

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION OF INTERFUND TRANSFER

May 19th 2021

6:00 PM – Steward Elementary School

Board members present: Chris Cardott, Nate Ramsey, Dean Svela,
Julie Lovett and Superintendent Taylor

Board members late:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Hearing for the Purpose of Resolution 2020-2021 #1
 - a. LT gave an overview of the purpose of the resolution

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all aye, Resolution 2020-2021 #1 was accepted.

3. Adjournment 6:06pm

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

May 19th, 2021

6:00 pm –In person meeting, publicized and posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The regularly scheduled meeting of May 19th, 2021 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

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

Board members present: Chris Cardott, Nate Ramsey, Dean Svela,
Julie Lovett, and Superintendent Taylor

Board members late: Marcy DeLille

Board members absent: Jim Knetsch, Chele Wells

Visitors:

Public comment:

Presentations and reports:

1. Public comments - None
2. Superintendent Taylor highlighted “Good Things are Happening for Students of Steward” and the “Superintendent and Principal Reports”
 - a. Transition meeting went well.
 - b. Verbal offer was made to our new cook.
3. Board Member Communication for the Good of Steward.
 - a. Yearbook looked outstanding
 - b. Lee County would like to hold vaccinations here at the school. Board said thanks but no thanks.
4. 8th grade Promotion and Congratulations (2020-2021 Students).
 - a. Nice Promotion service, very professional and somber service.
 - b. The service lasted 45 minutes.
5. Playground Project
 - a. The lumber is here for the playground and Mr. Taylor will check on the hardware.
 - b. Mr. Taylor will look to see if there is a playground depth of rock in the playground to see if we need more rock.
 - c. Middle of June to be a tentative date to do the playground project.
 - d. Mr. Taylor will check with the prior committee to see if they have hardware or plans.
6. Window A/C Units for Upstairs Classrooms
 - a. Nate Ramsey will get ahold of Sunbelt Renting Units in July.
 - b. Revisit this in July.
7. Bookkeeping Information Update/Process
 - a. Common Goals Group (our new finance software) is being set up by Mr. Hayes.
 - b. Bloom Township is aware of the transition and are willing to work with us.
 - c. The auditor has also been communicated with about the transition.
8. Banking Information, Review, and Transition
 - a. Local finance switch from Stillman to Central was talked about.
 - b. A resolution would need to be approved by the board for a banking transition.
9. Administrative Transition Planning/ Meeting Update
 - a. Good/positive meeting and covered a lot of information.
 - b. May 24th will be the last day for Mr. Taylor. He has filled his 180-day contract.
 - c. Mr. Taylor will reach out to Steve Simpson.
 - d. Mr. Taylor will be available for questions during the month of June.
 - e. Mr. Taylor is to receive Insurance for 5 additional years, according to his contract. He would like 3 years of insurance and 2 years paid in cash.

- f. Three options were proposed. To be paid in June, July or in January.
10. 2021-2022 Salary Schedule
- a. Insurance stipend benefit goes towards the salary total in determining the base salary for teachers.
 - b. 2% was discussed as an increase in salary.

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all aye, a 2% salary increase for school year 2021-2022 for certified staff was approved.

11. Health Insurance Renewal for 2021-2022
- a. Egyptian Insurance can have different plans with different deductibles.
 - b. Revisit health insurance plans at the June board meeting.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a roll call of all aye, a \$250 per month stipend for health insurance for full time employees and a rated amount for part time employees was approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

12. Health Insurance Survey Information
- a. Mr. Taylor presented a chart with comparisons with other deductibles.
13. Property, Casualty, and Operations Insurance
- a. Estimated renewal rates was shared. (see binder)
14. Staff Handbook
- a. The edited handbook was presented to the board, staff and new superintendent to form a final copy.
 - b. One FTE = TRS day.
 - c. A signature page needs to be added to the handbook.
 - d. An added stipend for teachers to come early to set up their classroom before school begins in the Fall was talked about being added as an incentive. To be put on June or July agenda.
15. Resignation of Board Member
- a. Jim Knetsch has resigned and has moved out of district.
 - b. A new board member will need to be found.
 - c. Mr. Hayes to post on the website for new board member to apply with letters of intent.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all aye, the resignation of Jim Knetsch was accepted.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Nate Ramsey, and a roll call of all aye, consent was given for the April 21st meeting minutes and consent agenda.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Julie Lovett, and a roll call of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Marcy DeLille, Secretary
Board of Education
June 16th, 2021

Approved by the Board of Education:

Chris Cardott, President
Board of Education