

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 8, 2020
7:00 PM – Hardyston Township Middle School Media Center**

I. Call to Order

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. Due to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held by remote means [or both in person and by remote means]. The public can observe and participate in this public meeting via Zoom. Comments may also be submitted to the Business Administrator via email within the time period established by the Board. The links to view and participate in the public meeting were communicated to the public on the Monday preceding the meeting by being posted on the main webpage of the District at www.https.org.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mrs. Donna Carey	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Jen Cenatiempo	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Nick Demsak	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Brian Drelick	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Amie Ficacci	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Ronald Hoffman	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Michele Van Allen	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Michael Ryder	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Richard Rennie	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: _____

Staff Member(s) Present: _____

Community Member(s) Present: _____

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 (Rich Rennie)
2. Committee Reports:
 - Curriculum, Programs, Educational Technology & Community Relations (Donna Carey)
 - Finance, Facilities and Operations & Technology Infrastructure (David Van Ginneken)
 - Personnel, Negotiations, Grievance & Policy (Amie Ficacci)
 - Ad Hoc Services Committee (Dave Van Ginneken)
3. Board President Update
4. CSA Report
5. Student Recognition: “What’s Your Anti-Drug” Contest winner: *Nicholas DaSilva*
6. Board member Recognition – *Ron Hoffman, Certified Board Member*
New Jersey School Boards Association

Board Member Recognition – *Amie Ficacci*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Amie Ficacci has served as a member of the Hardyston Township Board of Education since January 2018 through December 2020, and has served as the Chairperson and/or Committee Member of Facilities and Finance, Facilities and Operations & Technology Infrastructure; and Personnel, Negotiations, Grievance & Policy, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Amie Ficacci has served the students and residents of Hardyston Township with dedication, commitment, and integrity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Township Board of Education extends its sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for her contributions, and wishes her the best of health and happiness in her future endeavors.

V. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200) (please limit to agenda items only)

“All regular and special meetings of the Hardyston Township Board of Education shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, and also need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule one or more periods during each meeting for public participation. Each speaker will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes per subject with a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for all speakers on that subject. Additional segments in two-minute increments must be approved by a majority vote of the Board quorum present.

The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves” (please provide name and street address).

VI. Executive Session *if needed*

Motion is presented by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at _____ p.m. to discuss _____, 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.

VII. Return to Public Session

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Donna Carey _____
Mrs. Jennifer Cenatiempo _____

Mr. Nick Demsak _____
 Mr. Brian Drelick _____
 Mrs. Amie Ficacci _____
 Mr. Ronald Hoffman _____
 Mrs. Susan Lucarelli _____
 Mrs. Michele Van Allen _____
 Mr. David Van Ginneken _____

VIII. Old Business

O/B-1

Meeting Dates for 2020- 2021:

- January 5 – Annual Reorganization Meeting
- January 12 – Regular Meeting
- January 26 – Budget Workshop
- February 9 – Regular Meeting
- February 23 – Budget Workshop

IX. New Business

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

1. November 10, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

HIB REPORT *All policies and procedures have been followed and met; report is based on the recommendation of the CSA. * Nothing to Report.*

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$47,618.64 in transfers for the month of November 2020.

F-2

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of November 2020 in the amount of \$1,014,380.34.

F-3

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for October 2020.

F-4

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for October 2020.

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 Richard Rennie, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, Richard Rennie, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over-appropriated nor over-expended for the period ending October 31, 2020.

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 an increase in the hourly rate of pay for substitute paraprofessionals and substitute secretaries to \$12.00. This increase aligns with the Federal new minimum wage rate for 2021.

F-6

Motion to accept the submission of the School Security Grant, following up on the Alyssa’s Law Compliance application, as follows:

TOTAL: \$34,716

F-7

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$400.00 from The Wallkill Valley Rotary, funds will be used to purchase 4 hotspots to support families in need.

The Board of Education thanks Sally Goodson (President) and the entire rotary club for the generous donation.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 to F-7

Motion to adopt:	Seconded By: _____			
<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 2020-2021 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
Amber Gall	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. - Exp. 7/1/2024
Jacqueline Combs	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. - Exp. 7/1/2024
Jennifer Smalley	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. - Exp. 7/1/2024
Doreen Binns	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert. – Exp. 1/2/2025

P-2

Motion to approve a continuation of assignment for David Schiff, Grade 5 Science Teacher, effective December 23, 2020 through on or about March 1, 2021.

P-3

Motion to approve Teresa Zinck as Leave Replacement Teacher – Basic Skills, middle school, BA, Step 1, \$33,720 (FTE .625), pro-rated, for the period January 4, 2021 through on or about April 30, 2021.

P-4

Motion to approve Arielle Stampone as Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 5 Resource, middle school, \$175.00 a day as outlined in the negotiated agreement, pro-rated, for the period December 1, 2020 through on or about May 19, 2021.

P-5

Motion to appoint/re-appoint the extra-curricular advisor for the 2020/2021 school year (step amount as per negotiated agreement):

The Board of Education shall determine the requirements of and qualifications for all extracurricular positions in the district as dictated by the nature of the activity in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-23. Upon recommendation of the CSA, the Board shall appoint to all extracurricular assignments, those individuals who have the proper qualifications for the position and can meet the requirements of the position. In the event a qualified candidate cannot be found within the district, the Board may employ a qualified person from outside the district.

Patricia Rosendale Yearbook Advisor Step 6 \$2,461

P-6

Motion to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Peter Manero, custodian, effective through November 24, 2020.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-6

Motion to adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____
MOTION YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT

Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

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
Energy Management, Rutgers Online	12/15 & 12/17	\$205.00/ea.	0	P. Clipperton A. Tully

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1

Motion to adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____
MOTION **YES** **NO** **ABSTAIN** **ABSENT**

Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ficacci	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

POLICY *Nothing to report*

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS *Nothing to report*

XI. Written Communication

1. Thank you note – A. Garofalo

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Action following Executive Session if needed:

XV. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.