

# STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

## STEWARD, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

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Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The regularly scheduled meeting of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

On roll call at 6:15pm, the following members were present:

**Board members present:** Chris Cardott, Julie Lovett, Dean Svela, and Superintendent Steven Simpson

**Board members late:** Chele Wells (6:17pm), Marcy DeLille (6:35pm)

**Board members absent:** Nate Ramsey, Joseph Powell

**Visitors:** None

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

**On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all ayes, the minutes from the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting were accepted as presented.**

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

**On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, 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. See attached report.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
  - a. Marcy DeLille apologized for missing the past few meetings.
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. There was a low number of blood donors (26).
  - b. Conor Carryout raised \$1,100, for our portion of the meals and tips.
  - c. We need to add the Conor O’Rorke tournament to the July or August agenda.
8. Sports Fee Continuity (re-visiting from Fall discussion)
- a. The athletic fees were discussed.

**On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the athletic fees are to be capped at \$40 per person or \$100 per family with hardship cases to be determined by administration.**

9. Staff Handbook – Discussion on Attorney Review
- a. A digital copy was not sent to everyone, so it was tabled for next month.
10. Buildings and Grounds.
- a. Locks/ Scanners/ Security/ Usage Policy
    - i. Waiting for the Scanner company to get back with us on clarification of the types of scanners and how they work.
  - b. Gymnasium Project(s)
    - i. \$8,233.34 was the total cost from Serv Pro.
    - ii. Our cost is \$2,500.00.
    - iii. This week Specialty Floors found that there is still moisture in the gym floor that needs to be dried out.
    - iv. They can dry it out for \$975.00 (which is covered by the insurance company).
    - v. They could start as early as March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Marcy DeLille, and a roll call of all ayes, Mr. Simpson will contact Specialty Floors to have them dry the gym floor for \$975.00.**

- c. Removal of Dead Ornamental Tree on North Side of Building
  - i. Dean Svela and the Lovetts can cut down the tree with a chain saw and haul the wood away.
  - ii. It was suggested that Nate Ramsey has a stump remover.
  - iii. Karen Bonnell will be contacted for a tree for Arbor Day.
  - iv. Does the Eagle on the stump need upkeep?
  - v. Marcy DeLille will contact the carver to see what we need to do with the stump.

### **New Business**

11. Set Date for Kindergarten Round Up
- a. The date to be set for the end of April.
12. PRESS Policy Update (and planning for future meetings)
- a. Second Reading of Selected PRESS Policies 5:220-8:110 (pp. 90-144)
  - b. Adoption of Selected PRESS Policies 5:220-8:110 (pp. 90-144)

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the selected PRESS Policies 5:220-8:110 (p.90 - 144) with corrections was approved.**

- c. Cell Phone Policy for Student Handbook
  - i. The High School policy was shared out loud.
  - ii. Currently there is not a policy on cell phones in our handbook.
  - iii. The goal is to prepare our kids for what is expected in High School.
  - iv. Mr. Simpson will reword the policy and present it at the next board meeting.
- 13. Steward 220 Calendar Discussion and Adoption
  - a. Ideas were shared and a draft calendar will be prepared for next month's meeting.

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the calendar was accepted with changes and to be presented at the next meeting.**

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- 14. 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 Marcy DeLille, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 8:48pm.**

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Marcy DeLille, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:53pm.**

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- 15. Approval of Employment

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to hire Jakob Hill as the new chess coach.**

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to hire Betsie Swartz as the new track coach (sponsor).**

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Chele Wells and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:55pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Marcy DeLille, Secretary  
Board of Education  
April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Chris Cardott, President  
Board of Education