

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

January 17th, 2024 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of January 17th, 2024 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

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

Board members present: Chele Wells, Jennifer Kraemer, Tom Brown and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late: Marcy DeLille (6:05pm)

Board members absent: Vicki Maertz and Julie Lovett

Visitors:

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, it was approved to add a texting option to parent alerts to the agenda.

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from December 13th, 2023

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote with, the minutes from December 13th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

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

4. Good News Communication and Report from Superintendent Simpson.
 - a. Teachers Institute on Friday, January 5th was a success.
 - b. Still looking for a Math Block curriculum that puts the kids where they need to be at academically.
 - c. This is the first time Mrs. Odle could put a group of 8th graders in an Algebra Math Block.
 - d. Girls' basketball season is under way and games begin January 23rd.
 - e. It has been nice working with the area Superintendents on planning for bad weather.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.

- a. Time frame to get dropped off.
- 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.

Old Business

- 7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement (Distributed to Faculty on 1/5/24)*
 - a. The staff appreciated the work put in by the board in preparing the Meet & Confer Agreement.
 - b. The staff gave all positive comments.
- 8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update.
 - a. Mr. Bullock checked on the building during the school closures, due to the cold weather, to make sure there were no major issues.
- 9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals.
 - a. Posted on agenda.
- 10. Follow Up on Any Additional Old Business.
 - a. Central States was the only company to put in a bus bid. \$83,900 for 2020 bus with 15,000 miles.

New Business

- 11. Discussion/Vote on Bus Bid for Purchase of 2020 School Bus
 - a. Mr. Simpson went over and inspected the bus and didn't find any rust on the underside.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown and a roll call vote of all ayes, the Board approved to purchase the 2020 School Bus from Central States for \$83,900.

- b. A decision needs to be made on keeping all three buses or not.
 - c. Once the new bus is on site the decision will be made.
- 12. Discussion of Priorities/Goals for 2023-2024 Calendar
 - a. It was discussed to move the current graduation date of Tuesday, May 21st to Thursday, May 23rd because of the 4 emergency days that have been used already.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a roll call vote of all ayes, the Board approved to make February 19th and April 1st student attendance days with graduation set as Thursday, May 23rd pending the availability of staff on those days.

- 13. Texting Alerts
 - a. Matt will begin activating the service we already have on Thursday, January 18th.

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 Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:15pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 9:03pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

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14. Re-adoption of Superintendent Evaluation Instrument for Spring 2024.

On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Tom Brown and a roll call vote of all ayes, the Board approved to use the Superintendent form for IASB evaluation that was used last year.

15. The next meeting will be held on February 21st starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
February 21st, 2024

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education