

2009-2010 STUDENT HANDBOOK INFORMATION

DISTRICT

The following material contains information pertaining to federal, state, and local regulations. After reviewing the material, please contact Mr. Loepker at 233-1054 if you have questions.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

High Mount School District 116 is a school district located in Swansea, Illinois in St. Clair County. The district is organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and provides education for eligible residents in grades PK-8. Contact information for the school is as follows:

Address: 1721 Boul Ave. Swansea, IL 62226	Phone: 618-233-1054	Web: www.highmountschool.com
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Although the state has primary authority, the legislature has given responsibility to local school districts for the organization, operation, and financial support of their schools. The Board of Education, consisting of seven elected representatives of the local school district, has full authority to operate the public school within the framework of law established by the legislature and interpreted by the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. School Board members are elected on the first Tuesday in April in odd numbered years and serve a four-year term with no compensation. A school board member must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, a resident of the state for 30 days, a resident of the district for 30 days immediately preceding the election, and may not be an employee of the school.

Nomination for membership shall be made by a petition signed by at least 50 voters residing within the district. The petitions shall be obtained from and filed with the School Board secretary. Nominations are open 78 days before election day and closed 71 days before election day. Any vacancy that may arise shall be filled by an appointee elected by the remaining members. Such appointee shall serve until the next annual election.

All meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public with the Board reserving the right to adjourn to executive session. No final actions can be taken during executive sessions. The regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education shall be held in the Board Room at the school on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Notices of meetings are posted by the superintendent's office.

The current High Mount School Board of Education members are as follows:

Debra Wolf	President
Dusty Cole	Vice President
Lorraine Cange	Member
Ray Gotsch	Member
Melissa Schwalenberg	Member
Kim Williams	Member
Theresa Hiebert	Member

Committees of the Board of Education are: Personnel, Finance, Curriculum/Special Education, Board Policy, Strategic Planning/Parent Advisory, and Grounds/Safety.