

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

July 17th 2024 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of July 17th, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:02pm, the following members were present:

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

Board members late:

Board members absent:

Visitors: Michelle Esposito, Bethany Drendel

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from June 19th, 2024

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from June 19th, 2024 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and 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. Shawn Bullock is very happy to have Bethany Odle helping him for the summer.
 - b. Still waiting on water bottle fillers to arrive.
 - c. Still waiting on the commercial dishwasher to arrive and be installed.
 - d. The gym floor is finished.
 - e. Scott Johnson, our architect, will do a full building walk through this fall to start our 10-year Life Safety check.
 - f. Illinois Association of School Administrators chose Steven to go to the Dominican Republic to work with the schools there for a week in October. He will need a week of Professional Leave during that time.

- g. We still have one teacher upstairs to hire. Two interviews will take place on Friday.
- 5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Positive parent communication about the new school supply plan.
 - b. Positive parent communication about the ease of online registration.
- 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. Michelle Esposito shared some of her good stories of her three day Springfield training.
 - b. Ben Hayes is waiting on the rubber mat to come in for his project. He would like to put it on the basketball court instead of by the gazebo.

Old Business

- 7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update
 - a. None.
- 8. 10-year Life Safety Study (to be conducted in 24-25)
 - a. Mentioned in Superintendent comments.
- 9. Board Member Vacancies (Resignations from May and June)
 - a. Two board positions need to be filled. The term ends in 2025 for both positions.

New Business

- 10. Candidate Interview(s) for Open Board Member Seat(s)
 - a. Bethany Drendel would like to fill one of the positions and was interviewed.
- 11. Address Open Board Officer Positions; Nominations and Selection
 - a. Discussion was had about filling the positions. Jen Kraemer and Tom Brown were nominated for Vice President.

On a motion by Jen Kraemer and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved Vicki Maertz as Board Secretary.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved Jen Kraemer as Board Vice President.

- 12. PRESS Issue 115 – 2nd reading: 50-page final results of the May General Assembly
 - a. Mr. Simpson shared the results.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to adopt Press Issue 115 as presented.

- 13. Non-Certified Employee Transition of Food Service to Salary
 - a. It was discussed to move Mrs. Malcolm, our cook, to a salaried position.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move Mrs. Malcolm to a salaried position paid over 12 months.

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

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:10pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:16pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to appoint Bethany Drendel to the board with a term ending in 2025.

- a. Bethany Drendel was sworn in with the official oath.

14. The next meeting will be held on August 21st starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary
Board of Education
August 21st, 2024

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education