

1. Addendum Report
2. Mr. Jim Wright invited the Hardyston BOE to the joint Wallkill Valley Regional BOE retreat.
3. Committee Reports:
 - Personnel (Ron Hoffman) - presented
 - Curriculum & Programs (Donna Carey) - presented
 - Technology (David VanGinneken) - presented
 - Facilities & Operations - presented
 - Finance (Dot Beltramine) - presented
 - Policy (Philip Giordano) - presented
3. Presentation by Sussex County Educational Services Commission – Ms. Andrea Romano, Superintendent and Erin Dunstan, Business Administrator presented an overview of the SCECS
4. Board President Update – coordination for WVRHS Board Retreat will be done via email
5. Public Hearing to refund the 2006 series bond issue
 - Motion to open public hearing
 - Motion made: D. Beltramine Second: E. Blahut (voice unanimous)
 - Public comment - None
 - Motion to close public hearing
 - Motion made: D. Beltramine Second: E. Blahut (voice unanimous)
6. Solar Update presented by James Sekelsky, Business Administrator

V. Executive Session #1

Motion is presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by P. Giordano that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss HIB & Personnel, 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.

Voice Unanimous

VI. Return to Public Session

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 8:18 p.m.

Motion: D. Beltramine Second: R. Hoffman

Voice Unanimous

Action following Executive Session if needed: None

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 5, 2016 - re-org
2. January 26, 2016
3. February 9, 2016

Motion to approve the attached Bills List for the month of February 2016 in the amount of \$1,287,623.46.

F-3

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for January 2016.

F-4

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for January 2016.

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, 2016.

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 2016-17, 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 2016-17 budget year (\$7,726.16) (19 students projected)

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 2016-17 school year.

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

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

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carey	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Demsak	___	___	___	<u>X</u>
Giordano	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Hoffman	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Pohl	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Restel	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Van Ginneken	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Blahut	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Beltramine	<u>X</u>	___	___	___

F-6

MOTION to approve the following Refunding Bond Ordinance:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2006, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,955,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$9,990,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,990,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Township of Hardyston in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$9,955,000 and dated November 1, 2006 (the "2006 Bonds"). The 2006 Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2017 may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after August 1, 2016 (the "Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to the par amount of the 2006 Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,990,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Township Clerk and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New

Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the 2006 Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption. Therefore approving a resolution determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$9,990,000 principal amount of refunding school bonds of the board of education of the township of Hardyston in the county of Sussex, New Jersey and providing for the sale and the delivery of such bonds

ACTION ITEM(S): F-6

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine	Seconded By: R. Hoffman			
<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Demsak	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Giordano	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Restel	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Van Ginneken	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Blahut	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Beltramine	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

F-7

MOTION to authorize the Business Administrator to approve applications for payment for the Middle School Retaining Wall Project to Drill Construction as follows upon approval from the architect in the following amounts:

Application #2 - \$ 9,335.08

12 weeks of NJ Family Leave Act coverage(NJFLA) (12 weeks is the maximum for any 24 month period). Health benefits can be continued, paid 100% by the employee, in between or after the statutory disability and NJFLA periods.

P-4

Motion to approve a non-tenured position maternity leave of absence for Taryn McCouch, part time aide at the elementary school, commencing on or about May 6, 2016 through the end of her 2015-2016 contract. Mrs. McCouch intends to use 20 accumulated sick days during the disability period, ending on or about June 7, 2016. Ms. McCouch has requested coverage under the NJ Family Leave Act after her disability period through the end of her 2015 - 2016 contract; furthermore, she intends to file for Family Leave Insurance and will submit the necessary forms required by law.

***background: Although a non-tenured position for which the CBA maternity leave will not extend beyond the contracted period, Ms. McCouch has indicated that she intends to return to work on/about September 1st, 2017

P-5

Motion to approve Trisha Boffa, a student currently enrolled in the school nurse program at Caldwell College, to complete 30 hours of school nurse field experience required for the Instructional and Non-Instructional School Nurse Program, beginning the week of March 14. Mrs. Boffa will be observing in both schools. She is also currently a substitute nurse with our district.

P-6

Motion to accept, with regret the retirement letter from Judith Williams, Grade 5 Language Arts Teacher, effective July 1, 2016. Mrs. Williams has been a teacher in Hardyston for 31 years.

P-7

Resolved, that in order to maintain the effective operation of the school, Robert Demeter is hereby temporarily reassigned to the Elementary School to cover for the absence of employee #701 until such time that the employee returns.

P-8

Motion to approve Peter B. Fallon to investigate a confidential legal matter in the amount of \$2,500.00 (proposal dated 3/4/16.) Subsequent increases up to \$1,000.00 may be approved by the Business Administrator in coordination with the Board’s Attorney.

P-9

Motion to approve Peter B. Fallon to investigate a second confidential legal matter in the amount of \$2,500.00 (proposal dated 3/8/16.) Subsequent increases up to \$1,000.00 may be approved by the Business Administrator in coordination with the Board’s Attorney.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 to P-9

Motion to adopt:	R. Hoffman		Seconded By: D. Beltramine	
MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> abstain P-8, P-9
Demsak	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Giordano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Restel	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Van Ginneken X ___ ___ X ___ ___ abstain P-7
 Blahut X ___ ___ ___ ___
 Beltramine X ___ ___ ___ ___

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
Making the Best Use of Free Google Tools, Parsippany	4/28/16	\$239.00	\$20.15	A.Elko
Making the Best Use of Free Google Tools, Parsippany	4/28/16	\$239.00	\$19.53	S. Luce

C/P-2

Motion to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2015-2016 school year:

GRADE	DESTINATION	DATE	COST PER STUDENT
2	SCUMA, Lafayette	4/21/16	Grant Funded through Hardyston Township for Earth Day
5-8 Student Council	“Business and Marketing Day” at Great Adventure Theme Park, Jackson (<i>open to all public schools</i>)	5/12/16	\$47.00 (<i>cost includes transportation; cost per student may be partially funded by student council activities monies raised.</i>)

C/P-3

Motion to approve an elementary bus stop at Garden Patch Preschool and Daycare Center, Mercantile Mall, 3339 Route 94, Hamburg, for the 2016-2017 school year.

Background: This was an approved stop for previous school years; it was the former “Little Learners” location.

C/P-4

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 school year calendar as attached.

C/P-5

Motion to approve the ESEA Accountability Action Plan as signed by the Board President and CSA on March 4, 2016.

