

# STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

## STEWARD, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Budget Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 posted for participation.

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Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The budget hearing meeting of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:01 pm, the following members were present:

**Board members present:** Chele Wells, Bethany Drendel, Vicki Maertz, Jennie O'Rorke, and Superintendent Steven Simpson

**Board members late:** Tom Brown (6:39pm)

**Board members absent:** Jen Kraemer

**Visitors:** Michelle Esposito

**Public comment:** none

#### Budget Hearing

1. Presentation of 2024-25 budget.
  - a. The budget was presented by Mr. Simpson for all to review.
  - b. A Budget Highlights sheet was shared (see binder).

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Bethany Drendel, and a roll call of all ayes, the Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:44pm.**

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented.**

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 were accepted as presented.**

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Bethany Drendel, 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. Thank you to Shawn Bullock for getting the school ready for the ROE inspection.
  - b. Thank you to Brad Fritts, our state Representative, for coming to our Patriot Day Celebration.
  - c. Mr. Simpson went to the 150th anniversary of the Steward church as a representative of the school as a way to thank them for all they do for the school.
  - d. The school is hosting a public meeting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for the Steward-Caron Road Industrial Corridor Study.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
  - a. none.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
  - a. none.

#### **Old Business**

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update
  - a. The Girl Scouts would like to know where the Buddy Bench they collected caps for should be placed on the playground.
  - b. The decision was made to let the teachers decide where to put it.
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. Optional: Candidate Interview(s) for Open Board Member Seat(s)
  - a. none.
11. Snow Removal Bid for 2024-25 Winter Season
  - a. A bid was shared from O'Rorke Construction

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Tom Brown and a roll call of all ayes, except for one abstain vote, the Board accepted the snow and ice bid from O'Rorke Construction.**

12. Proposed Architectural Contract and Fees
  - a. A bid was shared from Architect Scott Johnson.

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Tom Brown and a roll call of all ayes, the Board accepted the Architectural Contract from Scott Johnson.**

13. PRESS Issue 116 Second Reading, Discussion and/or Adoption
  - a. The summary was shared at the last meeting.

**On a motion by Tom Brown, a second by Bethany Drendel and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to adopt the updates of the PRESS Issue 116.**

14. Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Annual Budget

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Bethany Drendel, and a roll call of all eyes, with one abstain vote, the 2024-2025 budget was accepted as presented.**

13. The next meeting will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:00pm.

**On a motion by Vicki Maertz, a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:27pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary  
Board of Education  
October 23rd, 2024

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Chele Wells, President  
Board of Education