

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 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, December 18, at 7 p.m. President Paul Homb called the meeting to order at 7:06 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: Rich Zurcher, Alyssa Wentz, Anna Wentz, Sara Wentz, Mike Holt, Becky Cogan, Evan Cogan, Susan Morhardt, Jennifer Travis, Sherri Altfillisch.

Jim Stoewer moved to amend the agenda by moving D to closed session and approved the agenda with changes. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

Peter Zito moved to approve the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting on November 20, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$492,015.57, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for March 2022, as presented. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Melissa Wachter updated the board on the district's investments.

Dr. Wiederholt updated the board about the upcoming December 20th Student Improvement Day, the district will be hosting two food trucks for the staff lunch that day. He also updated the board on the January 3rd Teacher Institute Day which will include a presentation by Matt Booth, a professional development speaker. Dr. Wiederholt thanked the PTO for the movie days which they sponsored to send all students in the district to see Wonka, the movie.

Evan Cogan spoke as the student advisor to the Board. He discussed the students' concerns about the location of the Class of 2023 Senior pictures. The students would like to find a solution to keep the pictures displayed as in the past. Evan informed the board that the students will be meeting after break to look into new furniture for the commons area.

Dr. DeLaMar informed the board about collecting items for the Learning Lab for the Life Skills program which will be completed this summer. Dr. DeLaMar attended the Scales Mound TIF annual meeting and will continue to collect information on the TIF as needed for Tax Levy purposes. The district's annual Health & Life Safety inspection will take place on January 11th at 9am. Marybeth also informed the board that the new white activity bus has arrived.

Jim Stoewer moved to approve the 2023 Tax Levy as presented. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

PRESS Policy Issue 113 was included in the board packets last month and there were no additional questions. Jeff Bader moved to approve PRESS Policy Issue 113. Katie Meusel seconded. All present voted in favor.

Dr. Wiederholt updated the board on the survey sent out regarding graduation recognition. Each board member spoke with their opinion on the proposed changes. Jeff Bader moved to change graduation recognition to include Valedictorian and Salutatorian, with speeches by Valedictorian

and Salutatorian, starting May 2024. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. Vote as follows: Paul Homb-aye, Peter Zito - nay, Katie Meusel- nay, Jim Stoewer - nay, Staci Duerr - nay, Jeff Bader- aye and Ashlee Miller - nay. Motion not carried, graduation policy will not change.

Katie Meusel discussed the student advisor to the board presentation that she attended at the Joint Annual Conference. Katie discussed ways to improve and promote the programs at Scales Mound School.

Jim Stoewer discussed the 2023 Delegate Assembly and their discussion on student resource officers at every school district.

The board was presented with the bids for the summer 2024 flooring project. Jim Stoewer moved to approve the bid from Benchmark flooring as presented. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Dr. Wiederholt discussed the difficulty of scheduling at our district due to some teachers teaching K-12 classes. He discussed the idea of zero hours to maximize schedules for students in band and music and offer study halls at different times throughout the day. Dr. Wiederholt also discussed the difficulty of transposition and staff if zero hour was offered. The board discussed the positives and negatives about offering zero hour. They also discussed all the working components that would need to be resolved before it was offered.


Dr. Wiederholt and board discussed the success of last year's Senior Awards Day. He recommends that we continue the program during the day. Ashlee Miller moved to approve 1:30PM for the Senior Awards in May. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

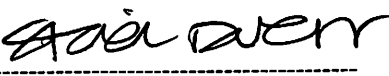
Peter Zito moved to enter into closed session at 8:13 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and for student disciplinary cases at Scales Mound CUSD #211 (5 ILC 120/2@(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057). Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to return to open session at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to accept the resignation of Jeff Williams as High School Golf Coach. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

  
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