

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting

March 3rd, 2021

7:00 pm –In person meeting, publicized and posted for participation. The meeting was held in the gymnasium and the public shared comments throughout the meeting.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The special board meeting of March 3rd, 2021 was called to order by President Jim Knetsch.

On roll call at 7:00pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chris Cardott, Jim Knetsch, Nate Ramsey, Dean Svela, Marcy DeLille, Chele Wells, Julie Lovett, and Superintendent Taylor

Board members late: None

Board members absent: None

Visitors: Kortney Powell, Justin and Andrea Smith, Galen Cardott, Karley Stover, Tammy and Kenneth Overton, Vicki and Eric Maertz, Rebekah Hayes, Calla Stroh, Angie Buskohl, Betsie Swartz, Erin Odle, Tom Altepeter, and John Mathey

Public comment: None

Presentations and reports:

1. Return to Campus Instruction:

- a. Julie Lovett read a letter from PJ and Jenn O'Rorke, who were unable to attend, sharing their desire to have kids in school all day long while practicing safe measures.
- b. Superintendent Taylor shared that the staff are willing to do a full day, shortened day or remain hybrid. He said he will administer in the direction the board makes a decision.
- c. Calla Stroh and Erin Odle, shared the three options the staff thought could work. Some concerns:
 - i. No full-time custodian to clean.
 - ii. No Cook to prepare meals.
 - iii. For a full day of learning we need an extra staff member.
 - iv. They would like to start at the beginning of the week for the transition.
- d. Superintendent Taylor shared that he has interviewed two custodians.
- e. Julie Lovett brought up the idea of the littles being in school all day and letting the older kids getting out at 1:45pm.
- f. Tammy Overton mentioned that kids need interaction and need to be in school all day.
- g. John Mathey said he loves what the school does for his kids and thinks kids should be in school all day.
- h. Marcy DeLille mentioned the need to have a custodian and someone to prepare meals. She mentioned we could explore all kids having brown bag lunches if we couldn't find a cook.

- i. Superintendent Taylor shared the Minute Men Staffing service provides a cleaning person everyday all day.
- j. Superintendent Taylor mentioned it would take two days to secure a cook.
- k. Kortney Powell shared AFC does their lunches in the classroom. Superintendent Taylor said supervision was a challenge for that type of lunch because teachers wouldn't get a duty-free lunch.
- l. Matt Hayes shared he secured subs for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for the rest of the school year for the all day school plan. He put the subs on hold after the board put a pause on returning to school.
- m. Chele Wells was concerned that extra subs would increase exposure of COVID. She would rather have one person sub the entire week.
- n. Marcy DeLille said parents and teachers need time to change to a new schedule.
- o. Chris Cardott suggested a 2:15pm end time for plan C instead of 1:45pm.
- p. Marcy DeLille mentioned that we need to hire appropriate staff for the Fall. She also suggested March 14 to be a return date with the 2:15pm end time.
- q. Superintendent Taylor suggested we can fill the last class with enrichment time.
- r. Angie Buskohl is concerned with lunches that are being cooked that the person preparing the meals needs a food service license.

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Chris Cardott, and a roll call of all aye, the board decided to have the students return to school March 15 with in school instruction until 2:15pm.

2. Policy Discussion

- a. Superintendent Taylor shared that the staff all are all aware of the staff handbook.

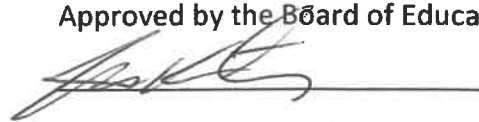
On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Chris Cardott, and a roll call of all aye, the board decided to move into executive session at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
March, 17th 2021

Approved by the Board of Education:



Jim Knetsch, President
Board of Education