

**SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #211  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 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, May 15th at 7pm. President Paul Homb called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Melissa Wachter called roll with the following members answering: Jeff Bader present, Jim Stoewer present, Staci Duerr present, Paul Homb present, Peter Zito present, Katie Meusel present, Ashlee Miller present.

Administration present: Dr Marybeth DeLaMar– Superintendent, Matt Wiederholt - Principal.  
Others Present: Keri Werner, Brian Bailey (Zoom), Sara Wentz, John Escutia.

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

Moved by Jeff Bader to approve of the open session minutes from the regular meeting and special Driver Education Hearing on April 17, 2023 and open and closed session minutes from the Special Reorganizational Meeting on April 20, 2023, approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$476,102.34, Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, FOIA report, destruction of closed session audio recording for October 2021. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Brian Bailey presented about SuperEval, a superintendent evaluation process that will promote meaningful and important conversations between the school board and the superintendent. The board discussed the need to improve the current process.

Sara Wentz presented about Scales Mound Art Club and the art that they create this school year. She shared an article from the Galena Gazette about their mural at the Galena pool.

Keri Werner presented about the Scales Mound Foundation. The foundation provides the All in Scholarship and is currently looking to increase scholarships through their Make a Difference Campaign.

Dr. Wiederholt presented information about being the only basketball team at the state tournaments to receive the sportsmanship banner. Dr Wiederholt informed the board that BSMS Knights hired Eric Kudronowicz as head football coach for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Marybeth Whitney DeLaMar discussed the upcoming dates to register for the Joint Annual conference this fall and the reminder that June board meeting will be held early on June 12th, with a budget hearing held prior at 7:45pm.

John Escutia spoke during public comment, requesting follow up from prior concerns.

Marybeth Whitney DeLaMar discussed the districts health insurance. The insurance premium increased by 10% and Dr. DeLaMar discussed the reasons for this increase.

Jim Stoewer moved to approve the partnership with Midwest Medical Center as our athletic trainer for the 2023-2024 School Year. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

The board discussed the summer cleaning schedule provided by Dave Hoftender.

Jim Stoewer moved to approve the rehire of all support staff as presented. Seconded by Katie Meusel All present voted in favor.

Dr. Wiederholt shared a new program that the Junior High teachers would like to begin in the fall of 2023. This program would provide a 40 minute after school study hall for students receiving a D or F in any class. The teachers would be paid at the current internal sub rate of \$15 day. Staci Duerr moved to approve the Junior High Homework lab as presented for the 23-24 School year. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Ashlee Miller moved to approve the Junior High AR reward trip to the Wisconsin Dells. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the resignation of Hannah Wiegel as Junior High girls basketball coach. Seconded by Katie Meusel. All present voted in favor.

Jeff Bader moved to approve the resignation of Krista Fry as Scales Mound River Ridge High School basketball coach. Seconded by Staci Duerr. All present voted in favor.

Staci Duerr moved to approve the resignation of Susan Winter as National Honor Society Advisor. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

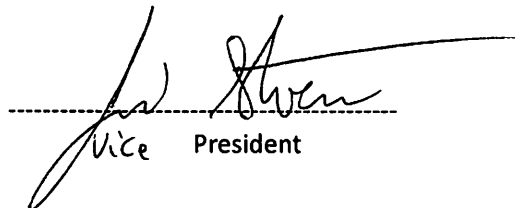
Peter Zito moved to approve the resignation of Shawn Deisinger as elementary paraprofessional. Seconded by Ashlee Miller. All present voted in favor.

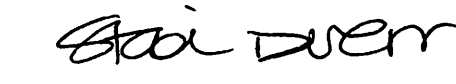
The board discussed the potential need for an additional custodian for summer as in the past. Jeff Bader moved to approve the hire of an additional summer custodian. Seconded by Jim Stoewer. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to enter into closed session at 8:35 pm 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 Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

Jim Stoewer moved to return to open session at 8:54pm. Seconded by Jeff Bader. All present voted in favor.

Katie Meusel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Seconded by Peter Zito. All present voted in favor.

  
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Peter Zito  
President

  
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Staci Duerr  
Secretary