

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 13, 2021  
7:00 PM – Virtual Meeting**

**I. Call to Order**

Board President Ronald Hoffman called the Regular Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on April 13, 2021 at 7:01 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](http://www.https.org).

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Donna Carey         | absent  |
| Mrs. Jen Cenatiempo      | absent  |
| Mr. Nick Demsak          | present |
| Mr. Brian Drelick        | present |
| Mr. Ron Hoffman          | present |
| Mrs. Susan Lucarelli     | absent  |
| 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: 47 participants

Other: n/a

### **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)
  - Joint Educational Services Committee (D. Van Ginneken)
3. Board President Update
4. CSA Report
5. Student Recognition:

*March Students of the Month:*

Grade K: **Madison Tordai**  
Grade 1: **Andrew Sullivan**  
Grade 2: **Ayhan Akcay**  
Grade 3: **Mackenzie Herrmann**  
Grade 4: **William Chorazy**  
Grade 5: **Grace Carr**  
Grade 6: **Brooke Jensen**  
Grade 7: **Christina Carabello**  
Grade 8: **Emily Franek**

*2020/2021 Sussex County Superintendents' Roundtable Student Award: Carly Trovato*

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

**None**

#### **VI. Executive Session *if needed***

**None**

#### **VII. Return to Public Session**

**n/a**

**VIII. Old Business**

**O/B-1**

Meeting Dates for 2020- 2021:

- April 27 – Budget Hearing
- May 11 – Regular Meeting
- June 8 – Annual Reorganization and Regular Meeting
- July 13 – Regular Meeting

**IX. New Business**

**N/B – 1**

Resolved, that the Hardyston Board of Education contract with New Jersey School Boards Association at a price of \$4,000, to execute a contract for a 3D Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 school years.

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman

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> | _____     | _____          | _____         |

**X. Agenda Items:**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. March 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman

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> | _____     | _____          | _____         |

**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 \$79,740.06 in transfers for the month of March 2021.

**F-2**

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$1,084,790.25.

**F-3**

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for February 2021.

**F-4**

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for February 2021.

*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 February 28, 2021.*

*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.*

**ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 – F-4**

Motion of adopt: D. Van Ginnken

Seconded By: R. Hoffman

| <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> | _____     | _____          | _____         |

**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          |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| John Torppey | Teacher / Aide | Sub. Cert. – Exp. 1/25 |

**P-2**

Motion to appoint/re-appoint the extra-curricular coaches/advisors 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.*

|                  |                       |        |            |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------|
| Josh Bennett     | Head Track Coach      | Step 6 | \$2,741.00 |
| Kasey Kervatt    | Head Track Coach      | Step 6 | \$2,741.00 |
| Elizabeth Burdzy | Assistant Track Coach | Step 6 | \$2,461.00 |

**P-3**

Motion to approve Ashley Collins as one-on-one paraprofessional in the elementary school, at a rate of \$13.77 per hour, hours not to exceed 29.75 hours per week, retroactive to March 25, 2021.

**P-4**

Resolved, the Hardyston Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Board and the HTEA in the matter CO-2021-027, in accordance with the terms and conditions therein, which the Board President is authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

**ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-4**

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman                      Seconded By: N. Demsak

| 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> | _____ | <u>  P-4  </u> | _____        |

**CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS**

**C/P-1**

Motion to approve the amended 2020/2021 school calendar for the remainder of this school year as follows:

- Last day of school for students Friday, June 18, 2021
- Eighth Grade Graduation Thursday, June 17, 2021
- Last day of school for teachers Friday, June 18, 2021
- Early dismissal days for all students Wed., June 16, Thurs., June 17, Fri., June 18
- Early dismissal days for teachers Wed., June 16 and Thurs., June 17

**C/P-2**

Motion to approve the amended Restart and Recovery Plan for Education as presented.

**ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 – C/P-2**

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman                      Seconded By: B. Drelick

| 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> | _____ | _____   | _____        |

**POLICY** *Nothing to report*

**FACILITIES/OPERATIONS**

**F/O-1**

Motion to approve the following 2020-2021 school year requests for use of the district facilities for the dates and times as indicated. All required paperwork and insurance confirmation will be on file; the main office will coordinate all dates and times.

| NAME                                  | LOCATION          | DATE   | TIME                              | DAY                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wallkill Valley Girls Softball League | ES Softball Field | Spring and Fall Seasons<br>now through November 15 | 5:00-8:00 PM<br>8:30 AM - 5:30 PM | Monday through Friday<br>Saturday |
| Hardyston Men’s Softball League       | ES Softball Field | April through September                            | 9:00AM – 1:00 PM                  | Sundays                           |

**ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1**

Motion of adopt: D. Van Ginneken

Seconded By: N. Demsak

| <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> | _____     | _____          | _____         |

**XI. Written Communication**

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

Margaret Demsak - 93 Tamarack Trail, Stockholm, NJ 07460 regarding bussing at Stepping Stones for students at the Middle School.

Michele Van Allen – 7 Beechmont Terrace, Hamburg, NJ 07419 thanked the teachers, admin and staff for all their hard work during the pandemic.

**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 Ron Hoffman, and seconded by David Van Ginneken, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.