

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2013

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held April 15, 2013, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Thomas, Ellis, Wolf, Gotsch, Taylor and Cole answering present. Karstens absent.

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Halwachs; Principal, Mr. Loepker; Board Secretary, Susan Ackerman; Teacher, Mrs. Eckert.

**Accept Minutes**

Mrs. Wolf moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held March 19, 2013, as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Gotsch moved to accept minutes of closed sessions held on March 19, 2013. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial/Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Rossi**  
**Motion/Treasurer's report**

Mr. Taylor moved and Mrs. Wolf seconded to accept the treasurer's report for March, 2013. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report – Mr. Halwachs**

- I. ACTION – It is recommended to keep the book fee rate at \$55.00 if paid before September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$65.00 if paid after September 1<sup>st</sup> to encourage parents to pay on time.

**Motion/Book Fees**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the book fees be set at \$55.00 if paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$65.00 if paid after September 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll Call: Wolf, Ellis, Thomas, Gotsch, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- II. ACTION – Approve the amended 2012-2013 calendar.

**Motion/Calendar**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board approve the amended calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.**

III. ACTION – The Board needs to reset the graduation date for May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion/Graduation**

**Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded to reset the graduation date for May 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.**

IV. INFORMATION – Mr. Halwachs discussed the changes to some of the school's bills to help save money for the district.

V. ACTION – Consider that the Board of Education of High Mount School District #116 adjourn for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposal to approve the holiday waiver for the following holidays: Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Casimir Pulaski, Christopher Columbus and Veterans' Day.

**Motion/Public Hearing**

**Mr. Taylor moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board of Education of High Mount School District #116 adjourn for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposal to approve the holiday waiver for the following holidays: Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Casimir Pulaski, Christopher Columbus and Veterans' Day. Roll Call: Taylor, Ellis, Thomas, Wolf, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. for public hearing.

**Motion/Open Session**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board return to open session. Roll Call: Wolf, Ellis, Thomas, Gotsch, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

Open session resumed at 6:45 p.m.

VI. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board approve the RESOLUTION to approve the holiday waiver for the following holidays: Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Casimir Pulaski, Christopher Columbus and Veterans' Day.

**Motion/Holiday Waiver**

**Mr. Taylor moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that the Board approve the RESOLUTION to approve the holiday waiver for the following holidays: Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Casimir Pulaski, Christopher Columbus and Veterans' Day. Roll Call: Taylor, Thomas, Ellis, Wolf, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion Carried.**

**Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch**

I. ACTION – Claims for the month of April 2013 need to be approved for payment. This item is routine in nature.

**Motion/Pay Claims**

**Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to approve payment of all claims for the month of April 2013 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Wolf, Ellis, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

II. ACTION – Latchkey rates need to be set for 2013 summer.

**Motion/Latchkey Rates**

**Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to accept the latchkey rates for 2013 summer. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Wolf, Ellis, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

**Buildings and Grounds/Safety and Security – Mr. Karstens**

Nothing to report.

**Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Board Policy Committee – Mr. Taylor**

Nothing to report.

**Curriculum/Special Education Committee – Mrs. Ellis**

Nothing to report.

**Personnel Committee – Mrs. Wolf**

I. ACTION – The Board will go into Executive session for personnel. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

**Motion/Executive Session**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the Board go into Executive session. Roll Call: Wolf, Taylor, Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 6:52 p.m.

**Motion/Open Session**

**Mr. Taylor moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded to resume open session. Roll Call: Taylor, Thomas, Ellis, Wolf, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

Open session resumed at 7:14 p.m.

- II. ACTION – The Board needs to approve the Teachers Union Contract for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Motion/Contract**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded to approve the Teachers Union Contract for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll Call: Wolf, Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- III. ACTION – The Board needs to consider accepting a retirement letter form Mrs. Brenner.

**Motion/Retirement Letter**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded to accept a retirement letter from Mrs. Brenner. Roll Call: Wolf, Ellis, Thomas, Gotsch, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report – Mrs. Ackerman**  
**Communications and Petitions**

Nothing to report.

**Principal's Report – Mr. Loepker**

Report enclosed.

**Comments from the audience**

Mrs. Eckert said that they had kindergarten registration and screenings for next year and they have had much higher numbers than last year.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further business before this Board, President Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman  
Secretary

Robert Cole  
President