

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
October 16, 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, October 16th 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: Katherine Bilderback, Sara Wentz, Jeff DeLaMar, Rachael Wybourn, Susan Winter, Regina Kretschmer.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting and budget hearing meeting from September 20, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$422,196.72, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for January 2022, as presented. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Susan Winter presented about the SEL Harmony Curriculum that Scales Mound School District is utilizing in grades K-5. Susan answered questions from the board about the intent of the program and discussed the positive feedback that she has received from both staff and parents.

Melissa Wachter updated the board on funding options for the Ag building's electric and heating upgrades including an energy assessment from ComEd.

Dr. Wiederholt congratulated our State Golf Champion Thomas Hereau along with Mr Kudronowicz who received Illinois's 2022-2023 Coach of the Year award and is in the running for National Coach of the Year. The State sportsmanship banner was finally received and hung in the gym.

Katherine Bilderback, student advisor to the board, presented that the students had met about graduation changes and planned to meet again and send out a survey to all students.

Dr. DeLaMar informed the board that two of the new buses will be delivered Wednesday, but there will be a delay with the new activity bus. The board was presented with Residency Policies from neighboring school districts for review. The Benning Group will present the audit next month. Dr. DeLaMar presented Jim Stoewer with a recognition certificate from IASB for Continued Learning.

No additional discussion was held regarding the E-Learning Days. Staci Duerr moved to approve the resolution to Adopt 5 E-Learning Days. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the Joint Annual Conference coming up in November.

Dr. Wiederholt updated the board on the graduation recognition. The students will be sending out a survey, and there will be a meeting held for parents to attend on November 9th.

The board will host a recognition dinner for Ron Babcock for his dedication and years of service to the Scales Mound School Board.

Dr. DeLaMar updated the board about preliminary Tax levy discussions.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from Building Fund to Bond and Interest Fund as budgeted for the bond payment. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar updated the board about the Maintenance Grant flooring project that will take place next summer.

Staci Duerr moved to approve Tanner Hogeboom as Junior High Basketball coach. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Jeff Bader moved to approve Scott Koester as volunteer High School Boys Basketball Coach. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to enter into closed session at 7:50pm 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 Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to return to open session at 8:36pm. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.



President



Secretary