

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 8, 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 August 8, 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	absent
Mr. David Van Ginneken	absent
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	present

Mr. Michael Ryder	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

Quorum confirmed:             Yes                             No

Special Guest(s) Present:                            n/a

Staff Member(s) Present:                            3

Community Member(s) Present:                    3

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**

1. Updates to Agenda (Jim Sekelsky)\*\*\*
2. Committee Reports:
  - Finance, Facilities & Operations (Dot Beltramine)
  - Technology Infrastructure (David VanGinneken)
  - Curriculum, Programs and Educational Technology (Donna Carey)
  - Community Relations (Nick Demsak)
  - Policy (Philip Giordano)
  - Personnel & Negotiations and Grievance (Ron Hoffman)
3. Board President Update
4. Superintendent's Report
5. District Goals Action Plan (Mike Ryder)

#### **V. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)**

- Sharalyn Guarino, 1 Bergen Trail, Hopatcong, NJ – supported teacher training that the CSA presented in his action plan.
- Ria Smith, 19 Indian Field Drive, Hamburg, NJ – provided update to SEPAG activities and publication of new state SEPAG manual. Introduced a group she is a member of – Youth Support Task Force and provided background and overview of the group's purpose. Also overviewed the RIGHT PATH program at the county level.
- Bethany Ficcaci, 15 Black Bear Court, Hamburg, NJ – comments about support for a program for anti-bullying. She has coordinated with the CSA. Also requested EVVRS to be made available.

#### **VI. Old Business**

1. Meeting Dates for 2017- 2018:
  - September 12 – Regular Meeting
  - October 10 – Regular Meeting
  - November 14 – Regular Meeting
  - December 12 – Regular Meeting

#### **VII. New Business**

\*\*\*motion after executive session\*\*\*

#### **VIII. Executive Session I**

*Motion is presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by P. Giordano that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss legal & 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.*

#### **IX. Return to Public Session**

*Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 9:15 p.m.*

**Voice Unanimous**

**N/B-1**

Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board is a Respondent in a special education due process action before the Office of Administrative Law, bearing Agency Reference Number 2017-26522; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amicably resolve the action without a hearing, pursuant to the terms presented to the Board in a Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the Agreement of the within referenced due process action on the terms and conditions contained therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion of adopt: D. Beltramine

Seconded By: P. Giordano

<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___	_____	_____	_____

**N/B-2**

Motion to approve Side Bar Agreement setting stipends of \$550.00 for 504 Coordinator and I & RS Coordinator for current contract and to be included in next contract.

Motion of adopt: D. Beltramine

Seconded By: R. Hoffman

<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___	_____	_____	_____





*Background: Mrs. Tavares was approved at the July meeting at the BA level; she had completed a Masters program and provided official transcripts as required.*

**P-6**

Motion to assign Robert Demeter as Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year.

**P-7**

Motion to assign Larissa Potosnak as Anti-Bullying Specialist for the Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year.

**P-8**

Motion to assign Alizah Scherr as Anti-Bullying Specialist for the Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-8

Motion to adopt: R. Hoffman

Seconded By: D. Beltramine

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
2017 FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference, Long Branch	10/19-20/17	\$285.00	\$38.75	J. Cimaglia
Marzano – Making the Transition, Freehold	8/15/17	\$149.00/ea.	\$51.46	J. Cimaglia M. Ryder
Asbestos /IPM Training, Rutgers	9/11-12/17	\$395.00	-0-	C. Platvoet
NJSBA Conference	10/23-26/17	\$1500 group or \$300 per	as per NJ Travel regulations	Board Members, CSA & BA
NJASBO Professional	14	\$1,260	@\$0.31 per mile	J. Sekelsky - 8

Development	classes monthly	subscription		Asst BA - 3 Pay/Benefits - 3
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**C/P-2**

Motion to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2017-2018 school year:

GRADE	DESTINATION	DATE	COST PER STUDENT
8	Buehler Science Center, Paramus	May 3, 4/17	\$47.00

**C/P-3**

Motion to approve the following out of district placement for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u># Students</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	
1	Shepard School 2 Miller Road Kinnelon, NJ	\$55,357.50/10 Mo. (302.50/per diem) (183 days)	+ transportation

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 – C/P-3

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___	_____	_____	_____
Demsack	___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:

- 9200 Orientation and Training of Board Members
- 9250 Expenses and Reimbursements
- 9271 Code of Ethics

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>
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### **XIII. Executive Session**

*A motion was presented by D. Beltramine and seconded by R. Hoffman that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 9:29 p.m. to discuss CSA Contract and, 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 - J. Cenatiempo departs at this time

### **XIV. Return to Public Session – if needed**

Motion by D. Beltramine and seconded by D. Carey for the Board of Education to return to public session at 10:48 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 D. Beltramine, and seconded by D. Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky  
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary