

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

I. Call to Order

Board President Ronald Hoffman called the Regular Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on February 9, 2021 at 7:02 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	arrived at 7:06 p.m.
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: Participants via Zoom

Other:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Hardyston School District together with our parents, families and community is dedicated to preparing our students for the 21- 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:

2nd Place: **Sophia Lavin**

3rd Place: **Tiziana Maldonado**

Honorable Mention: **John Cammarata**

6. Staff Recognition

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

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

None

VI. Executive Session *if needed*

n/a

VII. Return to Public Session

n/a

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 24th 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: R. Hoffman

Seconded By: D. Van Ginneken

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

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

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

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman

Seconded By: N. Demsak

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	X (1/5)	_____	X (1/26)	_____
Cenatiempo	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Maksymiuk	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Allen	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____

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: D. Van Gincken Seconded by: M. Van Allen

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

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: N. Demsak Seconded by: S. Lucarelli

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cenatiempo	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Lucarelli	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Van Allen	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

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: D. Carey Seconded by: D. Van Ginneken

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Van Allen	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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)

Laura Marchese (Advertiser News) asked about clubs offered. The clubs will be offered after school.

XIII. Executive Session *if needed*

None

XIV. Return to Public Session

n/a

XV. 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 7:47 p.m.