

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2017
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 January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. President Dorothy Beltramine read the Open Public Meetings Act statement:

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law 1975, entitled, “Open Public Meetings Act,” Hardyston Township Board of Education posted a meeting notice setting forth the time, date, and location of this meeting at the Office of Hardyston Township Board of Education and on the district’s web site and mailed to the New Jersey Herald and to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Hardyston Township.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mr. Ed Blahut	absent
Mrs. Donna Carey	present
Mrs. Jennifer Cenatiempo	present
Mr. Nick Demsak	present
Mr. Philip Giordano	present
Mrs. Susana Pohl	present
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	present

Mr. Michael Ryder	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: Jennifer Cimaglia, Elementary School Principal

Staff Member(s) Present: Jennifer Rosen, HTEA
 Alizah Scherr, HTEA
 Alicia Elko, HTEA

Community Member(s) Present: 2 members of SEPAG

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. Workshop

1. Updates to Agenda (Jim Sekelsky)***
2. Committee Reports:
 - Personnel (Ron Hoffman)
 - Curriculum & Programs (Donna Carey)
 - Technology (David VanGinneken) – specific discussion regarding how and where Technology should be placed in the committee structure.
 - Facilities & Operations (Dot Beltramine)
 - Finance (Dot Beltramine)
 - Policy (Philip Giordano)
3. Sussex County Educational Services Commission Report (Susana Pohl)
4. Board President Update
5. Budget Overview (Jim Sekelsky)

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 7:45 p.m. to discuss HIB, personnel, legal and 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.

Voice Unanimous

VI. Return to Public Session

Motion is presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by D. Carey that the Board of Education will return to public session at 8:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Voice Unanimous

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. December 13, 2016 - Regular Meeting
2. January 3, 2017 - Reorganization

Background: This increase is IEP driven.

P-5

Motion to approve an extension of leave of absence for Elizabeth Curcio, middle school Music Teacher, from a return date of February 1, 2017 to a return date of September 1, 2017.

Background: Doctor's note is on file.

P-6

Motion to approve an extension of leave coverage for Emmaline Kempf to continue as middle school Music Teacher to June 30, 2017.

Background: Miss Kempf will continue to teach middle school music in the absence of Mrs. Curcio.

P-7

Motion to approve Tiffany Tavares as Long Term Substitute Teacher for the elementary school effective Wednesday, January 11, 2017 through approximately February 17, 2017, at rate of \$175.00 per day with no benefits.

Background: Ms. Tavares will cover for a current kindergarten teacher during absence.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 - P-7

Motion to adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	_____	_____	_____	___X___
Carey	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Giordano	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	___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
NJSBA 4 th Annual Technology Conference, Mercer	3/2/17	\$198/nonmember \$99/member \$99/member	\$49.66 (carpooling)	D. Kornak M. Ryder D. Van Ginneken

C/P-2

Motion to approve the middle school band and chorus members to travel to Walkkill Valley Regional High School for an all day multi-district rehearsal on January 30, 2017 (snow date of January 31) from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM. Cost of transportation has been budgeted.

C/P-3

Motion to approve a fundraising activity through our Student Council and Mrs. Kasey Kervatt, Advisor, to hold a “Pennies for Patients” weeklong event, proceeds earned for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Complete details provided by Mrs. Kervatt. (attached in drive)

C/P-4

Motion to approve the cheerleading team to travel to Jefferson High School for a competition on Sunday, January 29, 2017 (snow date 2/5/17). The team will leave the middle school at 7:30 AM and return at 1:00 PM. Cost for transportation and entry fees has been budgeted.

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 - C/P-4

Motion to adopt: D. Carey Seconded By: N. Demsack

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

POLICY

POL-1

Motion to approve a second reading and adopt the following policies:

- 2224 – Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
- 4111.1/4211.1 – Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
- 4131/4131.1 – Staff Development; Inservice Education/Visitations/Conferences
- 4211 – Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
- 4231/4231.1 – Staff Development; Inservice Education/Visitations/Conferences
- 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion
- 5145.4 – Equal Educational Opportunity
- 6121 - Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
- 6146.2 – Promotion/Retention

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1

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

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Blahut	_____	_____	_____	___X___
Carey	___X___	_____	_____	_____

Cenatiempo	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____
Demsak	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____
Giordano	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____
Pohl	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	<u>X</u>	___	_____	_____

POL-2

Motion to remove the following policies from the Policy Manual:

- 4111.3 - Sexual Harassment - Employees (4111.1/4211.1)
- 5123 – Student Promotion and Retention (6146.2)

Background: With the adoption of the revised policies in POL-1 above, these policies are no longer required.

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-2

Motion to adopt: P. Giordano

Seconded By: D. Beltramine

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

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS - No motions at this time

TECHNOLOGY - No motions at this time

XIII. Written Communication

None

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

None

XV. Executive Session

None

XVI. Return to Public Session – if needed

N/A

Action following Executive Session if needed:

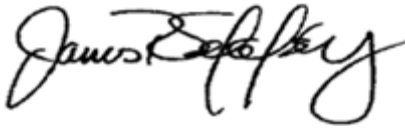
N/A

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 David VanGinneken, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Sekelsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Sekelsky" clearly legible.

James R. Sekelsky
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary