

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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 March 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

Mrs. Donna Carey	present	
Mr. Nick Demsak	present	
Mr. Philip Giordano	present	
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present	
Mr. Brian Kaminski	present	
Mr. Martin O’Shea	present	
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present	
Mr. Ed Blahut	absent	arrived at <u>7:06</u> p.m.
Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	present	
Dr. Richard R. Corbett	present	
Mr. James Sekelsky	present	

Quorum confirmed: **Yes** **No**

Special Guest(s) Present: Robert Demeter, Vice Principal, Middle School
John Brennan, Principal, Elementary School
Jen Knoch, Advertiser News South
Dave & Donna Hontz
Adele Manailovich
Mary Rowan

Staff Member(s) Present:

Community Member(s) Present: Sina Souther-Brehman

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. Work shop

1. Mr. Sekelsky updated the Board on new agenda items
2. Dr. Corbett delivered the H.I.B. Monthly Report
3. Committee Reports:
 - Personnel – Mr. Hoffman highlighted the agenda items.
 - Curriculum & Programs – Ms. Carey provided the committee meeting highlights/minutes.
 - Technology – Mr. Blahut highlighted the committee meeting minutes.
 - Facilities & Operations – Mr. Kaminski discussed the Middle School retaining wall project, kick-off meeting to be 3/19/15 (tentatively), coordinating with Hardyston Township in regard to fiber optic cable.
 - Finance – Ms. Beltramine read the committee meeting minutes.
 - Policy – Mr. O’Shea reviewed the agenda items for the night’s meeting.
4. District Goals Update
5. SPR (School Performance Report)
6. 2015-2016 School Year Calendar
7. Budget Update

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 6, 2015 - Annual Reorg Meeting Minutes

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>	<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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O’Shea	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve: D. Beltramine **Seconded By:** P. Giordano

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>	___	_____	_____

- The Curriculum Committee was tasked to create a plan of Academic Success for the start of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion to accept same.

Motion to accept: D. Beltramine **Seconded By:** E. Blahut

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>	___	_____	_____

XII. Agenda Items:

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$922.63 transfers for the month of February 2015.

F-2

Motion to approve the attached Bills List for the month of February 2015 in the amount of \$1,212,880.95

F-3

Motion to approve and accept the revised Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for January 2015.

F-4

Motion to approve and accept the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for January 2015.

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 January 31, 2015.

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.

F-5

Motion to approve application of the waiver of compliance for the district’s participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI):

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-16, and

Whereas, the Hardyston Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students OR participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district’s available SEMI reimbursement for the 2015-16 budget year (\$10,166.00)

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Hardyston Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2015-16 school year.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 to F-5

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>	___	_____	_____
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
Christine Kasko	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. – Exp. 1/2/20
Ashley Radice	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert - pending
Sean Callahan	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert – Exp. 7/2/20
Karen Cizon	Aide	Sub Cert - pending

P-2

Motion to appoint the following extra-curricular coaches/advisors for the 2014/2015 school year (step amount as per negotiated agreement and may be subject to change upon ratification of HTEA contract):

The Board of Education shall determine the requirements of and qualifications for all extracurricular positions in the district as dictated by the nature of the activity in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-23. Upon recommendation of the CSA, the Board shall appoint to all extracurricular assignments, those individuals who have the proper qualifications for the position and can meet the requirements of the position. In the event a qualified candidate cannot be found within the district, the Board may employ a qualified person from outside the district.

Kasey Kornak Girls Head Track Coach Step 1 \$1,538

P-3

Motion to approve maternity/disability leave of absence for Denise Calandrillo, Resource Teacher at the elementary school, to begin on or about May 4, 2015. Mrs. Calandrillo intends to use approximately 37 days of accumulated sick time during this disability period, ending on or about June 24, 2015. Following the completion of that leave, Mrs. Calandrillo is requesting to be placed on child rearing leave of absence in accordance with New Jersey laws and regulations commencing on or about June 25, 2015. She is planning to return to her current position on September 21, 2015.

P-4

Motion to approve an extension of child rearing leave for Colleen Karcher from September 2015 through December 2015. Mrs. Karcher would like to return to her teaching position January 2016.

Background: Mrs. Karcher was placed on disability leave of absence January 2014.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 to P- 4

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

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

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
19 th Annual Building and Grounds Expo, Atlantic City	3-16-18	\$100.00	\$309.01	C. Platvoet
LDTTC Director's Meeting, Lenape Valley	3-26-15	-0-	\$3.74	G. Gibson
LDTTC Director's Meeting, Allamuchy	4-16-15	-0-	\$13.02	G. Gibson
LDTTC Director's Meeting, Minebrook	5-28-15	-0-	\$11.55	G. Gibson
Highlights from Workshop 2014, Princeton Marriot at Forrestal, Princeton	3-21-15	\$200.00	\$45.32	D. Beltramine E. Blahut
Public School Bidding, New Brunswick	4-8-15	\$231.00	\$37.32	W. Chandler
Public Works Construction Bids for School Districts, New Brunswick	5-14-15	\$127.00	\$37.32	W. Chandler
The Governmental Purchasing Association of NJ Symposium, Atlantic City	4-15-15 - 4-17-15	\$395.00	mileage & other expenses IAW NJ law	J. Sekelsky

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>
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5-8 Band/Chorus	Great Adventure, Jackson	5/29/15	TBD - waiting for bus quote
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C/P-3 ***

Motion to approve kindergarten screening to include two substitute teachers for 5 days @ \$75 each per day and the cost of Pearson Dial 4 Kindergarten Screening kit at a cost of \$876.80 (approx total \$1,627.00)

C/P-4 ***

Motion to approve 2015-2016 school calendar as discussed in workshop session.

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 to C/P-2

Motion to adopt: D. Carey **Seconded By:** P. Giordano

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>	___	_____	_____

***** C/P-3 & C/P-4 were not voted/moved on at this time**

POLICY

POL - 1

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

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

MOTION	ACCEPT	REJECT	MODIFY	ABSTAIN
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>	___	_____	_____

F/O-2

Motion to approve the use of the elementary school gymnasium from the Wallkill Lady Warriors for the spring 2015 season beginning April 3 through June 19, 2015 on Friday nights from 7-9 PM. All pertinent paperwork will be on file.

F/O-3

Motion to approve the use of the middle school gymnasium from the Lady Warriors Girls Basketball League beginning May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. All pertinent paperwork will be on file.

F/O-4

Motion to approve the use of the elementary school gymnasium for the annual Lake Stockholm community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28 from 11 AM - 1 PM. All associated fees, custodial coverage and paperwork will be coordinated through the elementary school main office.

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1 to F/O-4

Motion to adopt: B. Kaminski **Seconded By:** D. Beltramine

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>	___	___	___

TECHNOLOGY - No motions at this time

XIII. Written Communication

Letter presented from Sina Souger-Brehmer, 3037 Route 23, Franklin, NJ 07416 expressed disappointment that no other school work was planned to be given to children during the day and for homework.

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

XV. Executive Session

A motion was presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by E. Blahut that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 9:19 p.m. to discuss legal, personnel & negotiations, 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.

**** Nick Demsak departed during Executive Session due to conflict ****

XVI. Return to Public Session – if needed

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 11:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Voice unanimous

Action following Executive Session if needed:

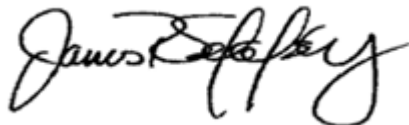
None

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 11:10 p.m.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary