

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA
JANUARY 26, 2021
7:00 PM – Virtual Meeting**

I. Call to Order

Board President Ronald Hoffman called the Budget Workshop of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., virtually, from the Library of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. President Ronald Hoffman 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. 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	absent
Mrs. Jen Cenatiempo	present
Mr. Nick Demsak	present
Mr. Brian Drelick	present
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	present
Mrs. Catherine Maksymiuk	present
Mrs. Michele Van Allen	present
Mr. David Van Ginneken	present
Mr. Michael Ryder	present
Mr. Rich Rennie	present

Quorum confirmed: Yes No

Special Guest(s) Present: n/a

Staff Member(s) Present: n/a

Community Member(s) Present: 28 participants via Zoom

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.

IV. Workshop

1. Student Recognition:

January Students of the Month:

Grade K: Colt Papp
Grade 1: Colin Murray
Grade 2: Sophia Simmons
Grade 3: Thomas Cook
Grade 4: Kingston Cook
Grade 5: Frederick Bansemer
Grade 6: Bailey Cook
Grade 7: Haley Murphy
Grade 8: Gianna DeMarco

2. Presentation of Audit – Heidi Wohlleb, Partner / Nisivoccia & Company LLP
3. Facilities Presentation – Josh Thompson, AIA, Parette Somjen Architects LLC

V. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)

“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. Agenda Items:

FINANCE

F-1

RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Board of Education accepts and approves the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditors’ Management Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, as submitted by the school auditor, Heidi Wohlleb of Nisivoccia & Company, LLP, Newton, NJ, as discussed at the public meeting on January 26, 2021.

F-2

RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Township Board of Education approves The Corrective Action Plan for school year ending June 30, 2020 as follows:

Recommendation Number	Corrective Action Required	Method of Implementation	Person Responsible for Implementation	Planned Completion Date of Implementation
2 - Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting	County Superintendent approval be obtained for any transfers in excess of 10% to the Central Services/Administration Information Technology line items.	Review and submit transfer reports	School Business Administrator	Ongoing: Make sure transfer reports are sent to County Office when approval is needed
10 - Status of Prior Year's Findings /Recommendations	The prior year recommendation regarding investigating and resolving reconciling items on the various bank reconciliations has been resolved		School Business Administrator	Completed

F-3

RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Township Board of Education approves the attached contract effective January 13, 2021 - June 30, 2021, with Bayada (Nursing) at \$56 per hour for RN services and \$46 per hour for services for student #2997.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 to F-3

Motion of adopt: D. Van Ginneken

Seconded by: S. Lucarelli

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

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Hardyston Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the Boiler Room Upgrades at Hardyston Township Elementary School to serve as an application to the Office of School Facilities and major amendment to the District’s LRFP; and

Furthermore, this project is being funded by ‘other capital’ and the Hardyston Board of Education will not be seeking state funding but will fund the project through the District’s Capital Reserve account. (Original resolution was approved at 11/10/20 Board Meeting, attachments include photos and updated architect proposal ‘Boiler at HES 1.26.21’)

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1

Motion of adopt: Dave Van Ginneken Seconded by: B. Drelick

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

Workshop cont.

- 4. Budget Overview and Discussion: 2021-2022 Budget

VII. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)

Elementary school parents voiced their concern regarding the bus stop at Stepping Stones. Two parents wrote letter to the BOE regarding the Stepping Stones bus stop.

VIII. Executive Session *if needed*

n/a

IX. Return to Public Session

N/a

X. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education as this time, a motion was presented by R. Hoffman, and seconded by S. Lucarelli, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.