

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
January 16th 2024

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, January 16th at 7 p.m. President Paul Homb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Melissa Wachter called roll with the following members answering: Paul Homb - present, Peter Zito - present, Katie Meusel - absent, Jim Stoewer - present, Staci Duerr - present, Jeff Bader - present, Ashlee Miller - present. Administration present: Dr Marybeth DeLaMar– Superintendent, Matt Wiederholt - Principal. Others Present: Alyssa Wentz, Anna Wentz, Sara Wentz, Susan Morhardt, Jennifer Travis, Todd Travis, Jim Frank, Jill Frank, Abigail Frank.

Jim Stoewer moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting and special Truth in Taxation hearing minutes from December 18, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$866,647.40, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for April 2022, as presented. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Melissa Wachter updated the board on the district's bond payment, a budget midyear review, the new lower IMRF rate for 2024 and the check of \$495.08 received from The Apple River State Bank for the Hornet Debit Card.

Dr. Wiederholt updated the board about the January teachers Institute day which included a presentation by Matt Booth, grade level meetings and schedule meetings. The district will be setting the dates for the IL assessment in the coming weeks.

Abigail Frank spoke as the student advisor to the Board. The students were unable to have a meeting due to the weather. She informed the board of Homecoming taking place next week and plans for the students to meet with Dave Hoftender about selection of commons furniture.

Dr. DeLaMar informed the board about the district's health and life safety inspection on January 11th, and the transportation committee discussion of purchasing a new full size bus for next school year.

Susan Morhardt spoke during public comments about graduation recognition, presented data and requested the reason for the change in tradition.

Sara Wentz spoke during public comments about graduation recognition, prior meeting discussions and handbook questions.

Jim Frank spoke during public comments about graduation recognition, timeline of changes and questioned the reasons for changing the tradition.

Paul spoke to the board about the December meeting and the need for a second motion for graduation recognition. Jim Stoewer spoke about the motion not being clear enough to make a vote. Each board member spoke about the need for a clear and precise motion to pass changes in graduation recognition.

Ashlee Miller moved to pursue and investigate a Valedictorian/Salutatorian and Latin combination for more information for the next board meeting. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the development of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Seconded by Peter Zito. All Present voted in favor.

Jim Stower moved to approve the senior class trip to Chicago as presented. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

The first draft of the school calendar was not available due to the cancellation of the committee meeting due to weather.

Dave Hoftender spoke to the board about the bids received for solar and generator systems for the agriculture building. Peter Zito moved to accept the bid from Stateline Solar for \$90,259 for Solar. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor. Ashlee Miller moved to accept the Steines Sales and Service for \$25,212 for the generator system. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor. Peter Zito moved to accept the bid from D&D Heating and Cooling of \$34,550 to complete the work on the generator system with Steines. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Dr. Wiederholt discussed potential conflicts with the February board meeting date. The district may potentially be hosting a High School Boys Basketball regional game that night at 7pm. Due to the conflict Ashlee Miller moved to change the February 19, 2024 board meeting time to 5pm. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to hire Elton Self as assistant golf coach. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to accept the retirement of Judy Carscallen at the end of the 2023/2024 school year. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

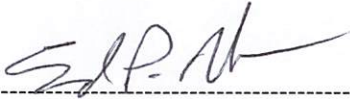
Ashlee Miller moved to accept the retirement of Beverly Klaersch at the end of the 2023/2024 school year. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to enter into closed session at 8:32 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 Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.


Ashlee Miller moved to return to open session at 9:36 p.m. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Peter Zito moved to approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent evaluation. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

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President

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Secretary