

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., from the Cafeteria 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	absent

Quorum confirmed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Special Guest(s) Present: **None**

Staff Member(s) Present: None

Community Member(s) Present: 3

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
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. ACCESS for ELL Testing Report (M. Ryder)

V. Public Comment (Board Policy #0167) (please limit comments to action agenda items only)

One member of the public spoke.

VI. Executive Session *if needed*

None

VII. Return to Public Session

n/a

Action following Executive Session if needed:

n/a

VIII. Old Business

O/B-1

- October 8 – Regular Meeting
- November 12 – Regular Meeting
- December 10 – Regular Meeting

IX. New Business

None

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

1. August 13, 2024

Motion of adopt: D. Van Ginneken

Seconded By: N. Demsak

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

HIB REPORT *Nothing to report*

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$115,149.11 in transfers for the month of August 2024.

F-2

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$768,519.36.

F-3

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for July 2024.

F-4

Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Comparison Report for July 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 July 31, 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-5

Motion to approve J and B Therapy, LLC to provide BCaBA services for a minimum of 26 hours per week for the period October 30, 2024 through on or about March 20, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$94.00.

Background: This agreement will cover the period when the current Behaviorist goes out on leave.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 – F-5

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman	Seconded By: B. Drelick			
MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<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>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

Motion to approve the following 2024-2025 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
Girl Scout Troop #98781	ES Room	Sept. – June	6:30-7:30 PM	Thursday 2x per month
Girl Scout Troop #98514	ES Room	Sept. – June	6:00-7:00 PM	Thursday 2x per month
Wallkill Valley Baseball League – Board Meetings	MS Cafeteria or Library	9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/5	6:30–9:00 PM	Thursday 1x per month
Girl Scout Troop #98487	ES Room	Sept. – June	6:00-7:15 PM	Monday 1x per month
Girls on the Run	ES Library and ES Fields	Sept. - Dec.	3:45-5:30 PM	Mondays and Tuesdays

F/O-2

Motion to approve an agreement with D.W. Clark & Son, Inc. to park one bus behind the Hardyston Middle School. D.W. Clark & Son Inc. will provide a current Certificate of Insurance to be held in the Business Office for the 2024-2025 school year.

F/O-3

Motion to approve an agreement with Krapf School Bus to park one bus behind the Hardyston Middle School. Krapf School Bus will provide a current Certificate of Insurance to be held in the Business Office for the 2024-2025 school year.

F/O-4

Motion to approve Change Order #1 from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) for the MS roof project in the amount of \$6,147.12 for removal of wet insulation and replacement. This amount is included in their contingency of \$7,000.

F/O-5

Motion to approve Request #2 in the amount of \$7,146.00 from Capital Reserve for additional items needed with the new MS PA System by Eastern DataComm, Inc. (New balance for Capital Reserve is \$726,320)

F/O-6

Motion to approve the revised total amount withdrawal for Capital Reserve on August 13, 2024 to \$189,294.

Background: The total amount was added incorrectly in the August agenda.

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1 – F/O-6

Motion of adopt: R. Hoffman Seconded By: S. Lucarelli

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<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>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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	BENEFIT
Using the Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses Model to identify SLD and Other Learning Problems	11/22/24 and 12/6/24	\$160.00	<i>VIRTUAL</i>	G. Maffia	New legislation permits the use of the “third option” to determine SLDs which is the focus of this training.
NJSBA Workshop, Atlantic City	10/21-24 /2024	\$2,100 group registration up	\$300 pp tolls/mileage/meals Hotel \$1,700	M. Ryder D. Van Ginneken R. Hoffman	Professional Development Policies/Law/Finance/

		to 25 people	group	B. Drelick C. Joseph S. Verso	Personnel
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C/P-2

Motion to approve the Mentoring Plan for the 2024-2025 school year, as reviewed by the Curriculum and Programs Committee.

C/P-3

Motion to approve the following out of district student for the 2024 Extended School Year:

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STUDENTS	SCHOOL	TUITION
1	Northern Hills Academy 10 Gail Court Sparta, NJ	\$10,735 +transportation 1:1 Nurse <i>provided by District</i> \$436.00 Extra Therapy

C/P-4

Motion to approve the following out of district student for the 2024-2025 school year:

#		
STUDENTS	SCHOOL	TUITION
1	Northern Hills Academy 10 Gail Court Sparta, NJ (180 days/2024-2025 school year)	\$55,025 +transportation 1:1 Nurse <i>provided by District</i> \$2,160 Extra Therapy

C/P-5

Motion to approve the [revised ELA curriculum](#) as reviewed and discussed during the committee meeting, and in alignment with the 2023 NJSLA – ELA curriculum as required by September 2024 by the Department of Education.

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 – C/P-5

Motion of adopt: B. Drelick

Seconded By: D. Carey

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<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> C/P-1 </u>	<u> </u>
Lucarelli	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> C/P-1 </u>	<u> </u>

PERSONNEL

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

P-1

Motion to employ the following special education paraprofessional(s) for the 2024-2025 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	Step	Rate per Hour
Olivia Biddulph	RBT	\$23.00
Danielle Vallat	1	\$17.50

P-4

Motion to approve renewal of the Article 16 Memorandum of Agreement Annual Addendum, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

The Hardyston Township Board of Education at the June 9, 2015 public meeting wishing to recognize and maintain the value of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials hereby re-adopts the Memorandum of Agreement as originally approved by this Board, without modification and authorizes the submission to the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Prosecutor, and to Law Enforcement for signatures.

Background: A meeting was held with the Chief of Police of Hardyston on August 14, 2024 and documents and procedures were reviewed.

P-5

Motion to approve Madison Civitan as a Long Term Substitute – Reading Interventionist for the district, for the period on or about October 10, 2024 through on or about March 21, 2025, at a rate of \$175.00 per day as outlined in the current negotiated agreement.

P-6

Motion to approve Amanda Herrmann as Long Term Substitute – Grade 6 Language Arts, for the period September 3, 2024 through on or about October 21, 2024, at a rate of \$175.00 per day.

P-7

Motion to approve Luis Moscoso as Long Term Substitute – Spanish facilitator, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$175.00 per day for three days per week with no benefits.

P-8

Motion to approve Dan Kornak as MS STEM facilitator, at an hourly rate of \$45.17, for two days per week.

P-9

Motion to approve Alizah Demczak, Middle School Counselor, for one additional day during the summer for the purpose of preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Demczak 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-10

Motion to accept, with regret, the notice of resignation from Amie Barone, part time paraprofessional, effective September 6, 2024.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-10

Motion of adopt: N. Demsak

Seconded By: R. Hoffman

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<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>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

POLICY**POL-1**

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

<u>P 0141</u>	Board Member Number and Term
<u>P 2200</u>	Curriculum Content
<u>P 3160</u>	Physical Examination
<u>R 3160</u>	Physical Examination
<u>P 4160</u>	Physical Examination
<u>R 4160</u>	Physical Examination
<u>R 5200</u>	Attendance
<u>P 5337</u>	Service Animals
<u>P 5350</u>	Student Suicide Prevention
<u>P 8420</u>	Emergency and Crisis Situations
<u>P 8467</u>	Firearms and Weapons
<u>R 8467</u>	Firearms and Weapons
<u>P 9181</u>	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1

Motion of adopt: N. Demsak

Seconded By: S. Lucarelli

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<u> X </u>	<u> P2200 </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>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

POL-2

Motion to abolish the following policy:

P 0164.6

Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared
Emergency

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-2

Motion of adopt: N. Demsak

Seconded By: B. Drelick

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alfano	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Carey	<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>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Van Ginneken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

XI. Written Communication

XII. Public Comment (Board Policy #0167)

None

XIII. Executive Session *if needed*

n/a

XIV. Return to Public Session

n/a

Action following Executive Session if needed:

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 D. Van Ginneken, and seconded by A. Alfano, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary