

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2015
7:00 PM – HARDYSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

I CALL TO ORDER: by Board Secretary

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, James Sekelsky, will call the 2015 Reorganization Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on January 6th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, James Sekelsky read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

Report of November 4, 2014 Election Results by Sussex County Clerk

	2014
Total Registered Voters	5731
Total Ballots Cast	2072
Percentage of Voters	36.15%

For Three-Year (3) full term for membership on the Board of Education, Jeff Parrott, Sussex County Clerk, certified the following candidates were elected to the Hardyston Township Board of Education:

Edward Blahut	1570 votes
Philip Giordano	43 votes (write in)
VACANCY Declared: Tie Write –In Vote	18 votes (each write in)

The Board will fill the vacancy within 65 days in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code.

The official certified results from the Sussex County Clerk’s Office will be on file in the Hardyston Township Board Office for review.

Induction and Administration of Oath of Office to the new and re-elected Board Members (N.J.S.A:18A:17.11) – Please rise, recite the oath of office, and sign as indicated in the presence of the Board Secretary.

- a. 3-year term: Ed Blahut
- b. 3-year term: Philip Giordano

IV Roll Call

Ms. Dot Beltramine	present
Mr. Ed Blahut	present
Ms. Donna Carey	present
Mr. Philip Giordano	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mr. Brian Kaminski	present
Mr. Martin O'Shea	present
Mr. Randy Roof	present
Vacancy	present
Mr. Richard R. Corbett	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: David VanGinnekin

Staff Members Present: n/a

Community Members Present: n/a

Other: n/a

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS School Ethics Act, Chapter 178, Public Law 2001

18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

Each board member will take turns reading aloud the following statements, which is then followed by each board member affixing their signature to an affirmation statement and discussion:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of

- the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
 10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

The Business Administrator recited the following:

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.

V. BOARD OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS - School Business Administrator

Election of President of the Board:

Nominations will now be accepted for President of the Hardyston Twp Board of Education:

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| 1. D. Beltramine | Nominated by E. Blahut |
| 2. R. Roof | Nominated by B. Kaminski |

A motion to close nominations for the Office of President of the Board.

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| 1. R. Hoffman | 2. P. Giordano |
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Roll call vote to elect the President of the Board:

Beltramine - Beltramine	Blahut - Beltramine	Carey - Beltramine
Giordano - Beltramine	Hoffman – Beltramine	Kaminski - Roof
O’Shea - Roof	Roof - Roof	Vacancy n/a

President of the Board is: Dot Beltramine

The meeting is now turned over to the Board President.

Election of Vice President of the Board:

Nominations will now be accepted for Vice President of the Hardyston Twp. Board of Education:

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| 1. E. Blahut | Nominated by D. Carey |
| 2. n/a | Nominated by n/a |

A motion to close nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board.

- 1. M. O’Shea
- 2. D. Carey

Roll call vote to elect the Vice President of the Board:

Beltramine - Yes	Blahut - Yes	Carey - Yes
Giordano - Yes	Hoffman – Yes	Kaminski - Yes
O’Shea - Yes	Roof - Yes	Vacancy

Vice President of the Board is: Ed Blahut

VI. Appointments and Delegates:

Presentation, by the President, of positions to which delegates and alternates will be appointed to the New Jersey and Sussex County School Boards Association:

Delegate	_____ TABLED _____
State Alternate	_____ UNTIL _____
County Alternate	_____ JANUARY 13, 2015 _____
Sussex Co. Ed. Services	_____ MEETING _____

Appointment, by the President, to the New Jersey School Boards Legislative Delegate:

Member	_____
Alternate	_____

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

None

REORGANIZATION AGENDA FOR APPROVAL, AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE:

NOTE: Inform Board of any additions/revisions to draft of Agenda previously submitted.

*******ALL ITEMS WERE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON 8/12/14*******

1. Motion to approve the monthly regular and workshop meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. at the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Rd., to be held on the second (regular) and fourth (workshop) Tuesday of each month (except as noted). The next successive Tuesday will be the alternate date if needed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>2nd Tuesday</u>	<u>4th Tuesday Workshop</u>
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Regular

January	13	27	Budget Workshop
February	10	24	Budget Workshop
March	10	24	Budget Workshop
April	14	28	NO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED CURRENTLY
May	12	26	NO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED CURRENTLY
June	9	23	NO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED CURRENTLY
July	14	28	NO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED CURRENTLY
August	11	25	NO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED CURRENTLY
September	15	29	NO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED CURRENTLY

2. **Motion** to approve the Code of Ethics for School Board Members subject to Statute 12-24.1, Chapter 178, Public Law 2001, Robert’s Rules of Order, and Parliamentary Procedures for all meetings of the Hardyston Township Board of Education.
3. **Motion** to reaffirm all past resolutions and motions previously approved by the Board of Education through December 31, 2014.
4. **Motion** to readopt all existing Board of Education policy manual, by-laws, regulations, handbooks, contractual agreements, and other legislative or regulatory action of this board hereby continued in force through June 30, 2015.
5. **Motion** to recognize the Hardyston Township Education Association as the official organized bargaining units representing all non-administrative contractual staff.
6. **Motion** to approve all curriculum, curriculum guides, 5-year curriculum review schedule through June 30, 2015, educational programs, and existing approved textbooks for the 2014-2015 school year.
7. **Motion** to approve the New Jersey Herald as the official newspaper and the Star Ledger and Advertiser News as the official (alternate) newspapers of the Board of Education for advertising purposes.
8. **Motion** to designate the Sussex Bank, New Jersey Cash Management Fund, and New Jersey Asset Rebate Management Fund as the official depositories of the Board of Education for all funds.
9. **Motion** to continue the board committee structure (with board incumbents) as listed for the 2014 – 2015 School year.
 1. Budget: Committee-of-the-Whole (C.S.A.)
 2. Personnel, Negotiations & Grievance (C.S.A., Hoffman, Roof)
 3. Policy (C.S.A., O’Shea, Beltramine, Blahut, Hoffman – alternate)

- 4. Curriculum, Programs, Technology & Community (ES Principal, Blahut, Carey)
- 5. Finance, Facilities & Operations (B.A., Beltramine, Carey, Kaminski)

ACTION ITEM(S): Reorganization Items #1 - 9

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine

Seconded by: M. O’Shea

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Beltramine	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Giordano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kaminski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O’Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roof	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Vacancy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

VIII. Regular Agenda Items

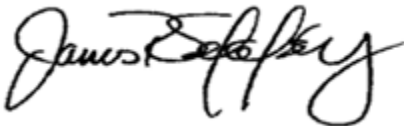
None as of December 31, 2014

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 E. Blahut, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary