

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
September 20, 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 Wednesday, September 20th 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: Jim Frank, Jill Frank, Abigail Frank, Dan Cogan, Becky Cogan, Evan Cogan, Katherine Bilderback, Susan Morhardt, Sara Wentz, Anna Wentz, Alyssa Wentz, Colleen Stadel, Deb Davis, David Hoftender, Jeff DeLaMar.

Jim Stoewer moved to amend the agenda by moving Old Business item F and all *Personnel* items D and to closed session. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve of the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting on August 21, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$434,655.70, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for December 2021. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

David Hoftender presented the Facilities Committee report. Discussing upcoming maintenance and facility projects for Scales Mound CUSD #211.

Dr. Wiederholt presented about updating E-learning days at a hearing next month prior to the regular meeting. The Crisis Plan meeting along with required evacuations occurred at the beginning of the school year.

Dr. DeLaMar updated the board on the Compliance review scheduled for 2025, HS student meetings, Benchmarking, Goal Setting Meetings, Raising Student Achievement conference and the Preschool dedication on October 6th.

Dr. DeLaMar introduced the student advisors to the Board of education and the following students read their Oath to the board; Abigail Frank, Evan Cogan and Katherine Bilderback.

Susan Morhardt spoke to the board about the change to the Latin system for the graduating class of 2024, and how it will affect students.

Jeff Bader moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 budget as presented. Seconded by Peter Zito.

Residency Policy was discussed and the board will be looking to make updates at upcoming board meetings.

Peter Zito shared his recommendations on updating Scales Mound School's Bank resolutions for Apple River State Bank. Staci Duerr moved to approve the bank resolutions of Marybeth DeLaMar, Matt Wiederholt, and Melissa Wachter with all powers (1-7) listed in resolution. Karen Hesselbacher with power (3) endorsement powers. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. Votes as follows; Paul Homb-aye, Peter Zito - abstain, Katie Meusel- aye, Jim Stoewer - aye, Staci Duerr - aye, Jeff Bader - aye, Ashlee Miller - aye.

Sara Wentz discussed with the board Student Recognition at Graduation. She read a letter regarding the changes and how it will affect the class of 2024 and for the board to reconsider the changes. Matt Wiederholt discussed the process of how the change was determined. The board discussed forming a committee to further discuss potential changes.

Dr. DeLaMar updated the board on the union sick bank that currently has 315.97 days.

Dr. DeLaMar recommended that the board move forward with the Facilities Committee recommendations of to bid solar and electrical updates for the Ag building and a new zero turn lawn mower for the district. Staci Duerr moved to approve to go to bid with the Ag project and mower subject to researching a Red Cross warming center option for the Ag building to assist with costs. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the Kindergarten/1st grade field trip to the Madison Zoo as presented. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to enter into closed session at 8:55pm 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 9:31pm. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

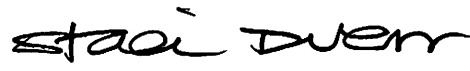
Katie Meusel moved to approve the Boys/Girls Track Tri-op as presented. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to accept the resignation of Shawn Deisinger as Boys JH Basketball Coach. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:39pm. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.



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