

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2013

Call to Order: The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held June 17, 2013, was called to order by Board President, Robert Cole, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Halwachs; Principal, Mr. Loepker; Board Secretary, Mrs. Ackerman; Treasurer, Mrs. Rossi and perspective Board member Mrs. Scott..

Accept Minutes

Mr. Gotsch moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held May 20, 2013, as presented. Mrs. Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer's Report-Marilyn Rossi

Motion/Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded to accept the treasurer's report for May, 2013. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Halwachs

- I. ACTION – Consideration needs to be given to appoint a Board member to fill the vacancy.

Motion/Board Vacancy

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board appoint Mrs. Susan Scott as a Board member with a term expiration date of 2015.

Motion carried.

- II. ACTION – Mr. Cole will now swear in the newly elected member of the School Board.

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Member of the Board of Education of School District #116 of St. Clair County, Illinois, in accordance with the Laws of the State of Illinois, according to the best of my ability”

“I further swear (or affirm) that:

- *I shall represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups:
- *I shall avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety, which could result from my position, and shall not use my Board membership for personal gain or publicity:
- *I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting:
- *I shall take no private action that might compromise the Board or administration and shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information:
- *I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to see changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels, and
- *I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board.

III. ACTION – It is being recommended that the Board destroy the closed session taped minutes per Board policy.

Motion/Closed Session Tapes

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded that the Board destroy the closed session tapes prior to 18 months, per Board policy. Motion carried.

IV. ACTION – The Board needs to consider approving the Deficit Reduction Plan.

Motion/Deficit Reduction Plan

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that the Board approve the Deficit Reduction Plan. Roll Call: Ellis, Thomas, Scott, Gotsch and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

V. Information – Mr. Cole appointed the Board members to the following committees:

- Personnel – Wolf (chair) Gotsch Ellis
- Finance – Gotsch (chair) Taylor
- Building/Grounds – Taylor (chair) Cole
- Strategic Planning – Thomas (chair) Wolf
- Board Policy – Scott (chair) Thomas
- Curriculum – Ellis (chair) Scott

Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch

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

- II. ACTION – Substitute pay- The suggested rate of pay is \$75.00 per day from 1-20 days and \$80.00 per day +20 days. I recommend we use the \$80.00 rate for our retired teachers without the 20 day minimum.

Motion/Substitute Pay

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that substitute teachers be paid \$75.00 per day. Retired High Mount teachers and substitutes working more than 20 days be paid \$80.00 per day. Roll Call: Gotsch, Thomas, Ellis Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- III. ACTION – Prevailing Wage Resolution – Each June our Board must adopt a resolution in regard to the Prevailing Wage Act. The Regional Office of Education publishes the resolution on behalf of the districts and bills us for our portion. A copy of the resolution will be available for review at the Board meeting.

Motion/Prevailing Wage

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the resolution pertaining to the Prevailing Wage Act, a copy of which will be attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting, be adopted. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- IV. ACTION – The Board will need to approve the temporary transfer of money from the working cash fund into those funds that have deficit balances as of June 30th, 2013 in order for those funds to show a zero balance. Transfers will be re-paid into the working cash fund as soon as tax receipts allow.

No action taken on this motion.

- V. ACTION – Lunch prices need to be set for the 2013/2014 school year.

Motion/Lunch Prices

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the lunch prices for the 2013-2014 school year be \$1.25 for student breakfast, \$.30 cents for

reduced student breakfast, \$1.50 for an adult breakfast, \$2.00 for a student lunch, \$.40 cents for a reduced student lunch, \$2.25 for an adult lunch and \$.50 cents for milk. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

VI. ACTION – The Board needs to accept the contract with District #118 for food service for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion/Food Service Contract

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that the Board accept the contract with District #118 for food service for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll Call: Gotsch, Thomas, Ellis, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

VII. ACTION – The Board needs to approve the 2012-2013 amended budget.

Motion/Amended Budget

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board approve the 2012-2013 amended budget. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

VIII. ACTION – The Board needs to consider the abatement of the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$645,000.00 to the Education Fund. The Education Fund will then distribute \$175,000.00 to the Building and Grounds Fund and \$20,000.00 to the Transportation Fund.

Motion/Abatement

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that the Board abate the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$645,000.00 to the Education Fund. The Education Fund will then distribute \$175,000.00 to the Building and Grounds Fund and \$20,000.00 to the Transportation Fund. Roll Call: Gotsch, Thomas, Ellis, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds/Safety & Security Committee – Mr. Taylor

Mr. Halwachs gave an update of the building from IDNR.

Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory Committee- Mrs. Thomas

Nothing to report.

Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Scott

Nothing to report.

Curriculum/Special Education Committee – Mrs. Ellis

Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Wolf (Mr. Gotsch)

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

Motion/Executive Session

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

Executive session began at 7:17 p.m.

Motion/Open Session

Mrs. Ellis moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded to resume open session.

Open session resumed at 7:23 p.m.

- II. ACTION – The Board needs to consider approving the stipend positions for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion/Stipend Positions

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Scott seconded that the Board approve the stipend positions for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll Call: Gotsch, Scott, Ellis, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- III. ACTION – The Board needs to approve the non-certified salary recommendations for 2013-2014.

Motion/Non-certified Salaries

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Ellis seconded that the Board approve the non-certified salary recommendations for 2013-2014. Roll Call: Gotsch, Ellis, Thomas, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

- IV. ACTION – The Board needs to consider accepting the letter of resignation from Mrs. Bennett.

Motion/Resignation

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Bennett. Roll Call: Gotsch, Thomas, Ellis, Scott and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.

Secretary Report – Mrs. Ackerman

Nothing to report.

Principal's Report – Mr. Loepker

Report enclosed.

Adjourn

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

There being no further business before this Board, Mr. Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman
Board Secretary

Robert Cole
Board President