

# STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

## STEWARD, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 posted for participation.

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Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The board meeting of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

On roll call at 6:03pm, 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 (6:36pm)

**Board members absent:** Joseph Powell

**Visitors:**

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None.
2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Chele Wells, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. An article was shared that Erin Odle was nominated for the Golden Apple Award.
  - b. An article was shared that Steward school won in Dekalb County as a top workplace.
  - c. A private donor is going to purchase a thank you ad, in response to the voters who voted for the school, to be put in the Dekalb Daily Chronicle.
  - d. Steward school has been recognized as a Tree Campus in the inaugural year.
  - e. There are five interviews lined up in the next week for the open FY24 teacher position.
  - f. The student council is having a family dodge ball night/fundraiser for a Steward student on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- g. A haunted house is planned to be built in the gym in April for the same student and will also be treated as a fundraiser.
- h. The speech team did very well at their two speech events recently.
- 5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
  - a. Very nice school newsletter again last month.
  - b. The students have enjoyed the dogs Mrs. Stroh has been bringing to the school.
- 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
  - a. None.

### **Old Business**

- 7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
  - a. Will be talked about at the April meeting.
- 8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
  - a. A ComEd representative stopped by today to do a light count to make sure we are ready to start the lighting project during Spring Break.
  - b. Gym Rehabilitation- Short Term/Long Term
    - i. No new news.
- 9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (Faculty Review/Contributions in Progress)

### **New Business (6:33pm)**

- 10. Policy Review and Adoption: PRESS Issue 110 (2:50-5:330) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading); 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (for April Review & Adoption) – (Sec. 6 New Table of Contents – 7:340)
  - a. Changes were discussed.

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela and a roll count of all eyes, the Board adopted the policies 2:50-5:330.**

- 11. Calendar Proposal for 2023-2024 School Year (General RTHS Alignment)
  - a. The calendar was shared.

**On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Julie Lovett and a roll count of all eyes, the Board approved the Steward School 2023-2024 calendar.**

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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 Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all eyes, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:01pm.**

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all eyes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:44pm.**

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- 12. Action Resulting from Executive Session.

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board accepted the reemployment of nontenured staff (see file for the list of employees).**

13. Announcements

a. None

14. The next meeting will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm.

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Nate Ramsey and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:45pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Marcy DeLille, Secretary  
Board of Education  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Chris Cardott, President  
Board of Education