can find some long term solutions to our roof leak problem.
 - c. Conor O'Rourke Tournament Report
 - i. The Tournament raised over \$5,000.
 - ii. Overall a very positive tournament.
 - iii. Looking for volunteers to run the tournament next year.
9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (to be presented to faculty on 2/3/23 half day)

New Business

10. Boys Bathroom Door Sticks
 - a. It was brought up that the downstairs boys bathroom door sticks and is a safety hazard.
 - b. Dean Svela will bring by a hand plane for Shawn Bullock to use on the door.
11. Policy Discussion: PRESS Issue 110; Final Policy Updates from 2022
 - a. Mr. Simpson handed out Press Issue 110. (see binder)
 - b. Once this last policy has been updated, we will be allowed to be part of Press Plus again and we would get an official board policy book again.
12. Superintendent Evaluation Process
 - a. Mr. Simpson sent the Evaluation form to Chris Cardott and Julie Lovett and Julie sent the form to the rest of the board
13. Whole Building Lighting Update Proposal from ComEd Assessment
 - a. The bid was for all new energy efficient lighting.
 - b. They will install the lighting over Spring break if we let them know before the end of February.
 - c. The estimate was \$36,263.00 and after rebates our cost would be \$13,211.75.
 - d. The annual savings would be \$2,851.00.
 - e. The labor warranty was for one year and the product warranty was 7 years.
 - f. Mr. Simpson will investigate whether the building grant can be used for the project.
 - g. Marcy Delille suggested that we could try to resell the old lights if we don't have to turn them in.

On a motion by Marcy Delille and a second by Julie Lovett and a roll count of all eyes, the Board decided to move forward with the lighting project.

14. Proposal from Newkirk for Auditing Services

- a. We received a quote from Newkirk and Associates for no more than \$8,400.00
- b. Discussion was held.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey and a roll count of 5 ayes and 1 nay, the Board decided to approve Newkirk and Associates to do our audit for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:15pm.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:54pm.

15. Action Resulting from Executive Session.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board accepted the resignation of Betsie Swartz.

16. Announcements

- a. None

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

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Marcy DeLille, Secretary
Board of Education
March 15th, 2023

Chris Cardott, President
Board of Education