

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021  
7:00 PM – Hardyston Middle School Library**

**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](http://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.
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Catherine Maksymiuk	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. Rich 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 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 (Rich Rennie)
- 2. Committee Reports:
  - Curriculum, Programs, Educational Technology & Community Relations (D. Carey)
  - Finance, Facilities and Operations & Technology Infrastructure (D. Van Ginneken)
  - Personnel, Negotiations, Grievance & Policy (N. Demsak)
  - Ad Hoc Services Committee (D. Van Ginneken)
- 3. Board President Update
- 4. CSA Report
- 5. Student Recognition:

Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Award Winners:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Sophia Lavin**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Tiziana Maldonado**  
 Honorable Mention: **John Cammarata**

6. Staff Recognition

Elementary School Educator of the Year:	<b>Lisa Healy</b>
Elementary School Educational Services Professional:	<b>Gina Gibson</b>
Middle School Educator of the Year:	<b>Amy Rosetti</b>
Middle School Educational Services Professional:	<b>Nicole Meyer</b>

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

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*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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ron Hoffman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Susan Lucarelli \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Catherine Maksymiuk \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Michele Van Allen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. David Van Ginneken \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ronald Hoffman \_\_\_\_\_

Action following Executive Session if needed:

## VIII. Old Business

### O/B-1

Meeting Dates for 2020- 2021:

- February 23 – Budget Workshop Meeting
- March 9 – Regular Meeting
- April 13 – Regular Meeting
- April 27 – Budget Hearing
- May 11 – Regular Meeting
- June 8 – Regular Meeting

## IX. New Business

### N/B-1

RESOLVED TO REQUEST GOVERNOR MURPHY TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICIAL EXPERT VACCINE ALLOTMENT PANEL’S DEFINITION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS.

**WHEREAS**, the **Hardyston Board of Education** recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

**WHEREAS**, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the board recognizes that this health emergency made it necessary to close schools and reinvent the educational programs in a virtual setting and that this may have an adverse impact on student achievement and the emotional and social wellbeing of students; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

**WHEREAS**, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Hardyston Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel.

COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health, see: <https://nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/NJ%20Interim%20COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Plan%20-%20Revised%2012-15-20.pdf>

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the member of the insert legislative district number legislative district delegation, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Motion of adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maksymiuk	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

**X. Agenda Items:**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. January 5, 2021 – Annual Reorg and Regular Meeting
2. January 26, 2021 – Budget Workshop Meeting

Motion of adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maksymiuk	_____	_____	_____	_____
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 \$108,391.61 in transfers for the month of January 2021.

**F-2**

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$1,311,037.03.

**F-3**

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

**F-4**

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for December, 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 December 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 application of the waiver of compliance for the district’s participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI):

**Whereas,** NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-22SY, and

**Whereas,** the Hardyston Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students OR participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district’s available SEMI reimbursement for the 2021-22 budget year (\$16,372.96) (31 students projected).

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Hardyston Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2021-22 school year.

**ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 – F-5**

Motion of adopt:	_____		Seconded by:	_____	
<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____	

Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maksymiuk	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

**PERSONNEL**

(All Personnel resolutions are based on the recommendation of the CSA.)

**P-1**

Motion to approve the substitutes listed below to be placed in our substitute calling system 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
Shane Tully	Custodian / clerical	n/a
Sara Gillooley	Teacher/Aide	Sub Cert – Exp. 1/1/2026

**P-2**

Motion to approve movement on salary guide to BA+30 for Gabrielle Pretot as per Article XXXIII of the negotiated HTEA contract, upon submission of completion of course work and submission of official transcripts to the School Business Administrator effective February 1, 2022.

**P-3**

Motion to approve Francesca Amati as a student teacher for the elementary school for the winter semester. Ms. Amati is a student at Centenary University; Mrs. Healy will be her cooperating teacher.

**P-4**

Motion to approve an extension of maternity leave to Alizah Demczak, ES Guidance Counselor, in accordance with FMLA/NJFLA, from a return of May 2, 2021 to a return date of May 24, 2021.

**P-5**

Motion to approve an extension of maternity leave to Emilie Farrell, MS Basic Skills Teacher, in accordance with FMLA/NJFLA, from a return of April 30, 2021 to a return date of September 1, 2021.

**P-6**

Motion to approve an extension of maternity leave to Kaitlin Gregory, MS Resource Teacher, in accordance with FMLA/NJFLA, from a return of May 20, 2021 to a return date of June 6, 2021.

**P-7**

Motion to approve the following after school activities and appoint the advisors, for the 2020/2021 school year, 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.*

Activity	Grade Level	Advisor	Stipend	Length of Time
Spanish Club	5 – 8	Raquel Spooner	\$526.00	15 hours
American Sign Language	3 – 4	Justine Maris	\$526.00	15 hours
Book Club	5 – 8	Michelle Goodman	\$526.00	15 hours
Cultural Club	5 – 8	Brittney Brickner	\$526.00	15 hours
Academic Bowl	5 – 8	Patricia Rosendale	\$526.00	15 hours

**P-8**

Motion to approve an extension of employment for Patrick Nyhuis, Long Term Substitute – Elementary Guidance, to on or about May 21, 2021.

**P-9**

Motion to approve Patrick Nyhuis, currently a long term substitute – elementary guidance, to be placed on guide of the negotiated agreement at MA, Step 1, \$57,092, pro-rated, for the period beginning March 5, 2021 through on or about May 21, 2021.

**P-10**

Motion to approve an extension of employment for Arielle Stampone, Long Term Substitute – Gr. 5 Resource, to on or about June 6, 2021.

**P-11**

Motion to approve an extension of employment for Teresa Zinck, Long Term Substitute – MS Basic Skills, to on or about June 30, 2021.

*Background: P-8 through P-11 long term substitutes filling in for current staff out on leave.*

**ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-11**

Motion of adopt:	_____		Seconded by:	_____	
<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	
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Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Maksymiuk	_____	_____	_____	_____	
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

Psychotherapy Networker Symposium, Virtual	3/18 & 3/19/2021	\$249.99	-0-	D. Sasso
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**C/P-2**

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Year calendar as attached.

**ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1- C/P-2**

Motion of adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cenatiempo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maksymiuk	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

**POLICY** *Nothing to report*

**FACILITIES/OPERATIONS** *Nothing to report*

**XI. Written Communication**

1. Thank you note – Project Self-Sufficiency (Stuff the Stocking Drive)

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

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**XIV. Return to Public Session**



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**Roll Call**

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Mrs. Jennifer Cenatiempo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nick Demsak \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Brian Drelick \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ron Hoffman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Catherine Maksymiuk \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Michele Van Allen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. David Van Ginneken \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ronald Hoffman \_\_\_\_\_

Action following Executive Session if needed:

**XV. Adjournment**

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