STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220
STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

August 21st, 2026 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Jen Kraemer.

The school board meeting of August 21st, 2026 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 3:37pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Jen Kraemer, Bethany Drendel, Matt Macklin, Jennie O'Rorke, and Principal Michelle Esposito

Board members late:

Board members absent: Vicki Maertz

Visitors: Dr. Kirsten Garrigan

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1. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the Public
   a. None
2. Executive Session: To consider the appointment, employment, and compensation. Discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or individual student matters.

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 3:37 pm.

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 5:31 pm.

3. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, the Board accepted the resignation of Matt Hayes, effective upon receipt. Motion carried.

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the Board moved to approve Erin Whitehead for 3 months as Interim Finance Specialist. Motion Carried

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the Board moved to approve Kirsten Garrigan as mentor for Michelle Esposito. Motion Carried

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the Board moved to approve Dr. James Hammack as interim superintendent. Motion Carried

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved moving the next meeting to September 23rd instead of September 16th.

4. The next public meeting will be held on September 23rd at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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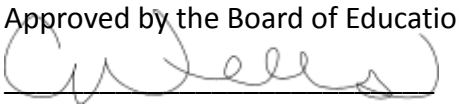
Jennifer Kraemer, Vice President
Board of Education
September 16th, 2026

Approved by the Board of Education:



Chele Wells, President
Board of Education