

# STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

## STEWARD, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 posted for participation.

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Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:02 pm, the following members were present:

**Board members present:** Chele Wells, Tom Brown, Vicki Maertz, Jennie O'Rorke, Jen Kraemer and Superintendent Steven Simpson

**Board members late:** Bethany Drendel (6:15pm)

**Board members absent:**

**Visitors:** Michelle Esposito and Erin Odle

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
  - a. To be added under new business, taking action on the Superintendent to prepare the annual tax levy.

**On a motion by Tom Brown, a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented with the addition of the new item under new business for the Superintendent to prepare the annual tax levy.**

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**On a motion by Tom Brown, a second by Jennie O'Rorke, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were accepted as presented.**

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, 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. Mr. Simpson was very thankful for Mrs. Esposito and Mr. Hayes for running the school in his absence.
  - b. Mrs. Esposito shared her report (see file). (6:12pm)
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
  - a. Appreciate the flexibility of the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences offering phone conferences.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
  - a. none.

## Old Business

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update
  - a. The boiler had issues at the beginning of our heating season. It was fixed after a few days by HELM.
  - b. There has been no news on the broken window in the Art room. Mr. Bullock will follow up on that.
8. 10-year Life Safety Study (to be conducted in 24-25)
  - a. none.
9. Board Member Vacancies (Resignations from June)
  - a. none.

## New Business

10. Preparing the Annual Tax Levy

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board authorized the superintendent to prepare the annual tax levy.**

11. Optional: Candidate Interview(s) for Open Board Member Seat(s)
  - a. none.

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

**On a motion by Bethany Drendel, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:38pm.**

**On a motion by Jennie O’Rorke, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:21pm.**

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**On a motion by Tom Brown, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to post a position for a Kindergarten teacher for the second half of the year.**

13. The next meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm.

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Jenn Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:23pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary  
Board of Education  
November 20th, 2024

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Chele Wells, President  
Board of Education