

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2011

Call to Order: The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held August 15, 2011, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Ellis, Gotsch, Taylor and Cole present. Wolf, Cange and Karstens absent.

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Brink; Principal, Mr. Loepker; Board Secretary, Mrs. Ackerman; Treasurer, Mrs. Rossi.

Accept Minutes

Mr. Gotsch moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held July 18, 2011, as presented. Mrs. Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Gotsch moved to accept minutes of closed session held July 18, 2011, as presented. Mrs. Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Rossi

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brink

I. ACTION – We need to approve the renewal of the school-police partnership with Swansea police.

Motion/School-Police Partnership

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded that our district continues the School-Police partnership with Swansea Police. Motion carried.

II. ACTION – Every six months closed session minutes are reviewed with a decision made to either open them to the public or keep them closed.

Motion/Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that closed session minutes from July 13, 1992 to the present remain closed. Motion carried.

III. ACTION – The Board needs to adopt a resolution indicating our Hazardous Crossings remain hazardous. We have eight areas designated as Hazardous. Whereas High Mount School is in a high traffic area with inadequate walkways for students traveling to and from school.

Be it RESOLVED that crossings 116-83-01, 116-83-02, 116-83-03, 116-83-04,

116-83-05, 116-83-06, 116-83-07 and 116-83-08 remain hazardous due to high volume of traffic with inadequate walkways for students to safely travel to and from school.

Motion/Resolution

Mr. Taylor moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board adopt a RESOLUTION indicating that crossings 116-83-01, 116-83-02, 116-83-03, 116-83-04, 116-83-05, 116-83-06, 116-83-07 and 116-83-08 remain hazardous due to high volume of traffic with inadequate walkways for students to safely travel to or from school. Motion carried.

IV. INFORMATION – Mr. Brink gave an enrollment update to the Board.

V. INFORMATION – Mr. Brink presented the crisis plan update.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Wolf (Mr. Gotsch)

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

Motion/Executive session

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to go into Executive session. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

Executive session began at 7:12 p.m.

Motion/Open session

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

Open session resumed at 7:28 p.m.

II. ACTION – It is recommended to pay Mrs. Bauer at the rate of \$90.00 per day for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion/Salary

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded to pay Mrs. Bauer at the rate of \$90.00 per day for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

III. ACTION – It is recommended to hire Lauren Driscoll as a social worker intern for the 2011-2012 school year with pay set at \$50.00 per day.

Motion/Hire

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded to hire Lauren Driscoll as a social worker intern for the 2011-2012 school year with pay set at \$50.00 per day. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

IV. ACTION – It is recommended to accept Mrs. Dahm's letter of resignation.

Motion/Letter of Resignation

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded to accept Mrs. Dahm's letter of resignation. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- V. ACTION – It is recommended to hire Sandra Lang as a L.D. Aide and Jenny Pecoraro as a classroom aide for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion/Aides

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to hire Sandra Lang as a L.D. aide and Jenny Pecoraro as a classroom aide for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion approved.

- VI. ACTION – The Board needs to consider Mrs. Bohanon's request.

No action was taken on this item.

Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch

- I. ACTION – Claims for the month of August 2011 need to be approved for payment. This item is routine in nature.

Motion/Pay Claims

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded to approve payment of all claims for the month of August 2011 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- II. INFORMATION – Mr. Brink gave the FY 2012 budget presentation.

Buildings and Grounds/Safety and Security – Mr. Karstens (Mr. Brink)

- I. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Art Hayhurst/FGM Architects as the district's architect.

Motion/Architect

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to appoint Mr. Art Hayhurst/FGM Architects as the district's architect. Roll Call: Ellis, Taylor, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory Committee – Mrs. Cange

Nothing to report.

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Taylor

The first reading was tabled until next month.

Curriculum/Special Education Committee – Mrs. Ellis

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – Mrs. Ackerman
Communications and Petitions

I. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board approve the section 125 plan.

Motion/Section 125 Plan

**Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded to approve the section 125 plan.
Motion carried**

Principal's Report – Mr. Loepker

Report enclosed.

Comments from the audience

Adjourn

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

There being no further business before this Board, President Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman
Secretary

Robert Cole
President

