

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 17, 2015**

**7:00 PM – HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**I. Call to Order**

Board President, Dorothy Beltramine, called the regular meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on March 17, 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	present
Ms. Donna Carey	present
Mr. Nick Demsak	present
Mr. Philip Giordano	absent
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
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:    Liz Jensen  
    Mary Rowan, HTEA President  
    Adele Manailovich  
    Robert Demeter, Middle School Vice Principal

Staff Member(s) Present:    n/a

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.*

**IV. Workshop**

Budget Overview and Discussion: 2015-2016 Budget

**V. Public Comments**

Mary Rowan, HTEA President asked if the Board passes this tentative budget, can the plan of what is to be cut be changed or shifted. Dr. Corbett answered yes.

**VI. Old Business**

**O/B-1**

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.

<b>Motion to adopt: D. Carey</b>	<b>Seconded By: D. Beltramine</b>			
<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
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>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>  X  </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>
Van Ginneken	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

**VII. New Business**

**N/B-1**

Motion to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, the tentative 2015-2016 school budget for submission and approval to the County Superintendent as follows:

The Hardyston Township Board of Education has proposed programs and services in this budget in addition to the Core Curriculum Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The Hardyston Township Board of Education’s approves this “tentative” budget to be presented to the Sussex County Superintendent of Schools for approval prior to advertising in the New Jersey Herald and on the district’s web site. The budget will be approved by the County Superintendent prior to the public meeting. The budget will be revised, if necessary, at the public hearing on April 28, 2015 (reschedule date is May 5th, 2015).

The motion further provides authorization to the CSA and SBA to modify the budget shown above, if necessary, based on the final preparation of this budget for approval.

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Tax Levy</u></b>
General Fund	\$11,629,026	\$11,629,026	\$9,;
Special Revenue	\$188,109	\$188,109	
Fund			
Debt Repayment	\$982,531	\$982,531	\$878,0
Total	<b>\$12,799,666</b>	<b>\$12,799,666</b>	<b>\$10,119,92</b>
Revenues/Sources			

to

Total

Expenditures/

Appropriations

This budget is within the required cap permitted of **2.0 %** on the adjusted 2014-2015 tax levy of \$9,060,045 maximum tax levy for 2015-2016 will not exceed \$ **9,241,246** and maximum expenditures totaling \$ **12,787,818**

	<b>Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine</b>		<b>Seconded By: B. Kaminski</b>	
<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
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>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>  X  </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>
Van Ginneken	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

**N/B-2**

Motion to approve the appropriation of \$50,000 from fund 30 Capital Projects Fund (Hardyston Township BOE Legal Settlement (MS Roof) balance) to pay debt obligations for the 2015-2016 budget.

\*\* background \*\* to cancel to debt service fund balance each year a portion of the unexpended funds on the referendum project.

**N/B-3**

Motion to appoint as special legal counsel the firm of Schenck, Price, Smith, & King through June 30, 2015.

**N/B-4**

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
Public Schools Purchasing, Rutgers Cooperative	5/7/14 5/22/14	\$250 each	IAW NJ state law	W. Chandler (2) C. Platvoet (1)

**N/B-5**

Motion to appoint Nick Demsak as the Hardyston Twp BOE representative to the Sussex County Educational Services Commission until on/about December 31, 2015

**Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine**

**Seconded By: E. Blahut**

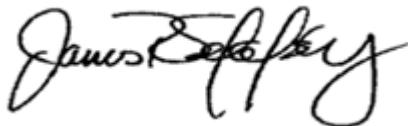
<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Beltramine	<u>X</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>
Blahut	<u>X</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>
Carey	<u>X</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>
Demsak	<u>X</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>
Giordano	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>X</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>X*</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u> * No to N/B-3
Van Ginneken	<u>X</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>

**X. 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 D. Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky  
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary