

**SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 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, September 16, 2024.

President Paul Homb called the meeting to order at 6 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, Rachael Wybourn, Zoie Koehler, Anika Stadel, Regina Kretschmer and Grace Behlke.

Jeff Bader moved to approve the open and closed session minutes from the regular meeting on August 19, 2024, approved bills in the amount of \$1,590,420.65. Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, and destruction of closed session audio recordings for January of 2023. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Dave Hoftender presented a facilities committee update including potential projects of an additional parking lot, storage shed or bus barn.

Anika Stadel, Grace Behlke, Zoie Koehler were sworn in as student advisors to the board of education.

Melissa Wachter discussed the fiscal year 2025 budget, current investments and ARC payroll invoicing.

Dr. Wiederholt updated the board about high school volleyball tournaments that Scales Mound will be hosting this season, start of the year safety drills completed and scheduled, midterm quickly approaching.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the upgrades to the Yukon needed, potential weather station and updates from the superintendent advisory council.

No Public Comments.

Dr. DeLaMar informed the board that the PTO purchased new equipment for the concession stand and are looking for workers for the busy sports seasons.

Dr. DeLaMar informed the board of the CTE and Eagle Ridge Delivery System meetings that occurred on September 3, 2024.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the fiscal year 2025 budget as presented. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar updated the board about the Scales Mound Community Daycare. The licensing process continues, the district has finalized the insurance and employee schedules are beginning to take shape.

Dr. DeLaMar presented the board with information about the district health insurance plans and potential cost saving with redesigning the plans offered.

Katie Meusel presented and discussed information regarding the facilities use requirements. Kate informed the board that the community is limited to their use of the school facilities due the liability insurance requirement. Facility use procedures for other local school districts were shared with the board.

The facilities committee discussed the potential need to use the architect to move forward with planning potential projects.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the Kindergarten field trip to Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, WI. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the elementary music fest field trip to Harlem Middle School in Loves Park, IL. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the honors choir fest field trip to DeKalb, IL. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the high school boys basketball trip to Abingdon, IL. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Dr. DeLaMar discussed the numerous FOIA requests that the district is receiving. The requests are coming from the same person and are also being sent to other local districts. The district is concerned this may be AI generated but continue to follow the standard procedures as with all FOIA requests.

The board was presented with Policy 7:180 - Preventing for and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment. Ashlee Miller discussed community reports of bullying occurring with elementary and junior high students. Administration discussed their procedures for preventing and responding to student issues and asked that parents notify them if there are cases of bullying within the district.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the transfer of \$220,000 from operations and building fund to debt services for the principal bond payment. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to hire Derek Rogers as substitute custodian. Seconded by Jeff Bader. Votes as follows: Paul Homb- aye, Peter Zito-aye, Katie Meusel - aye, Jim Stoewer- aye, Staci Duerr- abstain, Jeff Bader-aye, Ashlee Miller-aye.


Dr. DeLaMar discussed the scheduling conflicts occurring at the daycare. The board discussed the potential need of more employees as the facility is reorganized to accommodate more children.

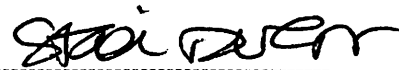
Ashlee Miller moved to hire a part time daycare position. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voting in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to enter into closed session at 7:50 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 Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55p.m. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

  
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