

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

January 19th, 2022

6:15 pm –In person meeting, publicized and posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The regularly scheduled meeting of January 19th, 2022 was called to order by Vice President Julie Lovett.

On roll call at 6:19pm, the following members were present:

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

Board members late:

Board members absent: Marcy DeLille, Chris Cardott and Joseph Powell

Visitors: None

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
2. Approval /Correction of Minutes

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from the December 15th, 2021 meeting were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Dean Svela 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 Superintendent
 - a. Completed two rounds of COVID saliva testing.
 - b. Twenty-one kids participated in the testing.
 - c. When we struggle finding a sub the teamwork of the school staff is fantastic.
 - d. When redoing the staff handbook, we will look into adding additional compensation when teachers are asked to teach during a planning period.
 - e. We have had positive contact with Lee County sheriff. We will have an active shooter training on February 11th for the staff.
 - f. Don Romes said he would like to coach the Girls' basketball team.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.

- a. Nice to see the Lee County sheriff at the school during the supposed Tic Toc shooting challenge.
- 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None

Old Business

- 7. Report of Conor O'Rorke Drive Through and Blood Drive
 - a. Will be given at the February BOE meeting.
- 8. COVID Vaccination Clinic Report
 - a. Nineteen people came to the clinic in December. This past Saturday, January 15th, there were twenty-four people who were vaccinated.
- 9. Staff Handbook/ Contract Update
 - a. We have received information back from the attorney that we will go through at the February BOE meeting.
 - b. Language of "Staff contract" needs to be removed because we are not a big enough school under the legal definition.
- 10. Building Security/Lock Bids
 - a. Melin's Lock and Key installed the new exterior door locks.
 - b. Their actual bill was less than their quote.
- 11. Gymnasium Update Planning-Protective Wall Padding
 - a. Have not heard back from the Rochelle Park District.
 - b. We received one quote for \$7,700 for 8-foot-high padding all around the gym.
 - c. Not able to get a rebate from Commonwealth Edison because our bulbs are small and such low Wattage.

New Business

- 12. PRESS Policy Update
 - a. At the February BOE meeting we will approve pages 1-89 of the policy packet.
 - b. Board members to come with questions next month before we approve the policies.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a unanimous voice vote, the approval of Press Plus Board packet will be moved to the February BOE meeting.

- 13. Teacher Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan
 - a. The plan is managed by Voya Financial.
 - b. This is a small way to offer more to teachers so they can have a better retirement.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the agreement to participate in the Teacher Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan.

14. 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 7:20pm.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:27pm.

15. Hiring of new employees.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to hire Randy Paisley as the new PE teacher

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to hire Don Romes as the new Girls' Basketball coach.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Julie Lovett, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Marcy DeLille, Secretary
Board of Education
February 16th, 2022

Chris Cardott, President
Board of Education