

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND ANNUAL RETREAT MINUTES
August 9, 2022
7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

Board President Ronald Hoffman called the Workshop Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on August 9, 2022 at 7:02 p.m., 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.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mrs. Donna Carey	present
Mrs. Jen Cenatiempo	present
Mr. Nick Demsak	absent
Mr. Brian Drelick	absent
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: 14
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. 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. Annual Retreat – Kathy Helewa, NJSBA

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 2022- 2023:

- September 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- October 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- November 8, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- December 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting

IX. New Business

NB-1

Motion to approve the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education has reservations regarding select revisions to the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards -- Comprehensive Health & Physical Education, which can be found here: <https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/chp/index.shtml>

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education works collaboratively with our administration over the curriculum that is approved within its schools to teach the NJSL standards to its students; and

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education recognizes that State law, along with the New Jersey Department of Education, requires local public school districts to incorporate certain subjects into its curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education further recognizes, supports, and prioritizes that it is the parent/guardian’s interest and role in determining how to present sensitive and personal discussions to their own children regarding family values, gender identity, human development, sexuality and sex; and

WHEREAS, to provide parents/guardians with more transparency over how these subjects are discussed with their children, and to what extent, the Hardyston Board of Education will approve a curriculum that complies with the select strands within the NJSLS, and which are age and developmentally appropriate; and

WHEREAS, parents/guardians are reminded that they have the right to request that their children are excused from any portion of the physical education/health instruction that is in conflict with their conscience without any penalty to their children; and

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education intends to exercise its authority to approve curriculum and instructional materials that are current, medically accurate, developmentally and age-appropriate, and developed and selected through meaningful and ongoing consultation with the school community, including parents, staff, and administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Board of Education has not approved any third party or purchased curriculum designed to implement these standards with any bias, political angle, or special interest that could serve to falsely or prematurely influence our students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hardyston Board of Education expresses its concern with select revisions by the New Jersey Department of Education to the Physical Education/Health standards and expresses our support of and trust in our administration and staff to implement these standards with transparency and without motive or bias; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Board of Education respects the wishes of parents/guardians who wish to opt out, as we do believe select standards should be revised to be more age-appropriate and conscientious that it is for a parent/guardian, and not a school, to teach children about personal and sensitive subjects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hardyston Board of Education shall utilize its authority over its curriculum to make local decisions, and to present local communication that provides transparency, honesty, and clarity to Hardyston students and families.

ACTION ITEM(S): NB-1

Motion of adopt: D. Carey

Seconded By: R. Hoffman

<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> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Demsak	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Drelick	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lucarelli	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Maksymiuk	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Van Allen	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

1. June 28 – Regular Meeting

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman

Seconded By: D. Lenz

<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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Demsak	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Drelick	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$137,140.70 in transfers for the month of June 2022 as of 6/30/2022.

F-2

Motion to approve \$20,064.88 in transfers for the month of July 2022.

F-3

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of June 2022 in the amount of \$1,186,627.01 as of 6/30/2022.

F-4

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$1,248,830.83.

F-5

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for June 2022.

F-6

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for June 2022.

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 June 30, 2022.

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-7

Motion to approve partnership with Tri-County Behavioral Care for services to our students as needed and identified by appropriate school administration, at a cost of \$500.00 per day; additional \$100.00 per risk assessment when conducted.

F-8

Motion to approve the renewal of the following maintenance contracts:

Complete Security Systems	7/1/22-6/30/23	Burglar, fire & freezer alarms incl. state mandated inspections	\$ 6,296.45
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Background: Amount has been updated from what was approved at the June 14 annual reorganization meeting.

F-9

Motion to approve \$190,097 in Extraordinary Aid from 2021-2022 and apply those funds to the 2022-2023 budget.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 – F-9

Motion of adopt: D. Van Ginneken 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 attached substitute calling list for the 2022-2023 school year. All required paperwork has been completed and on file. All hired aides may be approved to substitute as needed. Employment is on an emergent basis, if necessary, and contingent upon criminal history background clearance as required by P.O. 1986, C.116.

P-2

Motion to assign Robert Demeter as Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year.

P-3

Motion to assign Alizah Demczak as Anti-Bullying Specialist for the middle school from September 1, 2022 through January 16, 2023.

P-4

Motion to assign Larissa Potosnak as Anti-Bullying Specialist for the middle school from January 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

P-5

Motion to assign Alizah Demczak as Anti-Bullying Specialist for the elementary school for the 2022-2023 school year.

P-6

Motion to approve Alizah Demczak as 504 Coordinator for the Middle School, from September 1, 2022 through January 16, 2023, at a stipend of \$565.00, prorated.

P-7

Motion to approve Larissa Potosnak as 504 Coordinator for the Middle School, from January 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023, at a stipend of \$565.00, prorated.

P-8

Motion to approve Alizah Demczak as 504 Coordinator for the Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$565.00.

P-9

Motion to approve Alizah Demczak as RTI Coordinator for the Middle School from September 1, 2022 through January 16, 2023, at a stipend of \$565.00, prorated.

P-10

Motion to approve Larissa Potosnak as RTI Coordinator for the Middle School from January 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023, at a stipend of \$565.00, prorated.

P-11

Motion to approve Alizah Demczak as RTI Coordinator for the Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$565.00.

P-12

Motion to employ David Sasso, School Social Worker, for two additional days during the summer for general summer Child Study Team Office requirements. Mr. Sasso will be paid at his current per diem rate per 6 hour work day. Any additional days needed may only be granted upon subsequent request and CSA and BOE approval.

P-13

Motion to employ Gulay Maffia, Supervisor of Special Education, for two additional days during the summer for general summer Child Study Team Office requirements. Dr. Maffia will be paid at her current per diem rate per 6 hour work day. Any additional days needed may only be granted upon subsequent request and CSA and BOE approval.

P-14

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation from Jody Pruiksma, paraprofessional, effective August 2, 2022.

P-15

Motion to appoint/re-appoint the extra-curricular coaches and advisors for the 2022/2023 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.

Kasey Kervatt	Head Coach-Field Hockey	Step 6	\$2,741
Kaitlin Gregory	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	Step 2	\$1,617
Josh Bennett	Head Coach-Soccer	Step 6	\$2,741
John Torppey	Assistant Soccer Coach	Step 1	\$1,477
Emmaline Kempf	Select Choir	Step 6	\$2,461
Emmaline Kempf	Intramural Band	Stipend	\$526/15 Hr.

P-16

Motion to approve the following individuals as volunteers for the 2022-2023 Trep\$ program:

Keri Demeter Sabrina Rude

P-17

Motion to approve the following individuals as coordinators for the 2023 Ski Club program:

Robert Demeter

P-18

Motion to employ the following special education paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the needs of the classified students and in conjunction with the ratified HTEA and with the condition that employment is terminated when the need for assigned services no longer exists.

Name	Rate per Hour
Deborah Skowronski	16.77

P-19

Motion to approve Aliena Hull as middle school Math Teacher, BA, Step 1, \$56,407, for the period September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as per negotiated agreement.

P-20

Motion to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Daniella Preston, elementary teacher, effective August 29, 2022.

P-21

Motion to approve Lorrie Anzaldi-Franko as elementary school teacher, BA, Step 3, \$57,607, for the period September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as per negotiated agreement.

P-22

Motion to rescind the offer of employment for Jessica Pratt, Long Term Substitute school counselor for the middle school. Ms. Pratt has accepted full time employment in another school district.

P-23

IDEA Preschool

200-300 \$4,806 Prof & Tech Services (OT/PT)

C/P-3

Motion to approve the submission of 22-23 ESEA funding for Titles IA, IIA, III, & IVA as follows:

- Title IA: Total \$ 80,145
 - \$10,000 transferred from Title IV
 - \$ 3,497 transferred from Title II
 - Salaries for two positions (Instructional Staff Pull Out Program)

- Title IIA: Total \$9,600
 - \$3,497 transferred to Title 1A
 - Consultants, Educational (Schoolwide professional development)

- Title III: Total \$ 588.00
 - The total available for this grant does not meet the \$10,000 minimum threshold for this grant program. Funds were refused.

- Title IV: Total \$10,000
 - Transferred to Title IA

C/P-4

Resolved to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

Grade	Destination	Date	Cost Per Student
Select MS Students	Anti Bullying Summit, Sussex County Technical School, Sparta	10/13/2022	-0-

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 – C/P-4

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>
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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>

POLICY

POL-1

Motion to approve a second reading of the following

- 1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings
- 2417 Student Intervention and Referral Services
- 3161 Examination for Cause
- 4161 Examination for Cause
- 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations
- 9320 P&R Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

POL-2

Motion to approve the revision of the following policy:

- 1648.11 The Road Forward Appendices

POL-3

Motion to approve a first reading of the following policies and regulation:

- 2415.04 Title I- District Wide Parent and Family Engagement
- 2415.50 HMS Title I - School Parent and Family Engagement
- 2415.51 HES Title I - School Parent and Family Engagement
- 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- 7410 Maintenance and Repair
- 7410R Maintenance and Repair

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1 - POL-3

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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

Motion to approve the following 2022-2023 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
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Wallkill Valley Girl Scouts Cookie Kick Off	MS Gym/Cafeteria	1 / 6 <i>1/9 snow date</i>	4:00 - 8:30	Friday <i>Monday</i>
Wallkill Valley Girl Scouts Troop #96849	MS Room 204	Sept. 2022 - June 2023	3:00 - 8:00	Tuesday
Girl Scout Daisy Troop #98487	ES Room 11	Sept. 2022 - June 2023	6:00 - 7:00	Every other Monday
Sussex County Stars Softball	ES Softball Field	Aug. 9 - Oct. 31 2022	4:30 - 7:30(<i>or dark</i>) 8:00-1:00 Sat.	Monday thru Saturday
Sussex County Men's Modified Softball League	ES Baseball & Softball Fields	Aug. 28 - Nov. 27 2022	9:00 - 2:00	Sunday
Wallkill Valley Girl Scouts Troop #97317	MS Room 204	Sept. 2022 - June 2023	6:00 - 7:30	Thursday

F/O-2

Motion to approve the following transportation aid in lieu for an identified student attending the 2022 Extended School Year Program at a cost of \$294.50.

F/O-3

Motion to approve the following transportation cost for the 2022 Summer Academy:

Vendor: D.W. Clark 12 days @ \$225./day Total Cost: \$2,700.00

(to be paid with ESSER funds: 20-489-200-500 - ESSER Evidenced Based Summer Learning)

F/O-4

Move to record and award bid received on August 3, 2022 for Electrical Upgrades at Hardyston Elementary School. 4 responses were received, as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Post and Kelly	\$483,000	\$24,900	\$507,900
Gilmore Electric, Inc	\$273,774	\$12,254	\$286,025
Power with Prestige Inc.	\$372,000	\$19,000	\$391,000
High Point Electric	\$570,560	\$12,440	\$583,000

Move to award bid for Electrical Upgrades at the Hardyston Elementary School to Power with Prestige Inc. based on BOE approval and availability of ESSER ARP and capital reserve funds.

Notes: (After review of bid packets, the lowest bidder was disqualified for not providing all necessary paperwork, and the award went to the lowest qualified bidder). To be paid using a combination of ARP ESSER Funds (20-487-400-720) \$249,646 and Capital Reserve Funding.

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1 – F/O-4

Motion of adopt:D. Van Ginneken Seconded by: R. Hoffman

<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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Drelick	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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>

XI. Written Communication

Annual Retreat:

XII. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)

Parents and members of the general public spoke during this time.

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 C. Maksymiuk, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Rennie