

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Call to Order: The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held February 18, 2014, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Halwachs; Principal, Mr. Loepker; Board Secretary, Mrs. Ackerman; Teachers, Mrs. Robison, Mrs. Middendorff and Mrs. Hicks; Lawyer, Mr. Stiehl; parent, Mrs. Downard and several students.

Accept Minutes

Mr. Taylor moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held January 27, 2014, as presented. Mrs. Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Rossi

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

Mrs. Scott entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Halwachs

- I. INFORMATION – Mrs. Hicks and students from the bully prevention program did a presentation on bullying.
- II. ACTION – The Board will need to go into Executive session. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

Motion/Executive Session

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to go into Executive session.

Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Scott, Ellis, Thomas and Cole answering yes.

Motion carried.

Executive session began at 7:13 p.m.

Motion/Open Session

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded to resume open session.

Open session resumed at 8:08 p.m.

III. INFORMATION – The Board tabled further discussion.

IV. 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

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis 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 Thursday, May 29th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion/Graduation

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mrs. Scott seconded that graduation be set for Thursday, May 29th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch

I. ACTION – Claims for the month of February 2014 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 February 2014 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch Taylor, Scott, Ellis, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds/Safety and Security – Mr. Taylor

Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory Committee – Mrs. Thomas

The first book study group will meet on March 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Scott

I. INFORMATION – The Board had the first reading of the July PRESS updates. The Board also reviewed the bully policy.

Curriculum Committee/Special Education – Mrs. Ellis

Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Wolf – (Mr. Gotsch)

- I. ACTION – The Board needs to approve the maternity leave request for Mrs. Middendorff.

Motion/Maternity Leave

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded to approve the maternity leave for Mrs. Middendorff. Roll Call: Ellis, Thomas, Scott, 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.

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 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman
Secretary

Robert Cole
President

