

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

January 15th, 2025 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of January 15th, 2025 was called to order by Vice President Jen Kraemer.

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

Board members present: Bethany Drendel, Vicki Maertz, Jen Kraemer, Tom Brown and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late: Chele Wells (6:17pm)

Board members absent: Jennie O'Rorke

Visitors: Michelle Esposito and Ann Marie Williams (Geenex Solar)

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from December 18th, 2024

On a motion by Tom Brown, a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from December 18th, 2024 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, 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. School institute day was a success with all the teacher planning, the planning of the day of relationship and team building for the students.
 - b. Mrs. Odle went to a presentation about Math that she shared and she will help incorporate what she learned into our Math Block.
 - c. (6:17pm) Our new Kindergarten student teacher (Ms. Jordan) is doing great so far.
 - d. Mr. Hayes provided a binder with bank account statements and reconciliation reports for the board to review each month.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. The Little Caesar check came in from the Booster Club for \$786.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. Ann Marie shared some of the good things that Geenex Solar is doing in the community.
 - b. The staff were very appreciative for the Amazon gift cards. All of the cards have been cashed except one.

Old Business

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage
 - a. none.
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. For Second Reading, Discussion & Adoption: PRESS 117
 - a. Policy changes were discussed.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved adopting the updates of the PRESS 117 policies.

11. New Minimum Wage Law Update (Effective Jan. 1, 2025)
 - a. Illinois installed a \$15 an hour minimum wage. We are waiting for a substitute teacher pay survey to return to see if we need to adjust our substitute pay.

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

NONE

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session
 - a. None
14. The next meeting will be held on February 19th at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary
Board of Education
February 19th, 2025

Approved by the Board of Education:

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education