

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 was held in the District library on Monday, April 17th at 7pm. President Paul Homb called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Melissa Wachter called roll with the following members answering: Jeff Bader present, Jim Stoewer present, Staci Duerr present, Paul Homb present, Ron Babcock present, Katie Meusel present, Ashlee Miller present.

Administration present: Dr Marybeth DeLaMar– Superintendent, Matt Wiederholt - Principal. Others Present: Andrea Pickel, Dave Hoftender, Keri Werner, Peter Zito, Hanna Reddington, Renee Reddington, Sherry Homb, Michelle Bass, Charlie Wiegel, Erik Kudronowicz, Jacob Duerr, Matthew Duerr, Evan Cogan, Max Wiene, Jonah Driscoll, Kaden Duerr, Travis Wallin, Thomas Hereau, Connor Ellis, Derrick Distler, Alison Bowers, Alycia Fenner, Rachael Wybourn. (Susan Morhardt arrived at 8:08pm)

Ron Babcock approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Moved by Jim Stoewer to approve of the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting on March 20, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$549,474.27, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for September 2021. Seconded by Ron Babcock. All present voted in favor.

The High School Boys Basketball team presented the 2nd place State trophy to the Board. Eric Kudronowicz spoke about the boys commitment to basketball and their community. The players were thankful to the community for their amazing support the entire season. Eric informed the board that Scales Mound School also received the Sportsmanship Banner from the State Tournament.

Rachael Wybourn presented to the Board since April is Autism Awareness month. She discussed the growing successes of her students in her Life Skills Program this school year.

Dr. Wiederholt presented information on the tech committee meeting, upcoming grades 5,8,11 Science Assessment, BSMS Knights football coach resignation, May 24 recognition ceremony at the town hall for our retirees, and the addition of Morrison into the NUIC Conference.

Marybeth Whitney DeLaMar discussed *School calendar for 2023-2024 has been approved by the ROE, as has our amended School Calendar for 2022-2023. Shanna Grossen has been hired as Assistant Director of the ARC at Scales Mound. Scales Mound School will be advertising a Para position in the upcoming months.*

Andrea Pickel, Renee Reddington, Sherry Homb and Michelle Bass all spoke about the Senior Awards program scheduled for 1pm, May 10th. The concern was the inconvenience of hosting this event during the day, making it harder for parents and grandparents to attend.

Ron Babcock moved to approve the Driver's Ed Fee to increase to \$75 starting with the 23-24 SY. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the last day of school as May 23, 2023. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Jeff Bader moved to approve the 8th Grade Promotion for May 24, 2023. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

The board was presented with community summer library times for Scales Mound library. Ashlee Miller voted to approve the summer library times as presented. All present voted in favor.

The curriculum committee requested to implement Harmony:Social/Emotional Learning for preK-6th grade. Ron Babcock moved to approve Harmony, SEL Curriculum for Prek- 6th Grade. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

The technology plan needs to be updated every 3 years and approved by July. Matt Wiederholt presented the technology plan created by the technology committee. Ron Babcock moved to approve the technology plan as presented. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Matt Wiederholt discussed the changes made by the handbook committee for the 2023-2024 Parent/Student handbook presented. Staci Duerr moved to approve the 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook as presented. Seconded Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

The facilities committee had presented the board with a priority list of items to be completed this fiscal year. The item on this list included, project payment, security cameras and window shades. Ashlee Miller moved to approve the facilities committee plan as presented. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Each year the district needs to approve the Consolidated District plan for Federal Grants. There were not changes to the prior year. Jeff Bader moved to approve the Consolidated District Plan as presented. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the tax computation report and the value of the truth in taxation hearing for the district.

The board was presented with the tentative amended budget for fiscal year 2023. Jim moved to set the hearing for June 12 at 6:45pm for the budget hearing. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

The Trap team requested permission to attend two trips over 50 miles for their State and National competitions. FFA also requested permission to attend the FFA Chapter Officer Workshop Training over 50 miles. Ashlee Miller moved to approve the discussed field trips over 50 miles. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Keri Werner presented to the board her summer workout plan for Junior High and High School students. Ron Babcock moved to approve the Hornet Summer Workout Plan as presented. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to approve the District's membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 23-24 school year. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

The board discussed the senior class awards ceremony and the conflicting time of day. The board wanted additional information prior to making a decision on the date and time. Ron Babcock moved to table the senior class awards for the Thursday, April 20th meeting. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to hire Amanda Homb for the 5th Grade position for the 23-24 school year. Seconded by Ron Babcock. Votes as follows: Paul Homb - Abstain, Ron Babcock - aye, Katie Meusel- aye, Jim Stoewer - aye, Staci Duerr- aye, Jeff Bader- aye, Ashlee Miller- aye.

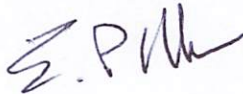
Ashlee Miller moved to hire Penny Schelberger as 8th-12th grade Social Studies teacher for the 23-24 school year. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the online summer learning access for students at Scales Mound School. Jim Stoewer moved to approve the Summer Curriculum as presented. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

The school district will again hire summer custodians to assist with maintenance and cleaning during the summer months. Ron Babcock moved to hire Pachia Tenpas Rice as summer custodian. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Prior to the closing of board meeting the board discussed the District Reorganization meeting for Thursday, April 20th at 7pm. Dr. DeLaMar stated that the board needed to elect a pro tem president for this meeting. Staci Duerr moved to elect Paul Homb as president pro tem. Seconded by Ron Babcock. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.



President



Secretary