

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

April 24, 2024

7:00 PM

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.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mr. Anthony Alfano	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Jean Barrett	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Donna Carey	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.
Mr. Edward Reinle	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.
Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph	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 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

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25

Presented by Michael Ryder, Superintendent
Public Comments will follow Proposed Budget Presentation

Public Comment (Board Policy #1200) - Proposed Budget Comments Only.

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For approval: RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2024-25 BUDGET

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Board of Education to approve the 2024-25 school district budget.

Appropriations			24-25
	Total General Current Expense (Fund 11)		\$13,255,769
		Total Capital Outlay	\$261,173
	Charter School Tuition (Fund 10)		\$288,579
		General Fund Total	\$13,805,521
	Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)		\$1,275,015
	Repayment of Debt (Fund 40)		\$767,919
		<i>Total Appropriations</i>	\$15,848,455
Revenues			24-25
	Local Tax Levy		\$11,027,167
	Misc. Revenue		\$234,800
	Interest on Main Reserve		\$200
	Interest on Cap Reserve		\$500
		Total Revenue from Local Sources	\$11,262,667
St Sources	School Choice		\$95,122
	Transportation Aid		\$452,207
	Special Ed Aid		\$575,155
	Security Aid		\$61,773
	Adjustment Aid		\$147,988
	SEMI		19,809
	ExtraOrdinary Aid		200,000
		Revenue from State Sources	\$1,552,054
Otr Sources	Budgeted Fund Balance		\$790,800
	Withdrawal from Capital Reserve (10-307)		\$200,000
	Withdrawal from Maint Reserve (10-310)		\$0
		Total Operating Budget (Fund 10 & 11 & 12)	\$13,805,521
	Title I	(Updated 80% for Budget)	\$56,465
	Title II	(Updated 80% for Budget)	\$13,830
	IDEA	(Updated 80% for Budget)	\$127,000
	PreSchool Expansion Aid		\$1,077,720
		Special Revenue Funds (Fund 20)	\$1,275,015
		Debt Service / Bond Repayment (Fund 40)	\$767,919
		Total Revenues	\$15,848,455

This budget incorporates the following revenue measures:

- An increase in the General Fund Tax Levy of 1.55%.
- Taxes to be raised for the 2024-2025 School Budget: General Fund \$11,027,167 and Debt Service \$767,919.
- Budgeted Fund Balance to offset tax levy \$790,800.
- Withdrawal from Capital Reserve of \$200,000 for MS Boiler Replacement.
- Includes \$976 for Health Care Adjustment.

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

Return to Workshop

1. Updates to Agenda
2. Committee Reports:
 - Curriculum, Programs, Educational Technology & Community Relations (B. Drelick)
 - Finance, Facilities and Operations & Technology Infrastructure (R. Hoffman)
 - Personnel, Negotiations, Grievance & Policy (N. Demsak)
3. Superintendent Report
4. **Student Recognition** – Students of the Month: March

- Kindergarten: **Tessa Lewczuk**
- Grade 1: **Justin (JJ) McCoach**
- Grade 2: **Brooke Centi**
- Grade 3: **Legen Derry**
- Grade 4: **Riley Davidek**
- Grade 5:
- Grade 6:
- Grade 7:
- Grade 8:

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

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VI. Executive Session *if needed*

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VII. Return to Public Session

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at _____p.m.

Roll Call

- Mr. Anthony Alfano _____
- Mrs. Jean Barrett _____
- Mrs. Donna Carey _____
- Mr. Nick Demsak _____
- Mr. Brian Drelick _____
- Mr. Ron Hoffman _____
- Mrs. Susan Lucarelli _____
- Mr. Edward Reinle _____
- Mr. David Van Ginneken _____

- Mr. Michael Ryder _____
- Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph _____

Action following Executive Session if needed:

VIII. Old Business

O/B-1

- May 14 – Regular Meeting
- June 11 – Regular Meeting
- June 25 – Annual Retreat
- July 9 – Regular Meeting
- August 13 – Regular Meeting

IX. New Business

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

1. March 19 - Regular Meeting

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

HIB REPORT All policies and procedures have been followed and met; the April report is based on the

recommendation of the Superintendent.

Background: HIB report for 4-24-24 is located in the Executive Session folder and will be voted on at the May 14, 2024 BOE meeting (if necessary).

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$77,284.85 in transfers for the month of February 2024.

F-2

Motion to approve \$89,906.32 in transfers for the month of March 2024.

F-3

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$1,276,770.41.

F-4

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for January and February 2024.

F-5

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for January and February 2024.

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 Carolyn Joseph, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, Carolyn Joseph, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over-appropriated nor over-expended for the period ending January 31, 2024 and February 29, 2024.

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-6

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education is willing to provide the services to coordinate transportation for the Hardyston Board of Education for transportation along established routes to specific destinations in order to attempt to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education shall provide such services under the name of Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Board of Education that pursuant hereto the President and Secretary of the Hardyston Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to execute a duplicate of the Resolution which shall act as an agreement between the Hardyston Board of Education and the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the coordination of transportation of students for the 24-25 school year.

F-7
 Motion to submit the budget workbook and budget narrative for the Preschool Expansion Aid in the amount of \$800,592 for the 2024-25 School Year.
Background: Aid amount adjusted per DOE.

F-8
 Motion to revise Power with Prestige Change Order #3 (\$8,750) for the removal of bollards approved on January 23, 2024 to Change Order# 4 in the amount of \$7,100 to replace bollards with concrete blocks.

F-9
 Motion to approve Payment #11 to Power with Prestige for the ES School Electrical Service Upgrade in the amount of \$14,155.00 and Payment #12 (final payment) in the amount of \$19,212.90, for a total of \$33,367.90.

F-10
 Motion to approve withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve for the 2023-24 School Year, Request #2, in the amount of \$159,211.68 for the following:

a.	Complete Security (Fire Alarm Monitoring/Asbestos Removal).....	\$ 1,251.96
b.	Batista Plumbing (2 Backflow Preventers).....	\$ 12,940.00
c.	Complete Security (Replaced Fire Alarm System).....	\$ 11,725.02
d.	Waterproofing Technologies (Replacement of ES Roof Area #11).....	\$ 122,031.00
e.	Wilco HVAC (Circulation Pump).....	\$ 1,800.00
f.	Hannon Flooring (Asbestos Tile Removal).....	\$ 12,842.03
	Total \$	162,590.01
	Less Balance from original \$55,000 -	3,388.65
	Adjusted Total	\$ 159,201.36

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 to F-10

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

Motion to approve the following 2023-2024 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 Softball League	ES Softball Fields	April 4 – July 1	5 – 8 PM 9 AM – 1 PM	Weekdays Weekends

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
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 6471:

EVENT	DATE	REGISTRATION FEE	MILEAGE & OTHER EXPENSES	EMPLOYEE/ BOARD MEMBER	PURPOSE
Current Trends in Child Adolescent Mental Health Treatment and Protocol, Boonton	5/3/24	-0-	\$23.31	J. Rosen	Discuss current treatment protocols for child and adolescent mental health
NASP Advanced Skills Institute	7/9-10/24	\$209.00	ONLINE	J. Rosen	Training in many areas, i.e. autism, emotional intelligence, etc.
NJASBO, Annual Conference, Atlantic City	6/3-6/6/24	\$500.00	\$390.65	S. Verso	Annual trainings, workshops, etc.

NJASBO, Annual Conference, Atlantic City	6/3-6/6/24	-0-	\$238.00	C. Joseph	Annual trainings, workshops, etc.
2024 NJPSA/FEA/NJASLD Fall Conference, Atlantic City	10/18 & 10/19 2024	\$380.00	\$313.52	J. Cimaglia	Annual trainings, discussion of new trends, workshops, etc.
NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference, Atlantic City	5/15-5/17/2024	\$0	\$390.00 <i>Approx.</i>	M. Ryder	Reflection, Resilience, Renewal topics/discussions
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (CPI), West Orange	6/11-13/2024	\$4,349.00	\$42.86	J. Helmstetter	Will earn CPI Trainer certification for in-house and neighboring district training of staff members

C/P-2

Resolved to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2023-2024 school year:

Grade	Destination	Date	Cost Per Student
6	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City	5/21/24	\$50.00
NJAHS/Yearbook	Tilt A Tracy Lee Stum Museum, Rutherford	6/13/24	\$35.00

C/P-3

Motion to approve the amended 2023/2024 school calendar for the remainder of this school year as follows:

- Last day of school for students Tuesday, June 18, 2024
- Eighth Grade Graduation Monday, June 17, 2024
- Last day of school for teachers Tuesday, June 18, 2024
- Early dismissal days for all students Fri., June 14, Mon., June 17, Tues., June 18
- Early dismissal days for teachers Fri., June 14 and Tues. June 18

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 to C/P-3

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

PERSONNEL

(All Personnel resolutions are based on the recommendation of the Superintendent)

P-1

Motion to approve the substitutes listed below to be placed on our substitute calling list for the 2023-2024 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
Allison Laughlin	Nurse Teacher	Sub Nurse: Exp. 3/21/29 Sub Cert. Exp. 10/11/27

P-2

Motion to approve the following new positions as approved in the 2024-2025 school year budget:

- 1 preschool teacher
- 1 full time paraprofessional

P-3

Motion to approve Nicole Pirrello as School Social Worker, for the period beginning May 13, 2024 through June 30, 2024, MA, Step 9, \$68,941, pro-rated, as per negotiated agreement.

P-4

Motion to approve an extension of family medical leave of absence for Rebecca Halbig from a return date of April 8, 2024 to May 1, 2024.

P-5

Motion to approve Amanda Herrmann as long term substitute teacher for the period retroactive to February 5, 2024 through on or about May 1, 2024, at a rate of \$175.00 per day.

Background: Mrs. Herrmann is filling in for a current teacher out on leave.

P-6

Motion to employ the following special education paraprofessional(s) for the 2023-2024 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
Agila Kaliyaperumal	17.12
Casey Bell	17.12

Background: These are recently vacated part time paraprofessional positions.

P-7

Motion to approve the following staff member for miscellaneous non-certified activities as needed for the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, as per the negotiated agreement:

Cyndy Butti
Dana Naprstek

Sarah Nelson
Arielle Stampone

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 to P-7

Motion of adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

POLICY

POL-1

Motion to approve a first reading of the following policies and/or regulations:

- R 5440 Honoring Student Achievement
- P 5570 Sportsmanship
- P 5750 Equitable Educational Opportunity
- P 5841 Secret Societies
- P 5842 Equal Access of Student Organizations

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1

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Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demsak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____
Van Ginneken	_____	_____	_____	_____

XI. Written Communication

1. Thank you note – Veterans on Valentine’s Day (Senator Josh Gottheimer)

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XIV. Return to Public Session – if needed

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Roll Call

- Mr. Anthony Alfano _____
- Mrs. Jean Barrett _____
- Mrs. Donna Carey _____
- Mr. Nick Demsak _____
- Mr. Brian Drelick _____
- Mr. Ron Hoffman _____
- Mrs. Susan Lucarelli _____
- Mr. Edward Reinle _____
- Mr. David Van Ginneken _____

- Mr. Michael Ryder _____
- Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph _____

Action following Executive Session if needed:

XV. Adjournment

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