

SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
June 17, 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, May 20th 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 - present, Jim Stoewer - present, Staci Duerr - present, Jeff Bader - present, Ashlee Miller - present. Administration present: Dr Marybeth DeLaMar– Superintendent, Matt Wiederholt - Principal. Others Present: David Hoftender.

Jeff Bader moved to amend the agenda by moving new business Item J “Personnel” to closed session. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to accept the amended agenda. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting on April 15, 2024, approve bills in the amount of \$557,799.10, Treasurer’s Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, and destruction of closed session audio recordings for September of 2022. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Melissa Wachter discussed Public Act 103-0395 and the effect on the Scales Mound School support staff. As a result of this legislation the district will pay support staff for the following 4 holidays next school year; Labor Day, Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day and Memorial Day.

Dr. Wiederholt updated the board about the eventful end of the school year along with the retirement of Lori Davis, Beverly Klaersch and Judy Carscallen. Preparations and planning for next school year has already begun.

Dr. DeLaMar spoke about the summer happening in the district. Registration will take place online from July 1st thru July 14th. New students and parents who need assistance can register the week of July 8th in the District office. The end of June, she will be attending the MAP conference in Denver.

No Public Comments. The board received Thank You correspondences from the Eric Kudronowicz and family, Brad Fox, Kirstin Vogt and Lori Davis.

Dr. DeLaMar informed the board of the CTE and Eagle Ridge Delivery System meetings that occurred on June 11, 2024. The CTE handbooks were accepted, researching Maintenance Grant options and concerning low student enrollment predicted for next year.

NWSE meeting was held on June 11th by Dr. DeLaMar. She updated the board with NWSE completion of E-Learning Plans, budget approval and staffing completed for next school year.

The technology committee met on June 4th and discussed the results of the technology survey. Dr. DeLaMar discussed the continued scheduling of TC network for next school year. Katie Meusel informed the board of the amazing student feedback from the survey with the intentions of using this information to expand technology in the district.

One June 10th Dr. DeLaMar attended the Guilford Township meeting to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement with Scales Mound School for a radio repeater. Guilford Township approved this agreement at their meeting and Dr. DeLaMar recommended the district approve to move forward with the agreement. Jim Stoewer moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Guilford Township as presented. Peter Zito seconded. All present voted in favor.

The board was presented with the fee schedule for the 24-25 School Year. The only changes were the mandatory \$0.05 increase in lunch cost. Ashlee Miller moved to approve the fee schedule for 2024-2025 school year as presented. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the need to raise the substitute pay to follow the state minimum wage laws and to attract substitutes to the district. Staci Duerr asked if the district has ever considered a full time substitute teacher. The board discussed the possible cost and need of this position. Additional information was requested for the next meeting. Staci Duerr moved to approve the substitute teacher compensation at \$120 for the 2024-2025 school year. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the yearly approval needed to designate the Superintendent to sign financial forms for the fiscal year 2024 Audit. Peter Zito moved to designate the Superintendent to sign financial forms for audit. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

The board was presented with the proposed meeting dates for the fiscal year 2025. The board member discussed holidays and conflicts that could affect the proposed dates. The board also discussed changing the time to earlier in the evening and the consequences it may have for community members who wanted to attend. Jeff Bader moved to approve the following date with a 6 pm meeting time.

July 15, 2024  
August 19, 2024  
September 16, 2024  
October 21, 2024  
November 18, 2024  
December 16, 2024  
January 21, 2025  
February 17, 2025  
March 17, 2025  
April 21, 2025  
May 19, 2025  
June 16, 2025

Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

The district has used Midwest Medical Center's Athletic Training Service for several years. The proposed contract was presented. Ashlee Miller approved the Midwest Medical Center Athletic Training Contract as presented. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar presented to the board information she received regarding the NIA executive board elections. The Northern Illinois Association Directors of Special Education and the at-large members are elected by board of education of member districts. Peter Zito moved to vote for Kimberly Maville as Director of Special Education. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor. Jim Stoewer moved to vote for Daniel Holder as member-at-large. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

Dr. Wiederholt presented the staff handbook for the 2024-2025 school year. The only change was an emphasis on teacher grades. Stacie Duerr moved to approve the staff handbook for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

The board was presented with the Press Plus Policy Issue 115 for the first reading. The board discussed how Press Plus Policies are reviewed and determined.

Dr. DeLaMar and Dave Hoftender discussed the ongoing common furniture project. The district has planned and researched with several companies regarding the district's needs for the area. The board was presented with samples and drawings of the intended project. Staci Duerr moved to approve the commons furniture down payment not to exceed \$25,000 with fiscal year 2024 funds. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

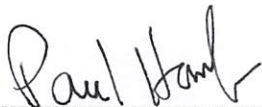
Peter Zito moved to enter into closed session at 8:13 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and for student disciplinary cases at Scales Mound CUSD #211 (5 ILC 120/2@1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057). Seconded by Katie Meusel. All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

Jeff Bader moved to return to open session at 9 p.m. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Resignation of Pre-K Paraprofessional was tabled until the next meeting.

Jeff Bader Moved to approve the addendum to the Galena Art & Recreation Center daycare program lease agreement, as recommended by the Administration. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.



President



Secretary