

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220 STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

October 25th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of October 25th, 2023 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

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

Board members present: Vicki Maertz, Marcy DeLille, Jennifer Kraemer, Tom Brown, Chele Wells, Jennifer O’Rorke and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Julie Lovett

Visitors: Bill Newkirk and son

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Bill Newkirk Audit Presentation
 - a. He went through the highlights of the audit.
 - b. There were no major concerns with our finances.

3. Approval /Correction of Minutes from September 27th, 2023

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote with, the minutes from September 27th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

4. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

5. Good News Communication and Report from Superintendent Simpson.
 - a. A very successful volleyball season. Undeclared conference/tournament champions.
 - b. 1st quarter completed. 85% of parents had in person conferences.
 - c. Scholastic book fair was a success that Mrs. Loeffelholz put together.
 - d. Family dodgeball night was a success put together by Student Council.

- e. 3rd-4th had a field trip to Lowell park.
 - f. 6th-8th had our first overnight field trip since COVID to Taft in Oregon.
 - g. Many ISBE reports have been completed and are up to date.
 - h. We will have an all school field trip to the fire station today.
6. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
- a. Golden K was interested in starting a BUGS (Bringing Up Grades) program again.
 - b. Golden K was interested in starting a Builders Club here at the school.
 - c. The Family Dodgeball night was a very fun night. Mrs. Odle did a great job putting that together.
7. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
- a. None.

Old Business

8. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement (Update to be held in Executive Session)*
- a. To be discussed in Executive Session.
9. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
- a. Waiting for O'Rorke Construction to complete the gutter work on the west side of the building.
10. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals.
- a. Nothing at this time.
11. Follow Up on Any Additional Old Business.
- a. The old bus is a 1997 bus and was inspected and didn't pass back in August.
 - b. It will be driven to Rockford to pass inspection so it can be used again.
 - c. Vicki Maertz contacted Central States and has some notes on buses that are available.
 - d. It would be nice to get a gas bus. They are running about \$120,000.
 - e. The 2018 had 55,000 miles in 2021 and now it has 84,000 miles.
 - f. Most buses start going bad around 100,000 miles.
12. Apps on Chromebooks
- a. Quickbot has been added to Chromebooks to correct grammar for kids. Is this something kids should be using?
 - b. Mr. Simpson said it would be the same as Google Classroom spell check.

New Business

12. Discussion of Annual Financial Report
- a. No additional discussion.

On a motion by Marci DeLille and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all ayes, the audit was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:43pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:08pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board authorized the superintendent to prepare the annual tax levy.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the DCDP plan as presented.

On a motion by Jennifer O'Rorke and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the resignation of Mrs. Stroh was accepted.

14. The next meeting will be held on November 15th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
November 15th, 2023

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education