

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held February 21, 2012, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:33 p.m.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Brink; Board Secretary, Susan Ackerman; Treasurer, Marilyn Rossi; Teacher, Mrs. Robison.

**Accept Minutes**

Mrs. Wolf moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held January 17, 2012, as presented. Mrs. Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Karstens moved to accept minutes of closed session held January 17, 2012, as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cange moved to accept minutes of special meeting held January 31, 2012, as presented. Mr. Karstens seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Gotsch moved to accept minutes of closed session held January 31, 2012, as presented. Mrs. Cange seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial/Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Rossi**

Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Cange seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

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

- I. ACTION – Closed session minutes are reviewed every six months with a decision made to either open them to the public or keep them closed.

**Motion/Closed Session Minutes**

**Mrs. Cange moved and Mr. Karstens seconded that the closed session minutes from July 13, 1992, to the present remain closed. Motion carried.**

- II. ACTION – The date for graduation needs to be set. I am recommending Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. We would follow the ceremony with the graduation dance in the cafeteria.

**Motion/Graduation**

**Mrs. Cange moved and Mr. Karstens seconded that graduation be set for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. with the graduation dance following. Motion carried.**

- III. INFORMATION – Mr. Brink gave an overview for High Mount School being designated as a “Spotlight” school and has been placed on the Illinois Honor Roll.
- IV. INFORMATION – Mr. Brink gave a financial update.

**Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch**

- I. ACTION – Claims for the month of February 2012 need to be approved for payment. This item is routine in nature.

**Motion/Pay Claims**

**Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Cange seconded to approve payment of all claims for the month of February 2012 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch, Cange, Wolf, Ellis, Taylor, Karstens and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- II. INFORMATION – The Board reviewed the transportation service bids.

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

Nothing to report.

**Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory Committee – Mrs. Cange**

Nothing to report. The Board would like to contact Mr. Burgett about a strategic planning meeting.

**Board Policy Committee – Mr. Taylor**

- I. INFORMATION- Mr. Taylor reviewed the January 2012 PRESS updates. Mr. Brink explained the state health requirement date.

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

Nothing to report.

## **Personnel Committee – Mrs. Wolf**

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

### **Motion/Executive Session**

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

Executive session began at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Cange left the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

### **Motion/Open Session**

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

Open session resumed at 7:50 P.M.

- II. ACTION – The Board needs to hire Brianna Ackerman for the latchkey position with pay set at \$8.25 per hour.

### **Motion/Aide**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Karstens seconded to hire Brianna Ackerman for the latchkey position with pay set at \$8.25 per hour. Roll Call: Wolf, Karstens, Cange, Ellis, Taylor, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- III. ACTION – The Board needs to accept Mrs. Maher's maternity leave request.

### **Motion/Maternity Leave Request**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Cange seconded that the Board accept Mrs. Maher's maternity leave request. Roll Call: Wolf, Cange, Ellis, Taylor, Karstens, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- IV. ACTION – The Board needs to hire Tiffany Thomas for Mrs. Maher's maternity leave.

### **Motion/Substitute**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to hire Tiffany Thomas for Mrs. Maher's maternity leave. Roll Call: Wolf, Taylor, Cange, Ellis, Karstens, 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.

**Adjourn**

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

There being no further business before this Board, President Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman  
Secretary

Robert Cole  
Vice President