STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220
STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

July 15th, 2026 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of July 15th, 2026 was called to order by Vice President Jen Kraemer.

On roll call at 6:00 pm, the following members were present:

Board members present:	Jen Kraemer, Vicki Maertz, Bethany Drendel, Matt Macklin, and Principal Michelle Esposito
Board members late:	Chele Wells (6:07 pm) and Jennie O'Rorke (6:09 pm)
Board members absent:	Tom Brown
Visitors:	Superintendent Steven Simpson

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted with the additions of Buildings and Grounds Renovations and Repair.

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes of the June 17th, 2026 meeting

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the minutes of June 17th, 2026 meeting were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

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

4. Good News Communication and Report from Principal Esposito.
    a. See file.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
    a. none.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the Public
    a. Lizzie Hayes gave a presentation on her Girl Scout Silver Award, which is installing bat houses around Steward.
    b. She requested to install bat houses at the school.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the board approved Lizzie Hayes installing two bat houses on school property for her Girl Scout Silver Award.

Old Business

7. Building and Grounds: Floor Scrubber, Gym Floor, Rochelle Vault (septic).
    a. The new floor scrubber has been doing a great job.

b. Septic in the kitchen was a clog of black grease, and it has been cleaned out.
c. The 10-year life safety study requires the projects to be completed in the first five years. If there is a reason the projects can't be completed, they can be deferred to the second 5-year period of the 10-year life safety requirements.

8. Preschool approval of tuition and calendar 2026-2027
   a. The proposed.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the preschool calendar was accepted as presented and the tuition of $236 per month or $118 every other week was accepted.

New Business

9. Press Issue 122 (first reading)
   a. A copy of Press Issue 122 was shared
10. Adoption of board meeting calendar for 2026-2027
   a. A copy of the calendar was shared.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the FY27 board meeting calendar was accepted as presented.

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16. 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 6:39 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 6:50 pm.

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17. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the resignation of Clayton Schuler.

18. The next meeting will be held on August 19th at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary
Board of Education
August 19th, 2026

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Chele Wells, President
Board of Education