

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 11, 2014
7:00 PM – HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

I. Call to Order

Board President Christine Clavin called the regular meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ. President Christine Clavin read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	present
Mr. Ed Blahut	absent
Ms. Donna Carey	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mr. Brian Kaminski	present
Mr. Martin O'Shea	present
Mr. Bill Repasy	present
Mr. Randy Roof	present
Ms. Christine Clavin	present

Mr. Richard R. Corbett	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: Mary Rowan, HTEA President
Adele Manailovich
Jen Knocha, Advertiser News

Staff Member(s) Present: 3

Community Member(s) Present: 10

Other: n/a

MISSION STATEMENT

The Hardyston School District together with our parents, families and community is dedicated to preparing our students for the 21st Century by providing each student with a quality education, in a safe and caring environment, which allows all students to achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and Common Core State Standards at all grade levels and includes the knowledge, confidence, and self-esteem to be successful life-long learners in a culturally diverse democracy.

IV. Workshop

1. Mr. Corbett presented the January 2014 H.I.B. Monthly Report
2. Mr. Corbett presented the Annual School Performance Report (2012 - 2013)

VII. Public Comment I Agenda Items

President Clavin allowed non-agenda item comments

1. Christopher Deery, 68 Tannery Hill Drive, Hamburg, NJ 07419 asked if Adventure Theater was cancelled. Mr. Corbett stated that is was not and that it would be starting up after the basketball tournament was over.
2. Francis Koch, 15 Deerfield Drive, Franklin, NJ 07416 presented a DVD of the Christmas concert from December 2013 and asked the Board to make the Musical Arts part of the Core Curriculum.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting

Motion of adopt: Mrs. Beltramine Seconded By: Mr. Hoffman

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
O'Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Repasy	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roof	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2014 (Reorganization)

Motion of adopt: Mrs. Beltramine Seconded By: Mr. O'Shea

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O'Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Repasy	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roof	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2014 (Regular)

Motion of adopt: **Mrs. Beltramine** **Seconded By: Mr. Hoffman**

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O'Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$74,337.17 in transfers for the month of January 2014.

F-2

Motion to approve the attached Bills List for the month of January in the amount of \$ 1,149,549.42 (see bills list on share drive).

F-3

Motion to approve and accept the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Report for December, 2013.

F-4

Motion to approve and accept the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for December, 2013.

***WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education regulation N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 require local school districts to file a monthly certification of budgetary line item status,*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education acknowledges that James R. Sekelsky, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, James R. Sekelsky, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over-appropriated nor over-expended for the periods ending December 31, 2013 .*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of September 30, 2013 after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.*

ACTION ITEM(S): ___ F-1 – F-4 ___

Motion to adopt: Mrs. Beltramine Seconded By: Mr. Hoffman

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O'Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Repasy	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roof	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

PERSONNEL

All Personnel resolutions are based on the recommendation of the Superintendent

P-1

Motion to approve the substitutes listed below to be placed on our substitute calling list for the 2013-2014 school year. Employment is on an emergent basis, if necessary, and contingent upon criminal history background clearance as required by P.O. 1986, C.116.

NAME	POSITION	CERTIFICATION
Dominick J. Demsak	Teacher/Aide	Pending Certification
Desiree Ganz	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. Exp. 1/2/19
Bismark Opoku	Teacher/Aide	Pending Certification
Andrew Rose	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. Exp. 7/1/19
Sarah VanderBok	Teacher/Aide	Pending Certification
Courtney Waleck	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. Exp. 7/1/17
Victoria Braga	Teacher/Aide	Pending Certification

P-2

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Tracey Franz, Elementary School aide, effective February 7, 2014.

P-3

Motion to approve a maternity/disability leave of absence for Melissa Geaney, Kindergarten Teacher, to commence on or about April 18, 2014 and ending on or about June 10, 2014. During that disability period, Mrs. Geaney intends to use 31 accumulated sick days. She wishes to be placed on a family leave of absence for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. In addition, Mrs. Geaney would like to apply 10 sick days during the family leave of absence, as per Article XX, O. Mrs. Geaney would like to be placed on Child Rearing Leave for the 2014-2015 school year, returning to her full time position on September 1, 2015.

ACTION ITEM(S): ___ P-1 – P-3 ___

Motion to adopt: Mr. Roof

Seconded By: Ms. Clavin

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Beltramine	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Blahut	___	___	___	<u>X</u>
Carey	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Hoffman	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Kaminski	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
O'Shea	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Repasy	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Roof	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Clavin	<u>X</u>	___	___	___

CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS

C/P-1

Motion to approve the listed travel events in agreement with Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, Title 18A, and Board Policy 9250:

EVENT	DATE	REGISTRATION FEE	MILEAGE & OTHER EXPENSES	EMPLOYEE/BOARD MEMBER
Social Skills Building for Social Competence in Children and Adolescents, Hasbrouck Heights	2/25/14	\$199.00	-0-	J. Rosen

C/P-2

Motion to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>
<i>Nothing to Report</i>			

C/P-3

Motion to approve an increase in the rate of pay for a substitute nurse from \$100.00 per day to \$150.00 per day effective immediately.

Background: A survey was completed and found that Hardyston has the lowest rate of pay for a substitute nurse in the county resulting in a loss of coverage when needed.

C/P-4

Motion to approve a group of select students to attend the annual Teen Arts Festival at Sussex County Community College on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 (snow day March 19). Cost of transportation has been budgeted.

C/P-5

Motion to approve a change in the 2013-2014 school calendar to opening school on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 and possibly Monday, February 17, 2014.

Background: *To date, we have used all 5 snow days. There is a prediction of a major storm on Thursday. If we close for Thursday’s storm, we will open school on the following Tuesday. If we need to close on Friday as well, we will open school on Monday, February 17.* [List of School Closings and Delays](#)

C/P-6

Motion to approve an all day regional chorus rehearsal trip to Tenafly on Friday, February 28 for one student and Mr. Colarusso. This item was included in the 2013-2014 budget.

ACTION ITEM(S): ___C/P-1 – C/P-6___

Motion to adopt: Mr. Repasy

Seconded By: Mrs. Beltramine

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Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O’Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Repasy	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roof	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

POLICY

Nothing to report

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS**F/O-1**

Motion to approve the use of the elementary school fields for the Walkkill Valley Little League beginning on or about March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, Monday through Saturday. The league is also requesting permission to place a port-a-john in the same location as last year.

ACTION ITEM(S): ___F/O-1___

Motion to adopt: Mr. Hoffman

Seconded By: Mrs. Beltramine

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Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

C-1

Letter from Jessica Bieri Kunze

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Action or Non-Agenda Items

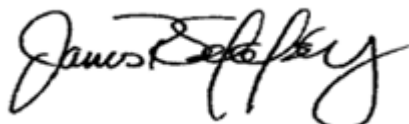
1. Renee Collins, 16 Country Lane, Hardyston, NJ participates in the Foundations to Education course at Sussex Tech. She would like to bring this program as a partnership to Hardyston School. Mr. Corbett asked her to contact him directly.
2. Ria Mastenbrook thanked Mr. Hoffman on behalf of the PTA for his support of the Winter Social.
3. Mr. Koch reminded the Board that March 7, 8 and 9, 2014 is the musical at Wallkill Valley Regional High School.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by Ms. Clavin, and seconded by Mr. Repasy to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary