HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 14, 2024

7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Board President David Van Ginneken called the Workshop Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., from the Library of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. President David Van Ginneken 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

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

Mr. Michael Ryder present Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph present

Quorum confirmed: [X] Yes [] No

Special Guest(s) Present: Mr. Joseph Roselle, Esq. Schenck, Price, Smith & King

Staff Member(s) Present: 6

Community Member(s) Present: 20

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

- 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. Official HIB Grades Reports (M. Ryder)
- 5. Student Recognition: **Derek Fleming**

2024 Superintendent's Roundtable Award

Gavin Jensen 2024 Unsung Hero

Eloise Demeter 2024 Caring Award

6. Teacher Recognition: Kasey Kervatt
2024 Exemplary Art Teacher Award

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

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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		

Action following	Executive Ses	sion if needed:			
None					
VIII.Old Busine	ess				
• June • July	e 11 – Regular e 25 – Annual 79 – Regular M gust 13 – Regu	Retreat Aeeting cance	led		
IX. New Busin	ess				
X. Agenda Ite	ems:				
MEETING MIN 1. April 24 - Motion of adopt:	Regular Meet		Public Hearing	ucarelli	
MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
		NO	ADSTAIN	ADSENT	
Alfano	_X				
Barrett				X	
Carey	_X				
Demsak	_X				
Drelick	_X				
Hoffman	_X				
Lucarelli	_X				
Reinle				X	
Van Ginneken	_X				
recommendation of	of the Supering B report for 5 PE meeting (if i	endent. 5-14-24 is loca necessary).		wed and met; the May report is based on the ive Session folder and will be voted on at the identificant.	
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MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Alfano	_X				
Barrett				X	
Carey	_X				
Demsak	_X				
Drelick	_X				
Hoffman	_X				
Lucarolli	\mathbf{v}	_	·		

Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph

Reinle Van Ginnek	en X			X	
FINANCE					
F-1 Motion to a	approve \$\$93,000.89 i	n transfers fo	or the month of Ap	ril 2024.	
<u>F-2</u> Motion to a	approve the Bills List	for the mont	h of April 2024 in t	he amount of \$1,316	5,017.15.
F-3 Motion to a	approve the Treasurer	of School M	ionies Comparison	Report for March 20)24.
F-4 Motion to a	approve the Board Sec	cretary's Mon	nthly Comparison I	Report for March 202	24.
	REAS, the New Jersey Do			J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)	3 require local school
Board Josep	THEREFORE, BE IT RE I Secretary, certifies the h, Board Secretary, certi ded for the period ending	following state fy that no budg	ement: Pursuant to N getary line items accou	J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c))3, I, Carolyn
that a consu or fur	FURTHER RESOLVED as of after review of the ltation with the appropriand has been over-expendable to meet the district's j	ne board secre ate school distr ed in violation	tary's and treasurer's ict officials, to the bes of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1	monthly financial repo t of our knowledge, no r l6.10(b) and that suffice	orts and upon major account
Lun	oprove the following me ch: \$3.60 f/Faculty \$4.90	eal prices for t	he 2024-2025 school	l year:	
<u>Backgrour</u>	<u>nd</u> : This is the curren	t school year	r price; there is no	increase for the 24-2	25 school year.
	TEM(S): F-1 to F-5 dopt: R. Hoffman	Seconde	d By: B. Drelick		
MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Alfano	_X				
Barrett Carey	X			X	
Demsak	_X _X				
Drelick	_X				
Hoffman	X				
Lucarelli					

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS Nothing to report

Reinle

Van Ginneken

CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS

C/P-1

Motion to approve the Preschool Extended School Year (PK ESY), Resource Rooms, Emotional Regulation (ER), Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD), and the Multiple Disabled (MD) programs for the Extended School Year (ESY) to begin on July 1, 2024 and end on August 1, 2024. Preschool Extended School Year program will operate for 2.5 hours per day 4 days per week, the Resource programs will operate for 2.5 hours per day 4 days per week, and the Learning and/or Language Disabilities/Multiple Disabled/Emotional Regulation (LLD/MD/ERI) programs will operate for 3.5 hours per day 4 days per week. In addition to the staff listed below, 1 school nurse (3.5 hours per day), 2 speech-language therapists, occupational therapist, physical therapist, behaviorist, nursing, and a reading specialist.

 $\underline{PK} \ \underline{ESY}$: $\underline{LLD} \ (MS)$

2 certified teachers (3 hrs/day) 1 certified teacher (4 hrs/day)

3 aides (2.5 hrs/day) 2 aides (3.5 hrs/day)

1 LPN (3.5 hours/day + transport)

<u>MD1</u> (ES):

1 certified teacher (4 hrs/day) RESOURCE 1/2

3 aides (3.5 hrs/day) 1 certified teacher (3 hrs/day)

1 aide (2.5 hrs/day)

<u>MD2 (ES)</u>

1 certified teacher (4 hrs/day)

4 aides (3.5 hours/day)

1 LPN (3.5 hours/day + transport)

RESOURCE 3/4

ER (ES): 1 certified teacher (3 hrs/day)

1 certified teacher (4 hrs/day) 1 aide (2.5 hrs/day)

1 aide (3.5 hours/day)

RESOURCE (MS)

ER (MS): 1 certified teacher (3 hrs/day)

1 certified teacher (4 hrs/day) 1 aide (2.5 hrs/day)

2 aides (3.5 hours/day)

C/P-2

Motion to approve supplemental reading instruction to begin on July 1, 2024 and end on August 1, 2024. The instructional time will not exceed 4 hours per day, 4 days per week. The desired staffing is listed below:

Wilson Reading Instruction Reading Specialist

1 Wilson certified teacher 1 reading specialist teacher

C/P-3

Motion to approve summer band lessons from July 1, 2024 – August 1, 2024, not to exceed 12 hours per week.

C/P-4

Motion to approve Kindergarten Summer Academy from July 1, 2024 – August 1, 2024. The instructional time will not exceed 2 hours per day, 4 days per week. The desired staffing is listed below:

Kindergarten: 1 certified teacher

C/P-5

Motion to approve offering math tutoring availability from July 1, 2024 through August 1, 2024, on an as needed basis. The desired staffing is listed below:

1 certified teacher

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 to C/P-5

Motion of adopt: B. Drelick Seconded By: D. Carey

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

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
Emily Mizeski	Teacher / Paraprofessional	Sub Cert – in process

<u>P-2</u>

Motion to renew the employment contract with the following tenured certified staff members for the 2024-2025 school year as listed below. Salaries as per negotiated agreement.

Bennett, Joshua	Gregory, Kaitlin	Maris, Justine
Benvenuto, Francesca	Guarino, Sharalyn	McInerney, Ashley
Brennan, Nancy	Hall, Terri	Meyer, Kristen
Brown, Jill	Healy, Lisa	Napovier, Lisa
Burke, Sandra	Houghtaling, Jenna	Newsome, Michelle
Castner, Kevin	Hubbard, Maureen	Perry, Alyssa
Corbett, Jill	Jensen, Elizabeth	Potosnak, Larissa
Demczak, Alizah	Kasa, Ann	Romahn, Holly
Demeter, Robert	Kempf, Emmaline	Rosen, Jennifer
Dugan, Whitney	Kervatt, Kasey	Rosendale, Patricia
Elko, Alycia	Landgraff, Megan	Sanders, Amanda
Garofalo, Angela	Lapinski, Diane	Scognamiglio, Tara
Garofano, Lisa	Luce, Stacey	Sliker, Frances

Gibson, Gina	Luciano, Kristina	Stoffels, Wendy
Goodman, Michelle	MacMillan, Edith	Vinkman, Katrina
Graham, Bryan	Margarum, Nancy	

<u>P-3</u>

Motion to renew the employment contract with the following certified staff members for the 2024-2025 school year and grant tenure. Salaries as per negotiated agreement.

Mugavero, Karen	Peek, Tammy

<u>P-4</u>

Motion to renew the employment contract with the following non-tenured certified staff members for the 2024-2025 school year as listed below. Salaries as per negotiated agreement.

Carr, Emma	Higgins, Abigail	Ryan, Cortney
Carrigan, Caitlin	Hull, Aliena	Snyder, Jeanna
Casper, Kari	Kominiak, Tara	Stampone, Arielle
Cuccia, McKenzie	Petronella, Marianne	Torppey, John
Gallagher, Moya (.6FTE)	Pirrello, Nicole	Veliz, Marina
Halbig, Rebecca	Polowy, Kamryn	Zschack, William
Helmstetter, Jill	Reder, Christine	

P-5

Motion to renew the employment contract with the following tenured secretaries for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries as per negotiated agreement.

Balunis, Laura	Russell, Deena	Vierzchalek, Amy (.75 FTE)
Butti, Cynthia	Van Ginneken, Peggy	

<u>P-6</u>

Motion to renew the employment contracts with the following custodians for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries as per negotiated agreement.

Cubby, Wesley (.69 FTE)	Gunderman, Robert (.5 FTE)	VanDyk, Rachel
Geveke, Cheryl	Hurtado, Juan	Zemaitis, Patrick (.625 FTE)
Haggerty, Michael	Postas, Mark (.625 FTE)	

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 - P-6

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

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_X			
Barrett				X
Carey	_X			
Demsak	_X			
Drelick	_X			
Hoffman	_X			
Lucarelli	_X			

Reinle		 	X
Van Ginneken	_X	 P-5	

P-7

Motion to renew the employment of Jennifer Cimaglia, tenured Elementary School Principal, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$139,420.

P-8

Motion to renew the employment of Megan O'Mara, Middle School Principal, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$113,575.

P-9

Motion to renew the employment of Dr. Gulay Maffia, Director of Special Education, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$121,879.

P-10

Motion to renew the employment of Daniel Kornak, Technology Coordinator, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$93,945.

P-11

Motion to renew the employment of David Lenz, Supervisor of Building and Grounds, for the 2024-2025 school year at a salary rate of \$78,294.

P-12

Motion to renew the employment of Nicole Meyer, tenured Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$68,784.

P-13

Motion to renew the employment of Dawn O'Malley, tenured Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, for the 2024-2025 school year at a salary rate of \$58,571.

P-14

Motion to renew the employment of Susan Verso, tenured Accounts Payable Clerk/Assistant to Business Administrator, for the 2024-2025 school year at a salary rate of \$51,988.

P-15

Motion to approve Patricia Clipperton as Head Custodian of the middle school for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$56,861.

<u>P-16</u>

Motion to approve Andrew Tully as Head Custodian of the elementary school for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$57,852.

P-17

Motion to approve Alyssa Kopf as Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$49,044.

P-18

Motion to approve Kelly Bansemer as part time LPN for an identified student, .55 FTE, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary rate of \$32,863.

P-19

Motion to approve the following individuals as RPO (Retired Police Officer) positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

NAME	RATE
Robert R. Codner	\$35 per hour, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year
Donald Peter	\$35 per hour, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year

P-20

Motion to approve Tracey Talmadge as Treasurer of School Monies, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an annual salary of \$7,000.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-7 - P-20

Motion of adopt: N. Demsak Seconded By: S. Lucarelli

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	P-11 to P-19	P-7, 9, 10, 20	<u>P-8</u>	
Barrett				X
Carey	_X			
Demsak	_X			
Drelick	_X			
Hoffman	_X			
Lucarelli	_X			
Reinle				X
Van Ginneken	_X		P-8	

<u>P-21</u>

Motion to employ Gina Gibson, LDT-C, to work up to 4 days, as needed, during the summer for general summer Child Study Team Office requirements, spread out over July and August and approved by the superintendent. Mrs. Gibson 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 superintendent and BOE approval.

P-22

Motion to employ Nicole Pirrello, Social Worker, to work for up to 2 days, as needed, during the summer for general summer Child Study Team Office requirements, spread out over July and August and approved by the superintendent. Ms. Pirrello 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 superintendent and BOE approval.

P-23

Motion to employ Jennifer Rosen, Psychologist, for up to 4 days, as needed, during the summer for general summer Child Study Team Office requirements, spread out over July and August and approved by the superintendent. Dr. Rosen 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 superintendent and BOE approval.

P-24

Motion to employ Amy Vierzchalek, for up to 15 days, as needed, during the summer for general summer Child Study Team Office requirements, spread out over July and August and approved by the superintendent. Mrs. Vierzchalek will be paid based on her current per diem rate per 6 hours per day. Any additional days needed may only be granted upon subsequent request and superintendent and BOE approval.

P-25

Motion to employ the Child Study Team members and Speech Language Specialist to conduct evaluations during the summer as approved by the superintendent, on a per-case, as-needed basis at the current per diem rates.

P-26

Motion to approve up to 5 days during the summer for Alizah Demczak to work a 6 hour work day at a per diem rate, for the purpose of preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. Any additional days needed may only be granted upon subsequent request and superintendent and BOE approval.

P-27

Motion to approve up to 5 days during the summer for Larissa Potosnak to work a 6 hour work day at a per diem rate, for the purpose of preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. Any additional days needed may only be granted upon subsequent request and superintendent and BOE approval.

P-28

Motion to approve up to six (6) custodial positions for summer 2024 to prepare for the upcoming school year, at a cost of \$15.13 per hour for a 40 hour work week, commencing June 24.

<u>P-29</u>

Motion to approve Carolyn B. Joseph as Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the period July 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024, agreement pending approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

P-30

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Eleanor Kielty, preschool teacher, effective June 30, 2024.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-21 to P-30

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

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	P-28, 29, 30	P-21 to P-27		
Barrett				X
Carey	_X			
Demsak	_X			
Drelick	_X			
Hoffman	_X			
Lucarelli	_X			
Reinle				X
Van Ginneken	_X		· 	

POLICY

POL-1

Motion to approve a second reading and adopt the following policies and/or regulations:

<u>R 5440</u>	Honoring Student Achievement
<u>P 5570</u>	Sportsmanship
<u>P 5750</u>	Equitable Educational Opportunity
P 5841	Secret Societies

<u>P 5842</u> Equal Access of Student Organizations

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1

Motion of adopt: N. Demsak Seconded By: B. Drelick

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano		X		
Barrett				X
Carey	_X	<u>P5750</u>		
Demsak	_X			
Drelick	_X			
Hoffman	_X			
Lucarelli	_X			
Reinle				X
Van Ginneken	_X			

POL-2

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

R 2200	Curriculum Content
<u>P 2260</u>	Equity in School and Classroom Practices
R 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure
<u>P 2411</u>	Guidance Counseling
<u>P 2423</u>	Bilingual Education
R 2423	Bilingual Education
<u>P 2431.4</u>	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
R 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
<u>P 3211</u>	Code of Ethics
<u>P 7610</u>	Vandalism
R 7610	Vandalism
P 9323	Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Disposition

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-2

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

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	_X			
Barrett				X
Carey	_X	R2200, P2260	, R2260	
Demsak	_X			
Drelick	_X			
Hoffman	_X			
Lucarelli	_X			
Reinle				X
Van Ginneken	_X			

XI. Written Communication

None

XII. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)
One member of the public spoke.
XIII. Executive Session
None
XIV. Return to Public Session – if needed
n/a
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:
None
XV. Adjournment With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, motion was presented by D. Van Ginneken, and seconded by R. Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.
All in favor.
Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn B. Joseph Interim Board Secretary

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