

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

June 28th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Superintendent Steven Simpson.

The board meeting of June 28th, 2023 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

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

Board members present: Vicki Maertz, Jennifer Kraemer, Tom Brown, Chele Wells, Jennifer O’Rorke and Superintendent Steven Simpson

Board members late: Marcy DeLille (6:10pm)

Board members absent: Julie Lovett

Visitors:

1. Appointments Enacted by the BOE.
 - a. Jennifer O’Rorke was appointed as a Steward school board member.

Jennifer O’Rorke was sworn in by President Chele Wells, on a unanimous roll call vote, she was officially appointed to the Steward school board.

2. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

3. Approval /Correction of Minutes from May 24th, 2023.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from April 19th, 2023 were accepted as presented.

4. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

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

5. Good News Communication and Report from Administrative Assistant
 - a. A list of summer projects was shared.
 - b. Reported on a meeting held at the High School with all the feeder schools and Jason Harper.

- c. Our new auditing firm (Newkirk and Associates) have already been to the school to start their auditing work.
 - d. The Assistant Regional Superintendent Josh Knuth of the ROE 47 will be in-district tomorrow (6/29) to complete a three-year full compliance visit.
 - e. All online compliance requirements have already been fully completed for this compliance visit.
6. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
- a. The board received a gracious thank you card for their prayers, support and lovely floral arrangement from Julie Lovett and her family upon the passing of her father, Tom Thompson.
7. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
- b. None.

Old Business

8. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
- c. To be held in Executive Session.

New Business

9. Policy Review: PRESS Issue 110, 2nd Rdg.
- a. (for Review)- (Sec. 6 New Table of Contents- 7:340; PRESS Issue 111) (Sec. 2:110-8:20) Issue 111.
 - b. Press policy Update 12 summary was distributed for a first reading (Sec. 2:80-8:85) and will be reviewed for a 2nd reading, discussion, and adoption at the July meeting.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes, the board adopted Policy Update 110 with the changes that were shared.

On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the board adopted Policy Update 111 with the changes that were shared.

19. Review of Need for Fund Transfers Prior to End of Fiscal Year.
- a. It was determined that no fund transfers were needed for this fiscal 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 Vicki Maertz, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 7:15pm.

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 8:40pm.

20. Action Resulting from Executive Session.

- a. Mr. Simpson will be contacting the district's legal firm regarding questions about the Draft Meet and Confer Agreement reviewed during executive session.
- b. Brief discussion resulted in the date of the next board meeting being set for Wednesday, July 26th.
- c. The district office will be closed from July 4th- July 7th, 2023.

21. The next meeting will be held on July 26th 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 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
July 26th, 2023

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education