

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MEETINGS
PUBLIC HEARING - 2018-2019 BUDGET
APRIL 24, 2018**

7:00 PM – Hardyston Township Middle School Media Center

I. Call to Order

Board President Ronald Hoffman called the Regular Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. President Ronald Hoffman 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

Ms. Donna Carey	absent	(excused)
Ms. Jen Cenatiempo	present	
Mrs. Amie Ficacci	present	
Mrs. Carla Kubrin	present	
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	present	
Mrs. Susana Pohl	present	
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present	
Mr. Nick Demsak	present	
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present	
Mr. Michael Ryder	present	
Mr. James Sekelsky	present	

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: Brian Kaminski, Township Councilman
Jennifer Cimaglia, Elementary School Principal
Robert Demeter, Middle School Vice Principal
Jennifer Rosen, HTEA President

Staff Member(s) Present: 8

Community Member(s) Present: 33

Other: n/a

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/Board Member mandated training (Jim Sekelsky)***
2. Recognition:

Student:

- *Student of the Month:*
Kindergarten: Aiden Juba
Grade 1: Luca Cenatiempo
Grade 2: Gwen Silipena and Brody Incorvaia
Grade 3: Anthony Ramirez
Grade 4: Krista Contrada
Grade 5: Carly Trovato
Grade 6: Sydney Vierzchalek
Grade 7: Emily Thompson
Grade 8: Lukas Wilowski

Amy Naprstek, Gr. 7 - two First Place winner - classical guitar - Mid Atlantic Music Teacher Guild will represent Hardyston @ NJ State Teen Arts Festival on May 30
Sean Masino, Gr. 7 - representing Hardyston @ NJSTAF for Irish Step Dancing

3. Student Council Update
4. Committee Reports:
 - Curriculum, Programs, Educational Technology & Community Relations (Donna Carey)
 - Finance, Facilities and Operations & Technology Infrastructure (David VanGinneken)
 - Personnel, Negotiations, Grievance & Policy (Nick Demsak)
 - Finance – S. Pohl asked if the Board could subsidize the online fee for Pay School Central
 - Policy – Policy 5131 will be removed from the 1st readings listed in POL-1
5. Board President Update
6. Superintendent's Report
7. Kathy Helewa, NJSBA – Guideline Update – New CSA Evaluation – noted that tonight's training met training requirement for QSAC
8. 2018-2019 Budget Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019

Presented by Michael Ryder, Chief School Administrator

For Review and/or approval: RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2018-2019 BUDGET

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Board of Education to approve the 2018-2019 school district budget **This budget incorporates two decisions affecting the local tax levy: first**, it does NOT utilize the required cap permitted of 2.0 % on the adjusted 2017-2018 tax levy of \$9,777,592 -- we are only approving a 0.588% increase (just \$57,506); **and second**, an approval of the following Tax Relief measures -- to commit \$163,000 to Debt Service relief (\$99,763 from the MS Roof Legal Settlement; to

transfer and commit \$61,495 from Capital Reserve to Debt Service relief, and \$1,742 from Debt Service Fund Balance); to commit \$11,926 from the Emergency Reserve to support Security Improvements;, and to commit \$55,000 from our Maintenance Reserve to offset required maintenance, the maximum tax levy for 2018-2019 will not exceed \$9,835,098 and maximum General Fund expenditures totaling \$12,267,300:

	Budget	Tax Levy
General Fund	\$12,267,300	\$9,835,098
Special Revenue Fund	\$194,944	\$0.00
Debt Service Fund	\$902,956	\$686,036
Total Budget	\$13,365,200	\$10,521,134

Motion to adopt: N. Demsak

Seconded By: R. Hoffman

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	_____	_____	_____	___X___
Cenatiempo	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Kubrin	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	___X___	_____	_____	_____

V. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200) – Proposed Budget Comments Only.

- Hardyston Township Councilman Brian Kaminski addressed the Board to advise that Hardyston Township passed a 0% budget increase.

Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)

- Lisa DeMarco – 61 Tamarack Trail, Stockholm, NJ 07460 – addressed the bullying environment in the 4th grade at the Elementary School; she had not seen improvement. Asks The Board to look at policies

VI. Executive Session

None

VII. Return to Public Session

n/a

VIII. Old Business

O/B-1

Meeting Dates for 2017- 2018:

- May 8 – Regular Meeting
- May 22 – Workshop Meeting
- June 12 – Regular Meeting
- July 10 – Regular Meeting and Board Retreat

IX. New Business

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

1. March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman

Seconded By: N. Demsak

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
Demsak	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kubrin	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

HIB REPORT

Motion to approve the HIB report as presented by the chief school administrator on 3-20-18.

Background: HIB report for 4-24-18 is located in the Executive Session folder and will be voted on at the May 8, 2018 BOE meeting.

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>ACCEPT</u>	<u>REJECT</u>	<u>MODIFY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Carey	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Demsak	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kubrin	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

P-2

Motion to approve Patricia Clipperton as full time custodian for the middle school, effective May 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, Step 5, \$39,718, pro-rated.

Background: This position was vacated by Mr. Keith.

P-3

Motion to approve an extension of a leave of absence for Melissa Geaney, Kindergarten Teacher, from a return date of 9/1/18 to 9/1/19, as per Article XXI, C. 4, of the negotiated agreement.

P-4

Motion to approve Lisa Garofano as Long Term Substitute Teacher for Middle School LLD, at a rate of \$175.00 per day for the period April 25, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Background: This position was vacated by Mrs. Bastin.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-4

Motion to adopt: N. Demsak

Seconded By: R. Hoffmam

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Cenatiempo	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kubrin	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<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:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>	<u>MILEAGE & OTHER EXPENSES</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE/BOARD MEMBER</u>
Arts in Education Showcase, Madison	5/1/18	\$70/ea.	-0-	K. Kervatt E. Kempf
Angelbeat 2018, Morristown	3/26/18	-0-	\$22.32	D. Kornak
Tomorrow’s Classroom Today 2018, Rider University, Lawrenceville	5/18/18	\$89	\$33.48	J. Cimaglia
Tomorrow’s Classroom Today 2018, Rider University, Lawrenceville	5/18/18	\$89	-0-	M. Ryder
NJSBA GPS to Visionary Leadership Conference	4/20-22/18	no charge	mileage to be determined	R. Hoffman

Mr. VanGinneken and Ms. Cenatiempo recuse themselves and depart at 10:40 pm

Voice Unanimous

XIV. Return to Public Session

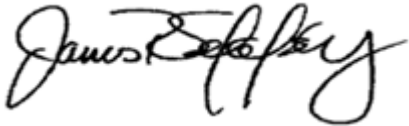
Motion is presented by N. Densak and seconded by S. Lucarelli that the Hardyston Township Board of Education for the Board of Education will return to public session at 10:49 p.m.

Voice Unanimous

XV. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by N. Densak, and seconded by S. Lucarelli, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

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