

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2015
7:00 PM – Hardyston Township Middle School Library

I. Call to Order

Board President, Dorothy Beltramine, called the regular meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on February 10, 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

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| Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine | present |
| Mr. Ed Blahut | present |
| Ms. Donna Carey | present |
| Mr. Philip Giordano | present |
| Mr. Ron Hoffman | present |
| Mr. Brian Kaminski | absent |
| Mr. Martin O’Shea | present |
| Vacancy | |
| Vacancy | |

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

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: David VanGinnekin
 Nick Demsak
 Robert Demeter, Vice Principal, Middle School

Staff Member(s) Present: Elizabeth Jensen
 Kristen Tamke
 Adele Manailovich (HTEA)
 Mary Rowan (HTEA)

Community Member(s) Present: Jim Wright (Wallkill Valley, BOE)
 Sue Verso and daughter
 Ria Smith
 3 others

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. Update on any additions/revisions to workshop agenda
2. Jim Sekelsky presented the 2015-2016 Big Picture for the Budget
3. Recognition:
 - Teachers of the Year/Educational Support Personnel:

Rich Corbett presented: Elizabeth Jensen – Elementary School

Bob Demeter presented: Teresa Zinck – Middle School

Kristen Tamke – Middle School Guidance Counselor

Jim Sekelsky informed the recognized personnel that they will each have \$500 to spend in their classroom/area

- Randy Roof

Dot Beltramine read the following:

WHEREAS, Randolph Roof has served as a member of the Hardyston Township Board of Education since April 2004 through January 2015, and has served as Vice President and the Chairperson and/or Committee Member of Personnel/Negotiations/Grievance/Policy, Curriculum/Programs/Technology/Community Relations, and Finance/Facilities/Operations; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Roof 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.

4. H.I.B. Monthly Report
5. Committee Reports:
 - Personnel (Ron Hoffman)
 - Curriculum & Programs (Donna Carey)
 - Technology (Ed Blahut)
 - Facilities & Operations (Brian Kaminski)
 - Finance (Dot Beltramine)
 - Policy (Martin O'Shea)

V. Executive Session #1

Motion is presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by E. Blahut that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel & Board candidates, 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 7:58 p.m. presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by E. Blahut

Roll Call

Voice unanimous

Action following Executive Session if needed:

Motion to approve the following Board members for the following terms:

Nick Demsak, 3 year term

David VanGinnekin, 1 year term

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine Seconded By: R. Hoffman

| <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> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Giordano | <u>X</u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Hoffman | <u>X</u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Kaminski | ___ | ___ | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| O'Shea | <u>X</u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Vacancy | ___ | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Vacancy | ___ | ___ | _____ | _____ |

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

None

VIII. Approval of Minutes

1. January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion of adopt: D. Beltramine Seconded By: P. Giordano

| <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> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Giordano | <u>X</u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Hoffman | <u>X</u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Kaminski | ___ | ___ | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| O'Shea | <u>X</u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Vacancy | ___ | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Vacancy | ___ | ___ | _____ | _____ |

IX. Superintendent’s Report

F-4

Motion to approve and accept the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for December 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 December 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: R. Hoffman

| MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------|--------------|-----|---------|--------------|
| Beltramine | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Blahut | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Carey | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Demsak | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Giordano | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Hoffman | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Kaminski | ___ | ___ | _____ | <u> X </u> |
| O’Shea | <u> X </u> | ___ | _____ | _____ |
| Van Ginneken | <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 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Judy Kiddoo | Substitute Teacher / Aide | Sub Cert – Exp. 7/1/19 |
| Noreen Stanavitch | Substitute Teacher / Aide | Standard Elem. Sch. Tchr; TOH |
| Stephanie Romano | Substitute Teacher / Aide | Sub Cert – Exp. 1/2/19 |
| Martin Swiss | Substitute Teacher / Aide | Sub Cert – Exp. 7/1/19 |

P-2

Motion to approve Janine McLaughlin as middle school leave replacement PE/Health teacher effective on or about April 14, 2015 through June 30, 2015, MA, Step 1, as per HTEA contract in effect at start date.

P-3

Motion to approve an additional personal day to the secretarial unit to compensate for working on Friday, April 3, 2015 (dependent upon board approval of change of school year calendar in motion C/P-2).

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 to P- 3

Motion to adopt: R. Hoffman

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>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>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Kaminski | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u>X</u> |
| O'Shea | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Van Ginneken | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |

* add "members of"

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:

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>REGISTRATION FEE</u> | <u>MILEAGE & OTHER EXPENSES</u> | <u>EMPLOYEE/BOARD MEMBER</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Ed Tech 15 | 1/30/15 | -0- | \$35.96/each | D. Kornak S. Hoover |
| Childhood Apraxia of Speech, West Orange | 3/25/15 | \$235.00 | \$25.00 (materials) \$23.56 (mileage) | R. Stoll |
| NJSBA 2nd Annual Tech Conference, Princeton | 2/20/15 | \$200.00/ea. | TBD | R. Corbett E. Blahut D. Kornak |

C/P-2

Motion to approve a change in the 2014-2015 school calendar based upon the superintendent's recommendation to reflect Tuesday February 17 and Friday April 3 as school days. February 17 will be a full day; April 3 will be an early dismissal day.

Background: As of February 3, we have exhausted all five allotted emergency days (11/26, 1/12, 1/26, 1/27, 2/2).

C/P-3

Motion to approve an out of district placement for an identified student effective 1/26/15:

School: Windsor Learning Academy

Tuition Cost: \$61,950 annually (pro-rated from effective date) *Includes ESY program

_____ Tuition includes related services: OT 2x per week

Counseling 2x per week

ESY Program (30 days)

Transportation: additional cost of \$105./day (\$22,050/pro-rated)

Ria Smith, 19 Indian Field Drive, Hamburg, NJ 07419 gave an update on SEPAG and stated that the next meeting will take place on 2/24/15 at 4:30 pm in the Middle School Media Center.

XV. Executive Session

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XVI. Return to Public Session – if needed

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 9:59 p.m.

Roll Call

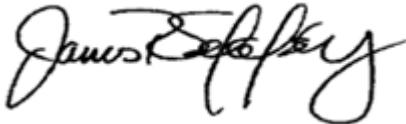
Voice unanimous

XVII. Adjournment

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

All in favor. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary