

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

July 20th, 2022

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

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The regularly scheduled meeting of July 20th, 2022 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

On roll call at 6:17pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chris Cardott, Julie Lovett, Nate Ramsey, Chele Wells, Joseph Powell and Marcy DeLille and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Dean Svela

Visitors: None

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
 - a. The minutes from last month will be approved at the next meeting.
2. Approval /Correction of Minutes
3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

4. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.
5. Good News Communication and Report from Superintendent
 - a. A Clear and Present Danger form was shared from the State Police.
 - b. Safe to Help Illinois website will help districts to deal with students who are having metal health trouble.
 - c. Registration packets have been dropped off regularly each day.
6. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Julie Lovett brought a cake to celebrate Mr. Simpson's first year.
 - b. Nate Ramsey commented that the yard has looked good and is well kept.

Old Business

7. Staff Handbook Option for Discussion: Sample *Meet & Confer Agreement*
 - a. The Meet & Confer Agreement was decided to be a better option than the Staff Handbook.
 - b. More details should be added to the Agreement as far as when school starts, insurance and what the stipends are.
 - c. The Agreement will be shared with our attorney Barbara to finalize.
 - d. AFLAC offers very affordable plans (\$10 per paycheck). Mr. Simpson would like to have them talk to the staff during a TI day.
 - e. Have we ever offered 403b plans to our employees? Not that anyone was aware.
8. Buildings and Grounds.
 - a. Gym Floor (Refinished on 6-16-22; 2nd Refinishing 7-15-22).
 - i. After the floor was refinished a swirl pattern was visible on the floor.
 - ii. Specialty floors came back and refinished them on 7-15-22.
 - iii. The floor has settled and there are no high spots from the water damage.
 - b. Locks/ Scanners/ Security (will be installed in late July/early August).
 - i. Melin's will install a different scanner that will take longer to install, but they will not charge more money.
 - c. Summer Work: Major Cleaning/Waxing Completed; Detailing Remains.
 - i. All the floors have been waxed. Some of them still need to be buffed.

New Business

9. Policy Update: PRESS update- Next Round (First Reading).
 - a. The plan is to divide the next round into two sections.
 - b. A copy will be digitally sent to each board member after tonight's meeting.
10. Back-to-School/ Open House Planning.
 - a. A COVID Return to School Flowchart was shared.
 - b. The State's general consensus is that masks will be recommended but not mandatory.
 - c. Saliva testing will be offered to schools at no charge. All students will be eligible, and parents can opt out if they choose to.
 - d. We have around 80 rapid test kits that we can use.
 - e. We will still space desks 3 feet apart and spread kids out in the cafeteria during lunch.
 - f. Once 25-30% of the kids are out of school then the school will go fully remote.
 - g. Open house will be held at one time this year over a two-hour period from 4:30-6:30 on Monday, August 15th.
 - h. Possible things to have at the Open house:
 - i. Party signup
 - ii. COVID flow chart
 - iii. Booster/4H tables
 - iv. Lunch menu
 - v. Sport schedules
11. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (as requested 4-20-22) (Tabled on 5-18-22)
(Tabled on 6-20-22)

- a. The board members will do some research on a mission and vision statement to bring to the August board meeting.

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

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Joseph Powell, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:40pm.

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Marcy DeLille, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:07pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

12. Action Resulting from Executive Session

a.

13. Approval of New Full-Time 4th/5th Grade Teacher

a. Melissa Dietze was interviewed and made a very good impression.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Julie Lovett, and unanimous voice vote, the board approved to hire Melissa Dietze as the full-time 4th-5th grade teacher.

14. Approval of Replacement for Board Member Representation for OCEC (Tabled on 5-18-22) (Tabled on 6-20-22)

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes, the board approved Julie Lovett to continue to be the board member representative for the OCEC.

15. Joseph Powell would like to move the meetings back to 6:00. The board will discuss this at the August meeting.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Nate Ramsey and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Marcy DeLille, Secretary
Board of Education
August 23rd, 2022

Chris Cardott, President
Board of Education