

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

June 19th 2024 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of June 19th, 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, Tom Brown, Jennie O'Rorke, Jen Kraemer, Marcy DeLille, Vicki Maertz and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late:

Board members absent:

Visitors: Michelle Esposito, Bethany Drendel and Shawn Bullock (6:44pm)

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from May 15th, 2024

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Marcy DeLille, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from May 15th, 2024 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen 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. Nice end to the school year, with the Talent show, Kindergarten graduation and the spreading of mulch.
 - b. We had more mulch than expected, which ended up being a good thing for the school grounds.
 - c. Received a letter from the ROE that our revenue is \$55,869.85 from the 1% Facility Tax.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. Marcy suggested we incorporate "Minute It to Win It" games for the last day of school when the weather is bad.
 - b. Water bottle fillers will be ordered soon.

- c. Bus transponder will not be purchased since it is easier to pay for tolls online.
 - d. Ben Hayes's Eagle Scout project was approved by the scout council and will be completed this summer.
 - e. To fix the gym leaks the architect suggested tearing off the entire gym roof and replacing at a cost of \$300,000 to \$400,000.
 - f. Marcy suggested purchasing pucks for the playground fence to decorate in the future. The cost is between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The cost could be offset with a grant from the Rochelle Community Foundation.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
- a. Bethany Drendel is interested in becoming a board member.
 - b. Michelle Esposito is excited about all or her summer training for the superintendent position.

Old Business

7. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage/ Update
- a. Sprinkler pipe leak in upstairs middle room on the West side that damaged half of the ceiling and leaked into the room below.
 - b. Serv Pro was contacted and have been repairing the ceiling and drying out the rooms.
 - c. A solution may be to take out the sheet rock in the upstairs ceilings and replace it with drop down ceilings.
 - d. Shawn Bullock gave a recap of the sprinkler leak and some of the solutions.
 - e. Shawn will get an estimate of the sprinkler pipe replacement.
 - f. Mr. Simpson is checking with the insurance company to see if the replacement cost would be covered.
8. Transportation Update
- a. None.
9. 10-year Life Safety Study (to be conducted in 24-25)

New Business

10. PRESS Issue 115 - 1st reading: 50-page final results of the May General Assembly
- a. An updated summary packet was shared with everyone.
 - b. To be approved at the July meeting.
11. Succession Plan – Principal Position Written Proposal
- a. To be discussed in Executive Session.
12. Newkirk & Associates: Proposal to Continue as District Auditor

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the proposal from Newkirk & Associates to be our FY25 auditors.

13. Non-Certified Employee Salary Discussion for 24-25
- a. To be discussed in Executive Session.
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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 Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:59pm.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:34pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jen Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to accept the resignation of board member Marcy DeLille effective today, June 19th, 2024.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Tom Brown, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to accept the succession plan proposal as written.

On a motion by Jen Kraemer and a second by Tom Brown, and with a roll call vote of all ayes with Marcy DeLille abstaining, the Board approved to increase the non-certified employees salaries for FY25 by 4%.

14. The next meeting will be held on July 17th starting at 6:00pm.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jen Kraemer and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Board Member
Board of Education
July 17th, 2024

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education