

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2015  
7:00 PM – Hardyston Township Middle School Library**

**I. Call to Order**

Board President, Dorothy Beltramine, called the special meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ. President Dorothy Beltramine read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	present
Mr. Ed Blahut	absent
Mrs. Donna Carey	present
Mr. Nick Demsak	present
Mr. Philip Giordano	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	absent
Mr. Brian Kaminski	present
Mr. Martin O’Shea	present
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present
Dr. Richard R. Corbett	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

**Quorum confirmed:**             Yes                             No

**Special Guest(s) Present:**            Joseph L Roselle, Attorney

**Staff Member(s) Present:**            33

**Community Member(s) Present:**    n/a

**Other:**    n/a

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Hardyston School District together with our parents, families and community is dedicated to preparing our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**V. Executive Session #1**

*Motion is presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by P. Giordano that the Hardyston Township Board*

*of Education enters private session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss legal (HIB) issues and personnel, which is exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act." Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session.*

**VI. Return to Public Session**

*Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 7:30 p.m.*

**Motion D. Beltramine**

**Seconded P. Giordano**

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Ed Blahut	<u> n/a </u>
Mrs. Donna Carey	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Nick Demsak	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Philip Giordano	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Ron Hoffman	<u> n/a </u>
Mr. Brian Kaminski	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Martin O'Shea	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. David Van Ginneken	<u>  X  </u>
Dr. Richard R. Corbett	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. James Sekelsky	<u>  X  </u>

**Action following Executive Session if needed:**

None

**VII. Executive Session #2**

*A motion was presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by M. O'Shea that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 7:35 p.m. to conduct HIB appeal, personnel and CSA evaluation which is exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act". Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session.*

**VIII. Return to Public Session**

*Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 8:33 p.m.*

**Motion D. Beltramine**

**Seconded D. Carey**

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Ed Blahut	<u>  n/a  </u>
Mrs. Donna Carey	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Nick Demsak	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Philip Giordano	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Ron Hoffman	<u>  n/a  </u>
Mr. Brian Kaminski	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Martin O'Shea	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. David Van Ginneken	<u>  X  </u>

Dr. Richard R. Corbett	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. James Sekelsky	<u>  X  </u>

**Action following Executive Session if needed:**

None

**IX. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200) – Agenda “Action” Items only as indicated under Committee Reports, numbered, with “motion to” in the introductory statement.**

None

**X. Regular Agenda Items**

**FINANCE**

**F-1**

Motion to ratify previously approved appointment of special counsel Schenck, Price, Smith, & King through June 30, 2015 at the hourly rate of \$163.20, law clerks at the hourly rate of \$127.50, and paralegals at \$112.20 per hour, and adopt the following resolution.

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for legal services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public School Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5) requires that a resolution authorizing the contracting of "Professional Services" without competitive bids be adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of Hardyston Township that Schenck, Price, Smith, & King be contracted as special legal counsels for the Hardyston Board of Education for the remainder 2015 school year without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 18A:18A-5 of the Public School Contracts Law and Chapter 271 political contribution disclosure form is on file with district.

**ACTION ITEM(S): F-1**

**Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine**

**Seconded By: M. O'Shea**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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>
Demsak	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Giordano	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Hoffman	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Kaminski	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
O’Shea	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Van Ginneken	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

**CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS**

**C/P-1**

Motion to approve the use of the middle school gymnasium for “Straight Talk”, an information night of pizza and volleyball to discuss the dangers of alcohol and drugs with 6 – 8 grade students of the regional area. This is co-sponsored with The Center for Prevention and Counseling. Cost of pizza will be covered through Student Activities account. (flyer attached)

**C/P-2**

Motion to approve 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers to perform a field investigation of outcrops at an area on Wheatsworth Road. The dates will be set for May after PARCC testing.

*Background: The students will be walked to the area located across Wheatsworth Road where they will locate and perform various experiments and record mineralogy findings with a Brunton Compass. This area off Wheatsworth Road known as Emerald Drive is documented in the New Jersey Geologic Map. There is no cost involved; the owners of the property, CJS Investments, require proof of insurance.*

**C/P-3**

Motion to approve a class trip for grade two to visit the SCMUA for “Keeping Our Environment Clean” program on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Admission is free; cost of transportation will be paid through a grant from Hardyston Twp. Clean Funds.

**ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 to C/P-3**

**Motion to adopt: D. Carey                      Seconded By: D. Beltramine**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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>
Demsak	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Giordano	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Hoffman	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Kaminski	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

