

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2025
7:00 PM – MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

I. Call to Order

Board President Donna Carey called the Budget Workshop of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. President Donna Carey 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	present	
Mrs. Donna Carey	present	
Mr. Nick Demsak	present	arrived at 7:33 p.m.
Mr. Brian Drelick	present	arrived at 7:04 p.m.
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present	
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	present	
Ms. Clarissa Marotta	present	arrived at 7:02 p.m.
Mr. Edward Reinle	absent	
Mr. Michael Ryder	present	
Mrs. Susan Verso	present	

Quorum confirmed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Special Guest(s) Present: Kelly Mitchell, NJSBA

Staff Member(s) Present: 3

Community Member(s) Present: 5

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. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)

None

V. Workshop

- 1. Ethics Training (Kelly Mitchell, NJSBA)**
- 2. 2025-2026 Budget Overview and Discussion**

VI. Public Comment (Board Policy #1200)

One member of the public spoke.

VII. Executive Session *if needed*

None

VIII. Return to Public Session

n/a

Action following Executive Session if needed:

IX. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education as this time, a motion was presented by D. Carey and seconded by N. Demsak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Verso

Business Administrator/Board Secretary