

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2014
7:00 PM – Hardyston Township Middle School Library

I. Call to Order

Board President, Christine Clavin, called the regular meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on December 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library 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	present
Ms. Donna Carey	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mr. Brian Kaminski	present
Mr. Martin O’Shea	present
Mr. Bill Repasy	absent
Mr. Randy Roof	present
Ms. Christine Clavin	present

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

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: Anita Collins, former Board Member
Stephanie Verso, student representative & Principal for a Day

Staff Member(s) Present: **4**

Community Member(s) Present: **5**

Other:

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

NOTE – there were iPad failures during this meeting

1. A. Update P-6 (add) in effect on 3/6/15
B. Postponed presentation by Auditor until 1/13/15
2. Dr.. Corbett gave the APT / CAP presentation
3. Dr. Corbett presented the H.I.B. Monthly Report
4. Committee Reports:
 - Personnel (Randy Roof)
 - Mr. Roof previewed Personnel motions
 - Curriculum & Programs (Ed Blahut)
 - Mr. Blahut is working on trying to replace outdated texts. Options to be presented by Feb/Mar for the 15-16 school year Procedures/Policies to adopt textbook adoptions through Board. World Language (Spanish) is up for a curriculum revision.
 - Technology (Ed Blahut)
 - Mr. Blahut spoke about phone system replacement. Mr. Sekelsky briefed Board on intent to continue the interest in the Regional Broadband Initiative. Current Broadband is too slow.
 - Facilities & Operations (Brian Kaminski)
 - Ms. Beltramine covered
 - Finance (Dot Beltramine)
 - Ms. Beltramine covered
 - Policy (Martin O'Shea)
 - Revised Policy 5120
 - NJSBA to do Wellness Check
5. Discussion regarding appointment of new board members
 - The Board agrees that on 1/13/15 discussion will be held regarding the tie between the two write-in candidates. Mr. Sekelsky will gather and distribute resumes.
6. Recognition of Board Member - **William Repasy**

WHEREAS, Mr. William Repasy has served as a member of the Hardyston Township Board of Education from April 2011 through December 2014, and has served as the Chairperson and/or Committee Member of Community Relations, Technology, Curriculum and Programs ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Repasy has served the students and residents of Hardyston Township with dedication, commitment, and integrity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Township Board of Education extends its sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for his contributions, and wishes him the best of health and happiness in his future endeavors.

7. Recognition of Board Member - **Christine Clavin**

WHEREAS, Ms. Christine Clavin has served as a member of the Hardyston Township Board of Education from April 2008 through December 2014 as Chairperson and/or Committee Member of the Board Committees of Finance, Curriculum/Programs/Technology, Representative for Sussex County School Boards Association, and Legislative Representative and in the capacity of Board President from April 2009 through December 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christine Clavin has served the students and residents of Hardyston Township with dedication, commitment, and integrity.

WHEREAS, Hardyston Township Board of Education appreciates her assistance and guidance to resolve the Middle School roof issues; and

WHEREAS, Her personal commitment to a quality education, valued participation in establishing effective policies, and readiness to render services in seeking educational excellence have contributed immeasurable to the progress of our school system.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Township Board of Education, on behalf of her colleagues, our teachers and our students, extends our sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for her contributions and dedicated services, and we wish Ms. Clavin good health and happiness for many years to come.

VII. Public Comment 1 Agenda Items

Stephanie Verso, 2 Meadow Lane, Hamburg, NJ asked what happens during the PARCC testing if software or hardware malfunctions. Mr. Corbett reassured that all effort will be made to limit problems.

Anita Collins, 16 Country Lane, Hamburg, NJ 07419 is in agreement with Ms. Beltramine, is there a Language Arts program that is comparable to ALEXS Math and/or games? Mr. Corbett answered about Grammarly as an option. Ms. Collins also asked about incentives and/or a “buddy system.”

VIII. Approval of Minutes

1. November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion of adopt: D. Beltramine **Seconded By:** R. Hoffman

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	___	___	_____	X
Roof	___	___	X	_____
Clavin	<u> X </u>	___	_____	_____

IX. Superintendent’s Report

X. Old Business

***** BOARD TOOK A TEN MINUTE RECESS. MR. ROOF HAD TO DEPART AT 9:00 PM *****

XI. New Business – Discussion regarding the Walkkill Valley/Sussex Tech resolution

ACTION ITEM(S): Motion to support the Resolution For Sussex County Technical School Non Tuition or User Fees

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine **Seconded By:** C. 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>	___	_____	_____

XII. Agenda Items:

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$48,136.30 in transfers for the month of November 2014.

F-2

Motion to approve the attached Bills List for the month of November 2014 in the amount of \$1,230,846.94.

F-3

Motion to approve and accept the revised Treasurer of School Monies Reports for July - October 2014.

F-4

Motion to approve and accept the Board Secretary's Monthly Report for July - October 2014.

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 period ending October 31, 2014.

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 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 to F-4

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine Seconded By: C. Clavin

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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>	___	_____	_____

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 2014-2015 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
Janice Wallace	Teacher and Aide	Standard Elem. School Teacher
Brigid Rosendale	Teacher and Aide	pending clearance
Jody Pruiksma	Teacher and Aide	Standard TOH
Meg Gray	Teacher and Aide	Sub Cert., Exp. 1/2/20
Allison Wacker	Teacher and Aide	Sub Cert. Exp. 7/2/19
Rachel Rose	Teacher and Aide	CEAS - K-5; Math Specialization in Grades. 5-8
Leslie Alfano	Secretary	N/A

P-2

Motion to approve Andrew Tully as full time night custodian at the middle school at Step 1, \$35,764 as per current HTEA contract, retroactive to Monday, December 8, 2014. This position was vacated by John Postas.

P-3

Motion to approve maternity/disability leave of absence for Kristen Jones, Upper LLD Teacher at the middle school, to begin on or about March 6, 2015. Mrs. Jones intends to use approximately 18 days of accumulated sick days during this disability period, ending on or about April 1, 2015. Following the completion of that leave, Mrs. Jones is requesting to be placed on an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with New Jersey laws and regulations commencing April 2, 2015 and continue for the remainder of the school year. She is planning to return to her current position on September 8, 2015.

P-4

Motion to approve guide movement for Deborah Ambrose from MA+20 to MA+30, salary to be determined upon ratification of contract and successful completion of courses, effective September 1, 2015.

P-5

Motion to approve Juliette Takesh as Leave Replacement teacher, Grade 7 Language Arts, beginning January 5 through on or about May 18, 2015, BA, Step 1 , \$48,617, as per current HTEA contract.

P-6

Motion to approve Jacqueline Hoglund as Leave Replacement teacher, Grade 5/6 LLD, beginning March 6 through on or about June 30, 2015, BA, Step 1, \$48,617, as per current HTEA contract in effect March 6, 2014.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 to P-6

Motion to adopt: R. Hoffman Seconded By: E. Blahut

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
Trauma and Student Attachment, Fort Lee	12/15/14	\$189.99	-0-	A. Scherr
7 th Annual Special Education and Mathematics Conference, St. Peters University, Jersey City	1/7/15	\$179.00	\$17.98	A. Elko
7 th Annual Special Education and Mathematics Conference, St. Peters University, Jersey City	1/7/15	\$179.00	\$	K. Morse
Making Best Use of the iPod Apps, Fairfield	2/10/15	\$235.00	\$19.22	M. Hubbard
Tenure Reform and Legal Updates, Voorhees	12/12/14	\$150.00	\$30.38	R. Demeter

C/P-2

Motion to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>
1	Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange	5/5/15	\$20.00 (approx.)
7	YMCA Fairview Lakes, Newton	5/15/15	\$37.00
5-8 Band/Chorus	Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson	TBD	\$75.00 (approx.)

C/P-3

Motion to approve 8th grade students to participate in the annual Junior Solar Sprints Race Day at Kittatinny Regional High School on May 12, 2015. Mrs. Hoover and Mr. Bennett will be chaperoning; funds for transportation will be through the Student Activity account.

C/P-4

Motion to approve the 2014 APT corrective action plan as presented.

C/P-5

Motion to approve the following faculty members for an additional time slot of 20 hour sessions of the Homework Club at a stipend of \$600.00 per member funded by Title I.

Kelly Morse

Elizabeth Rossi

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 to C/P-5

Motion to adopt: E. Blahut Seconded By: C. Clavin

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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>	___	_____	_____

POLICY:

POL - 1

Motion to accept the Superintendent's Monthly HIB Report to the Board as presented.

POL - 2

Motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5120 - Assessment of Individual Needs.

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1 to POL-2

Motion to adopt: M. O'Shea Seconded By: D. Beltramine

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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>	___	_____	_____

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

Motion to approve the use of the elementary school gymnasium for the 2014-2015 Wallkill Valley Youth Basketball season commencing on or about mid-November through April 4, 2015, for Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Saturday games will be coordinated through Mr. Sekelsky for custodial coverage. Certificate of insurance is on file.

F/O-2

Motion to approve the use of the middle school gymnasium for the Wallkill Valley Travel Soccer Club practices and games on Tuesday nights beginning January 6 through March 31, 2015 from 6 to 9 PM. All required paperwork will be on file.

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1 to F/O-2

Motion to adopt: B. Kaminski Seconded By: R. Hoffman

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Roof	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Technology: No motions at this time

XIII. Written Communication

C-1 Letter from Mrs. Kathy Ann O’Connor (letter was not shown publically due to sensitive nature)

XIV. Public Comments – Non-Action or Non-Agenda Items

XV. Executive Session

A motion was presented by C. Clavin and seconded by D. Beltramine that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 9:23 p.m. to discuss 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.

XVI. Return to Public Session

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 9:58 p.m.

Roll Call

Voice unanimous

Action following Executive Session if needed:

Motion to accept the 2012 – 2013 CSA Evaluation Summary

Motion to adopt: C. Clavin Seconded By: D. Beltramine

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

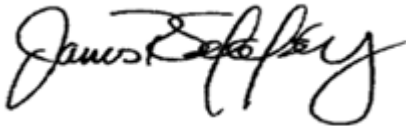
Blahut	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carey	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
O'Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Repasy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Roof	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Clavin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

XVII. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by C. Clavin, and seconded by E. Blahut, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky
 School Board Administrator/Board Secretary