

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2017  
7:00 PM – HARDYSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**I CALL TO ORDER: by Board Secretary**

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, James Sekelsky, called the 2017 Reorganization Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on January 3, 2017 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:**

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:

Danuta Carey  
Jennifer Cenatiempo  
Susana Pohl

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: Danuta Carey
  
- b. 3-year term: Jennifer Cenatiempo
  
- c. 3-year term: Susana Pohl - absent

**IV Roll Call**

Ms. Dot Beltramine	present
Mr. Ed Blahut	present
Ms. Donna Carey	present
Ms. Jen Cenatiempo	present

Mr. Nick Demsak present  
Mr. Philip Giordano present  
Mr. Ron Hoffman present  
Mrs. Susana Pohl absent  
Mr. David Van Ginneken present

Mr. Michael Ryder present  
Mr. James Sekelsky present

Quorum confirmed:  Yes  No

Special Guest(s) Present: Alizah Scherr  
Jennifer Rosen

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Cimaglia

Community Members Present:  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. 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.

**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 lifelong learners in a culturally diverse democracy.*

**IV. BOARD OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS - School Business Administrator**

**Election of President of the Board:**

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

- 1. Beltramine Nominated by R. Hoffman (1st) and P. Giordano (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. N. Demsak
- 2. D. VanGinniken

Roll call vote to elect the President of the Board:

Beltramine	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Blahut	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Carey	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>
Cenatiempo	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Demsak	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Giordano	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>
Hoffman	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Pohl	<u>      </u> n/a <u>      </u>	Van Ginneken	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>

President of the Board is: Ms. Dorothy 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 Township Board of Education:

- 1. R. Hoffman Nominated by E. Blahut (1<sup>st</sup>) D. Beltramine (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. D. Beltramine
- 2. E. Blahut

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

Beltramine	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Blahut	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Carey	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>
Cenatiempo	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Demsak	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>	Giordano	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>
Hoffman	<u>      </u> abstain <u>      </u>	Pohl	<u>      </u> n/a <u>      </u>	Van Ginneken	<u>      </u> Yes <u>      </u>

Vice President of the Board is: Mr. Ronald Hoffman

**VI. Appointments and Delegates:**

**\*\* THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WAS POSTPONED TO A FUTURE BOARD MEETING\*\***

**Current 16-17 Committee Structure & Delegates will remain in place in the interim**

**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.*

Motion to approve the following governance year organizational items (1 - 9) for approval, as required by statute:

**1. Motion** to renew the approved monthly regular and workshop meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. at the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, 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>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Regular</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Workshop</u>
January	10	24 Budget Workshop
<u>January</u>	<u>19 Strategic Plan I (Thursday)</u>	<u>25 SNOW DATE Strategic Plan I</u>
February	14	28 Budget Workshop
<u>February</u>	<u>21 Strategic Plan II</u>	<u>27 SNOW DATE Strategic Plan II</u>
March	14 Board Adopts Prelim Budget	28 Tentative Budget Workshop (if needed)
<u>March</u>	<u>20 Strategic Plan III (Monday)</u>	<u>23 SNOW DATE Strategic Plan III</u>
April	11	25 Public Hearing and Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget
May	9	23 Board and Superintendent Evaluation Workshop
June	13	27 Annual Evaluation Workshop & Retreat
July	11	25 Board Workshop – Preliminary Goals
August	8	22 Action Plan Review

**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, 2016.

**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, 2017.

**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, 2017, educational programs, and existing approved textbooks for the 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 School year.

- 1. Finance, Facilities & Operations
- 2. Curriculum, Programs, Technology, & Community
- 3. Personnel, Policy, Negotiations & Grievance

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

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine

Seconded by: R. Hoffman

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Beltramine	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Blahut	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Carey	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Giordano	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	_____	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Van Ginneken	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

**VIII. Regular Agenda Items**

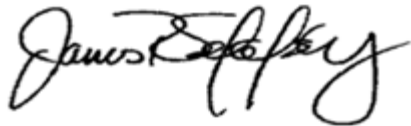
**None as of December 31, 2016**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by N. Demsak, and seconded by D. Beltramine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Sekelsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

James R. Sekelsky  
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary