

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

March 20th 2024 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of March 20th, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:06pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chele Wells, Julie Lovett, Marcy DeLille, Tom Brown, Vicki Maertz, Jennifer O’Rorke and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late: Jennifer Kraemer (6:08pm)

Board members absent:

Visitors: Erin Odle and Michelle Esposito

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from February 21st, 2024

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from February 21st, 2024 were accepted as presented with the correction of the year of the minutes changed from 2023 to 2024.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, 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. See file for list of good news items.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Marcy asked if our school would like a donation of Dungeons and Dragons game.
 - b. Jennie O’Rorke inquired about the progress of the Builders Club. We are waiting on the startup kit that is to be delivered to Don Romes.
 - c. Jenn Kraemer inquired about an Amazon wish list for the teachers at the end of the school year.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.

- a. Michelle likes the messages on the sidewalks that the student council writes everyday.
- b. Matt Hayes shared with the board the status of the school sign. The old computer that ran the sign died and in the process of hooking up the new computer the sign stopped working. The sign company quoted us a price for a new sign (\$14,000) but miraculously the new sign started working again.

Old Business

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update.
 - a. Fire panel is getting old and the company that sold it to us has gone out of business a long time ago.
 - b. A new fire panel was ordered for \$12,000.
8. Transportation/ School Bus Fleet Status.
 - a. Our local buyer will be here on Friday to look at the bus.
9. Discussion of 2024-25 Steward Elementary Calendar

New Business

10. Adoption of SESD #220 Calendar for 2024-25 School Year

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a roll count of all ayes, the Board approved the Steward School 2024-2025 calendar as presented.

11. State of Illinois Updated Requirements for Starting Teacher Salary
 - a. The state of Illinois is mandating an increase in the base teacher salary to \$41,188.
 - b. An updated schedule was shared.
12. Distribution of 2024 IL Association of School Boards Constitution and Position Statements
 - a.

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

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:00pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:42pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session
 - a. Track Coach

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to hire Deanne Aldridge as the head track coach.

14. The next meeting will be held on April 17th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Julie Lovett and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
April 17th, 2024

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education