

HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2014

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of High Mount School District 116 Board of Education held March 17, 2014, was called to order by President Robert Cole at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Mr. Halwachs; Principal, Mr. Loepker; Board Secretary, Mrs. Ackerman; Treasurer, Mrs. Rossi; Attorney, Mr. Stiehl; Teachers, Mr. Wieler, Mr. Wilkerson and Mrs. Eckert.

**Accept Minutes**

Mrs. Wolf moved to accept minutes of regular meeting held February 18, 2014, as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor moved to accept minutes of closed session held February 18, 2014, as presented. Mrs. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Thomas entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**Financial/Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Rossi**

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

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

**Finance Committee – Mr. Gotsch**

- I. ACTION – Claims for the month of March 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 March 2014 as presented. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Scott, Thomas, Wolf 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 2014-2015 school year.

**Motion/Therakids**

**Mr. Gotsch moved and Mrs. Scott seconded that the Board accept the contract with Therakids for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll Call: Gotsch, Scott, Thomas, Wolf, Taylor and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- III. ACTION – It is recommended that the Board consider accepting the contract with Da-Com for the office copier.

**Motion/Copier**

**Mr. Gotsch moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the Board accept the contract with Da-Com for the office copier. Roll Call: Gotsch, Taylor, Scott, Thomas, Wolf and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

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

Nothing to report.

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

Mrs. Thomas said that the book club has been going well. The next meetings are April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Scott**

- I. ACTION – The Board will have the second reading /adoption of the July PRESS updates.

**Motion/PRESS updates**

**Mrs. Scott moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the Board will have the second reading/adoption of the July PRESS updates. Roll Call: Scott, Taylor, Gotsch, Thomas, Wolf and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

**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 Mr. Taylor seconded that the Board go into Executive session. Roll Call: Wolf, Taylor, Gotsch, Scott, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

Executive session began at 7.02 p.m.

**Motion/Open Session**

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

Open session resumed at 8:05 p.m.

- II. ACTION – It is recommended that the certified staff as listed on the “Certified staff employment for the 2014-2015 school year” be employed for the 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 school year” be employed for the 2014-2015 school year with salary paid according to the salary schedule. Roll Call: Wolf, Gotsch, Scott, 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 2014-2015 school year” be employed for the 2014-2015 school year with salary to be set at a later date.

**Motion/Employ Non-Certified Staff**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the non-certified staff as listed on the “Non-certified staff employment for the 2014-2015 school year” be employed for the 2014-2015 school year with salary to be set at a later date. Roll Call: Wolf, Taylor, Gotsch, Scott, Thomas and Cole answering yes. Motion carried.**

- IV. ACTION – The Board needs to consider changing Mr. Emmons insurance from the family plan to the single plan of insurance.

**Motion/Insurance**

**Mrs. Wolf moved and Mrs. Scott seconded to change Mr. Emmons insurance from the family plan to the single plan of insurance. Roll Call: Wolf, Scott, Thomas, 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.

**Comments from the audience**

Mr. Wilkerson shared information about the “Picture The Music” winners along with the art show coming up at the school and the “Art On The Square” event in downtown Belleville.

Mrs. Eckert said that her year is going well and it is a great class.

Mr. Weiler explained the “Jump Rope for Heart” fundraiser.

**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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ackerman  
Secretary

Robert Cole  
President

