

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

November 15th, 2023 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of November 15th, 2023 was called to order by Secretary, Julie Lovett.

On roll call at 6:01pm, the following members were present:

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

Board members late:

Board members absent: Marcy DeLille, Chele Wells

Visitors:

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented with the removal of item 4.1 (left on from last month).

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from October 25th, 2023

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote with, the minutes from October 25th, 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 from Superintendent Simpson.
 - a. Last fall two teachers were nominated for the Golden Apple.
 - b. This year Michelle Esposito was nominated for the Golden Apple.
 - c. Deanne Aldridge agreed to become the faculty sponsor for the Golden K program, Builder’s Club.
 - d. November is school board appreciation month.
 - e. Bill Newkirk wanted everyone to know that the board members can contact him directly with any questions or concerns.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.

- a. None.
- 6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
 - a. None.

Old Business

- 7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement (Update to be held in Executive Session)*
 - a. To be discussed in Executive Session.
- 8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
 - a. O'Rorke Construction completed the gutter work on the west side of the building on 11/13.
- 9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals.
 - a. Nothing at this time.
- 10. Follow Up on Any Additional Old Business.
 - a. Central States Bus does not have a low mileage gas bus yet.
 - b. Mr. Simpson would like to put a notice in the Rochelle paper with a list of the specs of the bus we are looking for so that it may be bid on.

New Business

- 12. Presentation of Annual Tax Levy (to be adopted in November and, if needed, amended in December); Must be filed by 12/26/23 (legal deadline)
 - a. The last couple of tax levies were shared along with the current proposed tax levy.
 - b. Discussion was held about the levies.

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved the Certificate of Tax Levy presented by Mr. Simpson.

- 13. Policy Update: First Reading of PRESS Issue 113 (2:20-8:30).
 - a. Everyone was provided the information to read over before the next meeting where it will be approved

On a motion by Vicki Maertz and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to put an add in the Rochelle paper about the purchase of a new bus.

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

On a motion by Tom Brown and a second by Jennifer Kraemer, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:40pm.

On a motion by Jennifer Kraemer and a second by Vicki Maertz, and a unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 7:03pm.

New Business Requiring Board Action

13. Action Resulting from Executive Session

a. None

14. The next meeting will be held on December 13th 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 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Julie Lovett, Secretary
Board of Education
December 13th, 2023

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education