

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

May 24th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The board meeting of May 24th, 2023 was called to order by Vice President Julie Lovett.

On roll call at 6:03pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Dean Svela, Julie Lovett, Chele Wells, Nate Ramsey, Marcy DeLille and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Joseph Powell, Chris Cardott

Visitors: Vicki Maertz, Jennifer Kraemer and Tom Brown

1. Recognition of Certified April Election Results and Appointments Enacted by the BOE.
 - a. Jennifer Kraemer was elected as a Steward school board member.
2. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Add approval of minutes before dismissing the existing board.
3. Approval /Correction of Minutes from April 19th, 2023.

On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Dean Svela, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from April 19th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

4. Selection of Pro Term Officers.
 - a. President: Chele Wells nominated Julie Lovett for Pro Tem President.
 - b. Secretary: Julie Lovett nominated Chele Wells for Pro Tem Secretary.

On a unanimous voice vote, Julie Lovett was appointed to Pro Tem President and Chele Wells was appointed to Pro Tem Secretary.

On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Nate Ramsey and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:08pm.

5. The new board meeting of May 24th, 2023 was called to order by Pro Tem President Julie Lovett at 6:11pm.
6. Seating of newly elected/appointed Board of Education members.
 - a. The following people were elected and appointed to the board Vicki Maertz, Marcy DeLille, Tom Brown and Jennifer Kraemer.

7. Oath of office for those newly elected/appointed. (administered by President Pro Tem Julie Lovett)
8. On a Roll Call at 6:16pm, the following members were present:

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

Board members late:

Board members absent:

Visitors:

9. New Officers (nominations, discussion and vote)
 - a. President: Marcy DeLille nominated Chele Wells for president.

On a unanimous voice vote, Chele Wells was appointed to Board President.

- b. Vice President: Julie Lovett nominated Marcy DeLille as vice president.

On a unanimous voice vote, Marcy DeLille was appointed to Board Vice President

- c. Secretary: Chele Wells nominated Julie Lovett as secretary.

On a unanimous voice vote, Julie Lovett was appointed to Board Secretary.

10. Pledge of Allegiance
11. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Vicki Maertz, and a roll call of all eyes, the agenda was accepted as presented.

12. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all eyes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

13. Good News Communication and Report from Administrative Assistant
 - a. On May 12th we had our Family Fun Night combined with the Booster Club selling concessions.
 - b. Several staff members and students attended Allison's memorial service on May 13th at New Hope Fellowship in Rochelle.
 - c. Our Spring concert/Awards night was a success.
 - d. The 6-8th grade class had their first science fair since FY2018 with Patty Strehl.
 - e. Graduation was a success with Mrs. Stroh giving a talk and Mrs. Odle singing a solo. Mike Smith, who last taught here in 21/22, also gave a talk.
 - f. The last day of school will have the kids spreading mulch, lunch in the park with the Steward UMC helping out, a talent show and a Kindergarten graduation.
 - g. Friday will be our last Teacher's Institute.
 - h. Karen Bonnell did a nice Arbor Day presentation for the school at the end of April.

- i. Our Girl Scout troop planted a tree in memory of Allison. The tree (Easter Red Bud) was donated by McCormick nursery.
- 14. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Mr. Simpson contacted Nicor about the ditch on the south side of the school. Nicor said they may be here in a week and a half.
 - b. The carved eagle is beginning to split. We need to look into fixing it.
 - c. The music teacher is doing a good job with the music program.
 - d. The 6th-8th science fair was very impressive.
- 15. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.

Old Business

- 16. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
 - a. To be held in Executive Session.
- 17. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
 - a. Summer Maintenance: Summer Work and Repairs
 - i. The gym floor will be refinished again this year, May 31st (\$950 - Specialty Floors).
 - ii. Roof leaks will be repaired.
 - iii. O'Rorke Construction is still looking for drain pieces for our west side gutters.
 - iv. The parking lot will be looked at being recoated this summer.
 - b. Gym Rehabilitation – Short Term/Long Term
 - v. Looking for quotes for wall padding. (Increase height and width of current padding.)
- 18. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (Sharing of Faculty Input)
 - a. The faculty's Input was shared (see file).

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Mission Statement and Vision Statement were accepted as presented.

New Business

- 19. Policy Review: PRESS Issue 110, 2nd Rdg.
(for Review)- (Sec. 6 New Table of Contents- 7:340; PRESS Issue 111, 1st reading)
 - a. Issue 110 and 111 were distributed.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the board approved to table the approval of PRESS Issue 110 to the June meeting.

- 19. Review of Need for Fund Transfers Prior to End of Fiscal Year.
 - a. None currently.
 - 20. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Training Opportunities
-

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 Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:42pm.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 9:16pm.

21. Action Resulting from Executive Session.

On a motion by Jennifer Kraemer and a second by Marcy DeLille, and a unanimous voice vote, the board approved a 7.5% increase in salary for the three non-certified hourly-based employees and a 5% increase for the non-certified salaried employee.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the board approved to increase the administrative salary by \$5,000.

22. The next meeting will be held on June 28th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Tom Brown and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
June 28th, 2023

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education