

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
August 21, 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, August 21st at 7pm. President Paul Homb called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Melissa Wachter called roll with the following members answering: Paul Homb - present, Peter Zito - present, Katie Meusel - present, Jim Stoewer - present, Staci Duerr - present, Jeff Bader - present, Ashlee Miller - present. Administration present: Dr Marybeth DeLaMar– Superintendent, Matt Wiederholt - Principal. Others Present: Shanna Grossen, Keith Hesselbacher, Lise Oellerich, Sara Wentz, and Mary Peters.

Ashlee Miller moved to amend budget by moving *Personnel*, item G to closed session. Seconded by Jim Stower. All present voted in favor.

Jeff Bader moved to approve of the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting and special hearing on July 17, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$576,307.03, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for November 2021. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Lisa Oellerich present the FFA Annual Agriculture Department Report.

Dr. Wiederholt presented information about the start of the school year changes including cell phone usage at the high school level and upcoming trainings for staff.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the bus drivers meeting, School Social- Media information, the arrival of new buses in October and the unexpected closure of the ARC infant room due to a shortage in staff.

Mary Peters spoke about the ARC hoping reopen the Scales Mound infant room as soon as the find a lead teacher.

Shanna Grossen confirmed that the ARC was looking for additional staff but that the position in Scales Mound was still open.

Keith Hesselbacher spoke to the board about the new Academic Banner updated and install in the gym.

Sara Wentz spoke to the board regarding the change away from valedictorian and salutatorian for this years' graduation class.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the PTO's plans for the upcoming sports season. Including additional food offerings and assisting with new commons furniture plans.

Dr. Wiederholt discussed the current drug screeing process that Scales Mound School has through the Monroe Clinic. Staci Duerr moved to approve the districts' random drug testing with Monroe clinic for the 23-24 School year. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the plans for a Superintendent Advisory Committee which will include monthly meetings with high school students. Additionally, there will be a Student Advisor to the Board of Education selected.

The board discussed the tentative budget and the expenses and revenues changes that effected the fiscal year 2024 budget. Peter Zito moved to schedule the hearing for September 18, 2023 at 6:45PM. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Jeff Bader moved to approve the FFA field trips as presented. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the IASA Compliance Plus Pilot Program offered and CPPRT changes.

The Board discussed the current residency policy and reviewed policies from other neighboring districts. The Board will review this policy again at the next board meeting.

Peter Zito moved to enter into closed session at 8:29pm for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and for student disciplinary cases at Scales Mound CUSD #211 (5 ILC 120/2@(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057). Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to return to open session at 9:21pm. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve Amanda Vondran as a fiscal employee. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.



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President



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Secretary