

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED  
2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
April 29, 2014  
7:00 PM – HARDYSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

**I Call to Order**

Board President, Christine Clavin, called the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014-2015 School Budget Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on April 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ. President Christine Clavin read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

**II Pledge of Allegiance**

**III Roll Call**

Ms. Dorothy Beltramine	present
Mr. Ed Blahut	present
Ms. Donna Carey	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mr. Brian Kaminski	present
Mr. Martin O'Shea	present
Mr. Bill Repasy	absent
Mr. Randy Roof	absent
Ms. Christine Clavin	present

Mr. Richard R. Corbett	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

Quorum confirmed:     Yes     No

Special Guest(s) Present:    Jen Knocha, Advertiser News North

Staff Member(s) Present:    Mr. Robert Demeter, Vice Principal Middle School  
Mr. John Brennan, Principal Elementary School

Community Member(s) Present:    None

**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 PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015**

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION narrated by Rich Corbett and Jim Sekelsky, the superintendent and business administrator, respectively.**

Mr. Corbett and Mr. Sekelsky presented the budget.

**V Public Comment (Board Policy #1200) – Agenda “Action” Items Only as indicated under Committee Reports, numbered, with “motion to” in the introduction statement.**

None Needed.

**VI. BUDGET/FINANCE – AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**BF-1 RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Board of Education to approve the 2014-2015 school district budget as follows:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Tax Levy</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$11,886,139	\$9,060,045
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	\$188,109	\$0
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>	\$974,781	\$918,357
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$13,049,029</b>	<b>\$9,978,402</b>

The district has proposed programs and services in addition to the Core Curriculum Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from the school district.

There should be raised for the General Fund Tax Levy \$9,060,045 for the ensuing School Year: (2014-2015).

**BF-2 Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2014-2015**

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as

noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., yet in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.4(e), as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a), to a maximum expenditure of \$30,000 for all staff and board members.

ACTION ITEM(S): BF-1 & BF-2

**Motion of adopt: Mr. Beltramine Seconded By: Ms. Clavin**

<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>	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Kaminski	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
O'Shea	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Repasy	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Roof	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Clavin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

**XVI EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None needed.

**VI RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

None needed.

**XVII Return to Public Session**

None needed.

**BOARD ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**XVIII ADJOURNMENT**

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by **Ms. Clavin**, and seconded by **Mr. Hoffman**, to adjourn the meeting at **7:45 p.m.**

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original Signed)

James R. Sekelsky  
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary