

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

May 15th 2024 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of May 15th, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:01pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chele Wells, Tom Brown, Jennie O’Rorke, Jen Kraemer, Marcy DeLille and Vicki Maertz

Board members late:

Board members absent: Julie Lovett and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Visitors: Michelle Esposito (sat in for Mr. Simpson), Nicole Kedzie, Evi O’Rorke, Molly Kedzie, Morgan DeLille and Ben Hayes

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from April 17th, 2024

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from April 17th, 2024 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen 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. Spring program was awesome, and the band sounded great.
 - b. Watching the staff come together the day of the water leak moving Mrs. Dietze and her entire classroom to another room was a joy to watch.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. Girl Scouts presentation on the “buddy” bench.
 - i. Morgan, Evi and Molly from troop 1870 in Steward gave a presentation.
 - ii. They are working on their silver award for girl scouts.

- iii. They have been collecting plastic bottle caps to make benches out of.
- iv. They would like to donate a “buddy” bench to the school for the playground.
- v. It would be installed by the end of the summer.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all eyes, the board approved the girl scouts project to install a bench in the school playground.

- b. Boy Scout presentation on Eagle scout project
 - i. Ben gave his Eagle scout presentation.
 - ii. He would like to put in a gaga ball pit in the school playground.
 - iii. He will fundraise and install the gaga ball pit by the end of the summer.
 - iv. The estimated cost is \$3,700.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all eyes, the board approved Ben’s eagle scouts project to install a gaga ball pit in the school playground and to donate \$250 when he begins fundraising.

Old Business

- 7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update
 - a. Sprinkler pipe leak in Mrs. Dietze room that damaged half of her ceiling.
 - b. Serv Pro was contacted and have been repairing the ceiling.
 - c. A new dishwasher will be purchased and installed over the summer to replace the one that is not working properly.
 - d. We will order and install drinking fountain/water bottle fillers to replace existing drinking fountains over the summer.
- 8. Transportation/ School Bus Fleet Status
 - a. Would like to see the school purchase an I-pass for the school bus.
- 9. 10-year Life Safety Study (to be conducted in 24-25)

New Business

- 10. PRESS Issue 114 - 2nd reading, discussion and adoption of policies – 2:40-7:180
 - a. Discussion was held
 - b. Erin’s law was discussed and will be looked at to implement in FY25.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all eyes, the Board approved to adopt the updates of the PRESS Issue 114 policies – 2:40-7:180 with any adjustments Mr. Simpson adds to it.

- 11. Succession Plan – Principal Position Written Proposal

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all eyes, the Board tabled the Succession Plan to next month’s board meeting.

12. Adjusting FY24 Budget: Movement (Non-Inter Fund Transfer) of Reserve Funds within Same Fund Categories into Current Fiscal Year
- a. Transportation (Cost of Bus Purchase)
 - b. Tort/Liability (Cost of TRS Expenses)

On a motion by Vicky Maertz and a second by Marcy DeLille, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the adjustment of the FY24 budget as stated above.

12. Non-Certified Employee Salary Discussion for 24-25
- a. To be discussed in Executive Session

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 Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:51pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:16pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to table the non-certified staff discussion until the June board meeting.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to accept the resignation of board member Julie Lovett effective today, May 15th, 2024.

14. The next meeting will be held on June 19th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
June 19th, 2024

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education