STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220
STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

July 16th, 2025 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of July 16th, 2025 was called to order by Vice President Jen Kraemer.

On roll call at 6:05 pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Vicki Maertz, Jen Kraemer, Jennie O'Rorke, Tom Brown, Bethany Drendel, and Principal Michelle Esposito

Board members late:

Board members absent: Chele Wells

Visitors: Superintendent Steven Simpson

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

1. Approval /Correction of Minutes from June 18th, 2025

On a motion by Jennie O'Rorke, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from June 18th, 2025 were accepted as presented.

2. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Tom Brown, and with a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented with the change of Michelle Esposito's bill to Follett.

3. Good News Communication and Report from Principal Esposito.
    a. See file.
4. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
    a. None.
5. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
    a. None

Old Business

6. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage –
    a. The glass on door #2 broke. The door has been measured, and we hope to repair it before school starts.
7. 10-Year Health/Life Safety
    a. None
8. Board Member Vacancy
    a. None

New Business

9. Optional: Candidate Interview(s) for Open Board Member Seat(s)/ Post Election Needs
    a. None
10. PRESS Issue 119 First Reading (Second Reading August's BOE Meeting)
    a. A copy of Press Issue 119 was passed out.
11. Update on Unfilled Certified and Noncertified Positions
    a. We have interviews for the music position on Monday, July 21st (2 candidates).
    b. No applicants for the Para position as of yet.

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

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Bethany Drendel and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:21 pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Bethany Drendel and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

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13. Action Resulting from Executive Session
    a. Mr. Simpson's hours

On a motion by Jennie O'Rorke, seconded by Bethany Drendel, and with a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to employ Mr. Steven Simpson as a part-time superintendent and consultant with a contract discussion to follow.

14. The next meeting will be held on August 20th at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Tom Brown, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary
Board of Education
August 20th, 2025

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Chele Wells, President
Board of Education