STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220
STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

June 18th, 2025 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of June 18th, 2025 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, Vicki Maertz, Jen Kraemer, Jennie O'Rorke and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent: Tom Brown and Bethany Drendel

Visitors:

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

1. Approval /Correction of Minutes from May 21st, 2025

On a motion by Jennie O'Rorke, , seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from May 21st, 2025 were accepted as presented.

2. 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.

3. Good News Communication and Report from Superintendent Simpson.
    a. See file.
4. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
    a. Appreciate the school offering a basketball camp for the kids.
5. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
    a. None

Old Business

6. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage –
    a. Gym floor new finish has been completed.
7. 10-Year Health/Life Safety
    a. On June 6th Scott Johnson, our architect, met with Mr. Bullock, Mr. Simpson, and Mrs. Esposito about his findings from his walk-through.
    b. Two major price tag items are the replacement of the gym roof (more than $300,000?), and the second is the need for a way to pull outside air into the gym ($100,000-$200,000?).

c. He would like to attend a Fall board meeting to present some of the cost figures.
d. The goal is to complete all items within the first 5 years.

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 118 Second Reading; Discussion for Adoption/Update (2:260-8:30; including 7:180; excluding 7:315 for high school or unit districts)

On a motion by Jennie O'Rorke, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the board approved that Superintendent Steven Simpson will be listed as the Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, and Principal Michelle Esposito will be listed as Complaint Manager for all applicable policies.

11. Discussion of Budget Need(s) for Potential Transfer of Funds Prior to End of Fiscal Year
    a. No transfers needed.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll call of all ayes, the board approved making any necessary fund transfers suggested by the auditor.

12. Update on Unfilled Certified and Noncertified Positions
    a. We had interviews on Tuesday for the 3rd-grade Paraprofessional. Four people were chosen, but only one person showed up for an interview.
    b. The position was offered to the applicant, and we are waiting for a response.

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

No need for Executive Session this month.

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13. The next meeting will be held on July 16th at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz, , seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary
Board of Education
July 16th, 2025

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Chele Wells, President
Board of Education