

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

May 18th, 2022

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

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The regularly scheduled meeting of May 18th, 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, Nate Ramsey, and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Chele Wells, Joseph Powell and Marcy DeLille

Visitors: None

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

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a roll call of all eyes, the minutes from the April 20th, 2022 meeting were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all eyes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

4. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.
5. Good News Communication and Report from Superintendent
 - a. Music/Awards night went very well.
 - b. The last day of school activities were shared.
 - c. The school has not received any music teacher applicants, but we do have several PE teacher applicants.
 - d. Arbor Day tree planting was led by Karen Bonnell by the eagle tree. The tree was donated by McCormick Nursery & Garden Center in Sterling.

6. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Thanks was given to Nate Ramsey and Dean Svela for digging out the tree on the north side of the building in the rain.

Old Business

7. Staff Handbook – Discussion on Attorney Review
 - a. We will get a sample of a Meet and Confer agreement from Barbara.
8. Buildings and Grounds.
 - a. Gym Floor Update
 - i. Gym floor still has moisture in northwest corner, so the fan is still running to dry it out.
 - ii. Specialty Floors will be back on June 16 to refinish the floor.
 - b. Locks/ Scanners/ Security/ Usage Policy
 - i. The cost has gone up \$130 for material cost from prior bid.
 - ii. Because of the construction grant, we would be responsible for half of the cost.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the bid to put card scanners by doors 1,2 & 6 from Melin’s Lock & Key for \$5,692.87.

- c. Summer Work Review – Priorities
 - i. Mr. Simpson asked if the Board thought we should hire extra help over the summer with stripping and waxing the floors.

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved hiring workers at minimum wage to help the custodian over the summer on an as needed basis.

New Business

9. Policy Update
 - a. Cell Phone Policy for Student Handbook Second Reading and Adoption.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, and unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Cell Phone policy as presented.

10. Steward 220 Calendar Discussion and Adoption
 - a. The new 2022-2023 calendar was presented with the following updates.
 - i. An extra TI day on the August 12th was added.
 - ii. The December day count was corrected to 15 instead of 14.
 - iii. The last day of school to be May 24th.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Nate Ramsey, and unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the 2022-2023 calendar as presented.

11. Social & Emotional Curriculum Proposal
 - a. The bid was presented from Positive Action for \$3,630.00.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the purchase of the Social Emotional Curriculum from Positive Action for \$3,630.

12. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals

- a. To be added to next month's meeting agenda

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

None

New Business Requiring Board Action

14. Approval of Resignation of Part-Time Personnel.

- a. Jacob McCormick's letter of resignation was shared.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and unanimous voice vote, the letter of resignation of Jacob McCormick was accepted.

15. Non-certified Employee Salary Options for 2022-2023

- a. Matt Hayes was asked to leave the room as the board discussed the salaries.

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all ayes, the motion to raise the pay of the following four positions by 7.5% of their current salary base: Cook, Maintenance/Custodian, Bus Driver and Admin. Asst/Payroll/Bookkeeper was accepted.

16. Approval of Replacement for Board Member Representation for OCEC.

- b. Julie Lovett has served on the OCEC Board and her time has expired.
- c. She needs to be replaced on the OCEC board with someone on our current board.
- d. We will table this for next month's meeting.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Nate Ramsey and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Marcy DeLille, Secretary
Board of Education
June 15th, 2022

Chris Cardott, President
Board of Education