

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2013

Call to Order: The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held March 18, 2013, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Halwachs; Principal, Mr. Loepker; Board Secretary, Mrs. Ackerman; Treasurer, Mrs. Rossi; Architect, Mr. Hayhurst Teachers, Mrs. Stoltz, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Wiemerslage, Mrs. Middendorff, Ms. Hicks and Mr. Wilkerson.

Accept Minutes

Mrs. Wolf moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held February 19, 2013, as presented. Mrs. Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Rossi

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

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Halwachs

- I. INFORMATION – Mr. Hayhurst discussed the building issues with the Board.
- II. INFORMATION – Mr. Halwachs discussed the funding shortfalls from the state and federal government.

Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch

- I. ACTION – Claims for the month of March 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 March 2013 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Thomas, Wolf, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- II. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board continue the contract with Therakids for therapy for the Special Education program for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion/Therakids

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board accept the contract with Therakids for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Wolf, Thomas, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

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

- I. ACTION – The Board needs to approve a contract for lawn service for the next year. I am recommending that the Board approve the proposal from Steve Mueller.

Motion/Lawn Service

Mr. Taylor moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board approve the proposal from Steve Mueller for lawn service for 2013-2014. Roll Call: Taylor, Ellis, Wolf, Thomas, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory Committee

Nothing to report.

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Taylor

Nothing to report.

Curriculum Committee/Special Education – 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), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Motion/Executive Session

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

Executive session began at 6:53 p.m.

Motion/Open Session

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

Open session resumed at 7:35 p.m.

- II. ACTION – It is recommended that the certified staff as listed on the “Certified staff employment for the 2013-2014 school year” be employed for the 2013-2014 school year with salary to be paid according to the salary schedule.

Motion/Employ Certified Staff

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded that the certified staff as listed on the “Certified staff employment for the 2013-2014 school year” be employed for the 2013-2014 school year with salary paid according to the salary schedule. Roll Call: Wolf, Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- III. ACTION – It is recommended that the non-certified staff as listed on the “Non-certified staff employment for the 2013-2014 school year” be employed for the 2013-2014 school year with salary to be set at a later date.

Motion/Employ Non-Certified Staff

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded that the non-certified staff as listed on the “Non-certified staff employment for the 2013-2014 school year” be employed for the 2013-2014 school year with salary to be set at a later date. Roll Call: Wolf, Gotsch, Taylor, Thomas, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- IV. ACTION – It is recommended that the resolutions pertaining to the non-certified staff be adopted.

Motion/Resolution

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded that the resolutions pertaining to the non-certified staff be adopted. Roll Call: Wolf, Gotsch, Taylor, Thomas, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- V. ACTION – It is recommended that the resolution pertaining to the certified staff be adopted.

Motion/Resolution

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the Board accept the resolution pertaining to the certified staff. Roll Call: Wolf, Taylor, Thomas, Ellis, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

VI. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board accept the retirement letter from Mrs. Eckert.

Motion/Retirement Letter

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the Board accept the retirement letter from Mrs. Eckert. Roll Call: Wolf, Taylor, Thomas, Ellis, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

VII. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board accept the retirement letter from Mrs. Robison.

Motion/Retirement Letter

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that the Board accept the retirement letter from Mrs. Robison. Roll Call: Wolf, Thomas, Ellis, Taylor, Gotsch 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

Mr. Loepker introduced and thanked Mrs. Stoltz and Mrs. Wiemerslage for the help they have been giving while doing their internship for school. Mrs. Ernst said that the AIMS WEB testing is going well this year. Mrs. Ernst attended the reading workshop and told the Board some of the highlights from the workshops. Mrs. Middendorff told the Board about her class participating in a functional skills program this year. Mr. Wilkerson was thanked for volunteering before and after school with the students. Ms. Hicks talked about the anti-bullying program. Ms. Hicks is also doing community outreach programs with Mr. Taylor.

Adjourn

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

There being no further business before this Board, President Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman
Secretary

Robert Cole
President