HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING - 2017-2018 BUDGET
APRIL 25, 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 April 25, 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	absent - arrived at 8:44 p.m.
Mr. Nick Demsak	present
Mr. Philip Giordano	present
Mrs. Susana Pohl	absent
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mrs. Dorothy Beltramine	present
Mr. Michael Ryder	present
Mr. James Sekelsky	present

Quorum confirmed: [X] Yes [ ] No

Special Guest(s) Present: Robert Demeter, Vice Principal Middle School
Jennifer Cimaglia, Principal Elementary School

Staff Member(s) Present: 10

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 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018

Presented by Michael Ryder, Chief School Administrator

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

None

IV. Workshop

1. Updates to Agenda (Jim Sekelsky)
2. Committee Reports:
   - Finance (Dot Beltramine)
   - Facilities & Operations (Susana Pohl)
   - 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. Sussex County Educational Services Commission Report (Susana Pohl)
4. Wallkill Valley Retreat Update (Nick Demsak)
5. Board President Update

Discussion was had regarding a board member's statement of cause to miss meetings.

V. Executive Session #1

Motion is presented by D. Beltramine *and seconded by* R. Hoffman_ *that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss HIB & 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.*

Voice unanimous

VI. Return to Public Session

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at _____p.m.

Voice unanimous

Action following Executive Session:

For Review and/or approval: RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 school district budget (including $163,000 in banked cap for two personnel positions; moreover, this includes funds from the MS Roof legal settlement to offset debt service taxes) as follows:

	Budget	Tax Levy
General Fund	$12,067,781	$9,777,592
Special Revenue Fund	$185,109	$0.00
Debt Service Fund	$897,456	$680,417
Total Budget	$13,150,346	$10,458,009

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

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	____	___	_____	___X____
Demsak	_X__	___	_____	_____
Giordano	_X__	___	_____	_____
Pohl	____	___	_____	___X____
Van Ginneken	_X__	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	_X__	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	_X__	___	_____	_____

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. March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion of adopt: D. Beltramine Seconded By: D. Carey

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_X__	___	_____	___X____
Demsak	_X__	___	_____	_____
Giordano	____	___	___X_____	_____
Pohl	____	___	_____	___X____
Van Ginneken	_X__	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	_X__	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	_X__	___	_____	_____

IX. Superintendent's Report

Presented by Mr. Ryder

X. Old Business

1. Meeting Dates for 2016- 2017:
    - May 9 – Regular Meeting
    - May 23 – Workshop Meeting *if needed*
    - June 13 – Regular Meeting
    - June 27 – Annual Evaluation Workshop and Retreat
    - July 11 – Regular Meeting
    - July 25 - Workshop Meeting *if needed*
    - August 8 – Regular Meeting
    - August 22 - Workshop Meeting *if needed*

XI. New Business

2. Motion to create an AD-HOC Wallkill Valley Regional BOE Committee

MOTION	ACCEPT	REJECT	MODIFY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blahut				X	
Carey	X				
Cenatiempo				X	
Demsak	X				
Giordano	X				
Pohl				X	
Van Ginneken	X				
Hoffman	X				
Beltramine	X				

2. Motion to approve the HIB report as presented by the chief school administrator on 3-21-17.

MOTION	ACCEPT	REJECT	MODIFY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blahut				X	
Carey	X				
Cenatiempo				X	
Demsak	X				
Giordano	X				
Pohl				X	
Van Ginneken	X				
Hoffman	X				
Beltramine	X				

XII. Agenda Items:

FINANCE

F-1
Motion to approve $15,000.00 in transfers for the month of March 2017.

F-2
Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of March 2017 in the amount of $1,001,793.59.

F-3
Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for February 2017.

F-4
Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Comparison Report for February 2017.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education regulation N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 require local school districts to file a monthly certification of budgetary line item status,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges that James R. Sekelsky, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, James R. Sekelsky, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over-appropriated nor over-expended for the period ending February 28, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the board of Education certifies that as of after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

F-5
Motion to approve Hardyston Township Board of Education's District maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2016-2017 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardyston Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district Professional Development travel maximum for the 2016-2017 school and budget year, in the amount not to exceed $40,000 (up to $6,765 funded through NCLB); all approved travel reimbursements paid at the prevailing OMB rate of $.31 per mile; Regular Business travel will not exceed $1,500 per employee per year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 to F-5
Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine Seconded By: R. Hoffman

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_X__	___	_____	___X____
Demsak	_X__	___	_____	_____

Giordano	____	___	___X_____	_____
Pohl	____	___	_____	___X____
Van Ginneken	_X__	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	_X__	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	_X__	___	_____	_____

PERSONNEL

(All Personnel resolutions are based on the recommendation of the Superintendent)

P-1

Motion to approve the substitutes listed below to be placed on our substitute calling list for the 2016-2017 school year. Employment is on an emergent basis, if necessary, and contingent upon criminal history background clearance as required by P.O. 1986, C.116.

NAME	POSITION	CERTIFICATION
Patricia M. Lovett	Nurse	Sub Cert. Exp. 7/2/22

P-2

Motion to approve Tiffany Tavares as Long Term Substitute Teacher - Kindergarten, at a rate of $175.00 per day (as outlined in negotiated HTEA contract) for the period April 10, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Background: Mrs. Tavares is replacing current teacher previously approved for a maternity leave.

P-3

Motion to approve William Lee as Long Term Substitute Teacher – Upper LLD, at a rate of $175.00 per day (as outlined in negotiated HTEA contract) for the period April 24, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Background: Current teacher is out on leave.

P-4

Motion to rescind the retirement letter dated October 31, 2016 from Karen Junior. She will not be retiring at the end of this current school year.

P-5

Motion to approve Catherine VanderBok as Long Term Substitute Teacher – Music (Elementary), at a rate of $175.00 per day (as outlined in negotiated HTEA contract) retroactive from March 6, 2017 through May 15, 2017.

Background: Current teacher is out on leave.

P-6

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation letter from Nicholas Serignese, full time custodian at the elementary school, effective April 30, 2017. Mr. Serignese has accepted a position in another school district.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 - P-6
Motion to adopt: R. Hoffman Seconded By: N. Demsak

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_X__	___	_____	___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
Interactive Games Integrating Technology into PE Classes (online)	*ongoing*	$49.00	-0-	A. Kasa
National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference, Atlantic City	5/1/17	$290.00	-0-	D. Sasso

C/P-2
Motion to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2016-2017 school year:

GRADE	DESTINATION	DATE	COST PER STUDENT
PreK-MD	Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange	5/10/17 *Rd:5/12*	$20.00-25.00

C/P-3
Motion to approve the 2017-2018 school year calendar as attached.

C/P-4
Motion to approve the amended 2016/2017 school calendar for the remainder of this school year as follows:

- Last day of school for MS students Monday, June 19, 2017
- Last day of school for ES students Tuesday, June 20, 2017

- Eighth Grade Graduation — Friday, June 16, 2017
- Last day of school for teachers — Tuesday, June 20, 2017
- Early dismissal days for all students — June 15, June 16, June 19 and ES only June 20
- Early dismissal days for teachers — June 15, 19 (MS); June 15, 19, 20 (ES)
  June 16 (if attending graduation)

**Note: Wallkill Valley Regional High School is graduating on Monday, June 19 and Sussex Technical School is graduating on Tuesday, June 20.*

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 - C/P-4
Motion to adopt: D. Carey Seconded By: D. Beltramine

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_X__	___	_____	___X____
Demsak	_X__	___	_____	_____
Giordano	____	___	___X_____	_____
Pohl	____	___	_____	___X____
Van Ginneken	_X__	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	_X__	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	_X__	___	_____	_____

POLICY

POL-1
Motion to approve a first reading of the following policies:

3541.31	Privately Owned Vehicles
6171.4	Special Education
9130	Committees – removed from agenda – will stay in committee

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1
Motion to adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_X__	___	_____	___X____
Demsak	_X__	___	_____	_____
Giordano	____	___	___X_____	_____
Pohl	____	___	_____	___X____
Van Ginneken	_X__	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	_X__	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	_X__	___	_____	_____

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

Motion to approve Wallkill Valley Travel Soccer Club to extend the use of the middle school gymnasium Wednesday evening from 6 PM to 9 PM beginning April 12, 2017 through May 31, 2017 (gym will not be open spring recess week). All required paperwork is on file.

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1

Motion to adopt: D. Beltramine Seconded By: R. Hoffman

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blahut	____	___	_____	___X____
Carey	_X__	___	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_X__	___	_____	___X____
Demsak	_X__	___	_____	_____
Giordano	____	___	___X_____	_____
Pohl	____	___	_____	___X____
Van Ginneken	_X__	___	_____	_____
Hoffman	_X__	___	_____	_____
Beltramine	_X__	___	_____	_____

XIII. Written Communication

1. Thank you note – Newton Medical Center Foundation (dress down donation)

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

None

XV. Executive Session

None

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 D. Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Sekelsky
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary