

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2011

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held October 17, 2011, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Michael Brink; Principal, Darin Leopker; Board Secretary, Susan Ackerman; Pre-k teacher Mrs. Smith and Speech teacher Ms. Hedrick.

**Accept Minutes**

Mrs. Ellis moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held September 19, 2011. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Gotsch moved to accept minutes of closed session held September 19, 2011. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Mrs. Cange entered the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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

I. ACTION – The Board needs to approve the 2011 Illinois School Report Card.

**Motion/Illinois School Report Card**

**Mrs. Cange moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to approve the 2011 Illinois School Report Card. Motion carried.**

II. INFORMATION – Mr. Brink reviewed the 2010-2011 audit with the Board.

III. ACTION – Mr. Brink gave an overview of the revenue accounts for the FY12 budget.

**Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch**

I. ACTION – Claims for the month of October 2011 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 October 2011 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch, Cange, Ellis, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

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

- I. ACTION – The Board needs to approve a resolution to utilize Life/Safety funds for the purpose of asbestos abatement and tile replacement in the amount of \$45,000.00.

**Motion/Resolution**

**Mrs. Cange moved and Mr. Gotsch seconded to approve a resolution to utilize Life/Safety funds for the purpose of asbestos abatement and tile replacement in the amount of \$45,000.00. Roll Call: Cange, Gotsch, Taylor, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

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

Nothing to report.

**Board Policy Committee – Mr. Taylor**

- I. ACTION – The second reading and adoption of the PRESS June 2011 updates was tabled until next month.

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

A meeting was held with several teachers and administration to discuss purchasing new textbooks. Samples of textbooks will be coming in for the committee, teachers and administration to review.

**Personnel Committee – Mrs. Wolf**

- I. ACTION – The Board will need to go into Executive session. (5ILCS 120/2(c)(3))

**Motion/Executive session**

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

Executive session began at 7:34 p.m.

**Motion/Open session**

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

Open session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

- II. ACTION – It is recommended to hire a personal care aide to address a student's IEP needs.

**Motion/Personal Care Aide**

**Mrs. Cange moved and Mr. Taylor seconded to hire Megan Mathis as a personal care aide for the 2011-2012 school year with salary set at \$82.00 per day plus 9 sick days and 2 personal days plus I.M.R.F. benefits. Roll Call: Cange, Taylor, Gotsch, Ellis and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report – Mrs. Ackerman**  
**Communications and Petition**

Nothing to report.

**Principal's Report – Mr. Loepker**

Report enclosed.

Mr. Cole asked if there were comments from the audience.

Mrs. Smith and Ms. Hedrick said their year is going good and quick. There will be a state visit coming up for the Pre-K program.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Cange 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  
President

