

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

August 16th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The board meeting of August 16th, 2023 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:03pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Vicki Maertz, Marcy DeLille, Jennifer Kraemer, Tom Brown, Chele Wells and Jennifer O’Rorke

Board members late:

Board members absent: Julie Lovett and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Visitors:

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Vicki Maertz, and a roll call of all ayes, the agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from July 26th, 2023.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from July 26th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Tom Brown, and a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

4. Good News Communication and Report prepared by Mr. Simpson.
 - a. Shawn Bullock’s brother took time off from work to help install the gym mats.
 - b. Ben Hayes (7th grader) put together a tree safety inventory of the playground of all the hazardous branches for a boy scout merit badge.
 - c. Logan Frye (9th grader) and Galen Cardott (3rd year in a row) trimmed bushes and followed the tree safety inventory to remove the hazardous branches.
 - d. Steward church provided breakfast on the first TI day
 - e. Shawn Bullock and Calla Stroh did a great job stripping and waxing floors this summer.
 - f. Erin Odle did some landscaping around the school.

- g. Tom Brown covered the parking lot arrow mistake with tar.
 - h. Jennifer O’Rorke did a great job putting together a school supply plan for next school year.
 - i. Rebekah Hayes, Michelle Esposito and Deanne Aldridge helped interview candidates for the 1st grade Paraprofessional position.
 - j. Matt Hayes did a nice job organizing Online registration for the first time at Steward school.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. It was suggested we start a meal train for the Simpson family.
 - b. The Open House/Supply Drop Off was a success.
 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - c. None.

Old Business

7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
 - d. No change this month.
8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage
 - a. 11.1 School Maintenance: Summer Work Programs
 - b. 11.2 Gym Rehabilitation – Short Term/ Long Term
9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (as adopted at 5/24/2023 meeting)
 - a. Tabled until the September meeting.

New Business

10. PRESS Plus IASB Customization Services Policy Update.
 - a. Annual cost is \$5,500 with 50% now and 50% after the 1st draft.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a roll call vote, the Board approved the purchase of the PRESS Plus Service, contingent upon Mr. Simpson’s agreement that the cost is fair.

11. School Supply Proposal.
 - a. Jennifer O’Rorke presented the proposal (see file).

On a motion by Jennifer Kraemer and a second by Marcy DeLille and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the School Supply Proposal to begin next school year.

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

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:56pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:31pm.

19. Action Resulting from Executive Session.

On a motion by Jennifer Kraemer and a second by Vicki Maertz and a roll call vote, the Board approved the hiring of Stacy Leifheit as the 1st grade Paraprofessional.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a roll call vote, the Board approved the Off Campus Plan as presented and agreed to give both Calla Stroh and Michelle Esposito Head teacher positions with the stipend of \$400 each.

20. The next meeting will be held on September 20th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Tom Brown and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
September 20th, 2023

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education