

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 8, 2025
7:00 PM – MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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.
Ms. Clarissa Marotta	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Edward Reinle	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Dr. Michael Ryder	present	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Susan Verso	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

1. Updates to Agenda
2. Committee Reports:
Curriculum, Programs, Educational Technology & Community Relations (J. Barrett)
Finance, Facilities and Operations & Technology Infrastructure (A. Alfano)
Personnel, Negotiations, Grievance & Policy (D. Carey)
3. Superintendent’s Report - District Goals
4. **Staff Recognition: Patricia Rosendale**
5. NJSBA Training: Kelly Mitchell

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

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The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves” (please provide name and street address). The public comment section is for the board members to listen to the concerns of the public and take those concerns under advisement and be discussed during a committee meeting. Please note that the Board appreciates any and all comments made and welcomes the participation. (please provide name and street address).

VI. Executive Session if needed

Motion is presented by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at _____ p.m. to discuss _____, which is exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, “Open Public Meetings Act.” Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session.

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 _____
- Ms. Clarissa Marotta _____
- Mr. Ed Reinle _____

- Dr. Michael Ryder _____
- Mrs. Susan Verso _____

Action following Executive Session if needed:

VIII. Old Business

O/B-1

- May 6 – Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing

- June 10 – Regular Meeting
- July 8 – Regular Meeting
- August 12 – Regular Meeting

IX. New Business

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

1. March 11, 2025 – Regular Meeting
2. March 18, 2025 – Special 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	_____	_____	_____	_____
Marotta	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 4-8-25 is located in the Executive Session folder and will be voted on at the May 6, 2025 BOE meeting (if necessary).

Motion to 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	_____	_____	_____	_____
Marotta	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve \$15,308.58 in transfers for the month of March 2025.

F-2

Motion to approve the Bills List for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$1,289,145.56.

F-3

Motion to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Comparison Report for February 2025.

F-4

Motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Comparison Report for February 2025.

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 Susan Verso, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, Susan Verso, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over-appropriated nor over-expended for the period ending February 28, 2025.

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

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 25-26 school year.

F-6

Motion to approve the fourth year of a five-year contract agreement, total cost of contract \$164,052.59 (renewable annually for one additional year) with Maschio’s Food Services Inc., effective September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with the terms and conditions in adherence to state mandates:

1. Management Fee(s)/Guarantees

Management Fee

The School Food Authority shall pay Maschio’s annual management fee in the amount of \$10,161.60.

The management fee shall be payable in monthly installments of \$1,016.16 per month commencing on September 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

2. Guarantee Subsidy

Maschio’s guarantees that the bottom line of the operational report (total revenue for all sources less program costs, including the management fee), will be a loss of \$0.00

This agreement is compliant with all guidelines and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. This agreement can be terminated by either party with 60-days’ notice.

F-7

Motion to approve the following meal prices for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student Lunch: \$3.95

Staff/Faculty \$5.25

F-8

Motion to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Hardyston School District has equipment that is no longer needed to meet the operational requirements of the school district, and Whereas, it is in the best interest of the District to dispose of such property through trade in, negotiated sale, donation, public auction or in refuse (destruction).

Now, THEREFORE BE IT AGREED AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Hardyston Public School District, the equipment listed below:

- pa system rack / components from es
- pa system rack / components from ms
- 4 boxes/crates of old hard drives to be destroyed and recycled
- broken sound mixer
- 10 desktop computers
- 5 network switches
- 35 end of life / broken laptops / chargers
- 12 walkie talkies / chargers
- 2 boxes of broken chromebooks / parts
- 30 ipads
- bretford ipad2 cart
- 6 projectors
- 50 broken dell chromebooks
- 2 smartboards
- 150 end of life acer laptops / chargers
- tv, vcr, cd player
- 10 broken docking stations
- end of life ruckus access points and controller
- 3 broken ups battery backups

Shall be disposed of as “e-waste” on Friday, April 11, 2025 at SCUMA, 34 NJ-94, Lafayette Township, NJ 07848 during their E-waste event.

F-9

Motion to approve the following out of district student for the period March 17, 2025 through June 19, 2025:

STUDENT	SCHOOL	TUITION
Grade 7	Riverdale Public School	\$8,678.39

(Transportation cost TBD)

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 – F-9

Motion to adopt: _____ Seconded By: _____

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

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS *Nothing to report*

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
NASP Advanced Skills Institute	7/8 & 7/9	\$224.00	VIRTUAL	J. Rosen	Topics cover navigating the ethical complexities of AI, tailoring behavioral interventions for neuro-diverse learners
Wilson Reading System Advance Strategies	6/24-6/26	\$710.00	VIRTUAL	J. Corbett	To improve and refresh Wilson Reading System lessons as well as obtaining CEUs for recertification
Integrated Comprehension and Written Expression	On own time	\$129.00	VIRTUAL	J. Corbett	Obtain deeper understanding of how students comprehend and express ideas through writing

C/P-2

Resolved to approve the following parent-paid class trip(s) for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade	Destination	Date	Cost Per Student

Select 5-8	Legoland, Goshen, NY	5/16 <i>rain date 5/23</i>)	TBD
Select 8	STEM League Challenge, WVRHS, Hamburg	5/7	\$0
6	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City	5/14	\$45.00
NJAHS 5-8	NJ Hall of Fame, American Dream Mall, Secaucus	6/4	TBD

C/P-3

Motion to approve the amended 2024/2025 school calendar for the remainder of this school year as follows:

- Last day of school for students Thursday, June 19, 2025
- Eighth Grade Graduation Tuesday, June 17
- Last day of school for teachers Thursday, June 19, 2025
- Early dismissal days for all students Tues., June 17, Wed., June 18, Thurs., June 19
- Early dismissal days for teachers Tues., June 17 and Wed., 18

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 –C/P-3

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
Marotta	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 2024-2025 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
Megan Best	Custodian	N/A
Charlotte Gough	Teacher / Paraprofessional	Sub Cert – Exp. 9/10/29
Sean Masino	Teacher / Paraprofessional	Sub Cert – Exp. 10/17/29

Kathleen Calandra	Paraprofessional	N/A
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P-2
 Motion to employ the following part time 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	Rate per Hour
Kathleen Eichvalds	17.50

P-3
 Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby places Cortney Ryan on a Federal family medical leave of absence, for the period to commence on or about September 4, 2025 and end on or about November 26, 2025. She plans on returning to her current position on November 27, 2025.

P-4
 Motion to approve Amanda Herrmann as part time Registered Behavior Technician, for the period retroactive to March 26, 2025 through June 30, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$23.00, pending receiving RBT certification within 60 days.

P-5
 Motion to approve Anna Taylor as LTS - ESL Teacher, start date pending approval of instructional substitute certificate, through June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$175.00/day as outlined in the current negotiated agreement.

P-6
 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Agila Kaliyaperumal, part time paraprofessional, effective March 4, 2025. Mrs. Kaliyaperumal will assume home duties caring for her son.

P-7
 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Olivia Biddulph, part time RBT paraprofessional, effective March 28, 2025.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-7

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Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Marotta	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	_____	_____	_____	_____

POLICY

POL-1

Motion to approve a second reading and adopt the following [policies](#) and/or [regulations](#):

- [7441P](#) Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
- [7441R](#) Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
- [9320P](#) Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies
- [9320R](#) Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies
- [8500](#) Food Services
- [9163](#) Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events
- [1110](#) Organizational Chart

ACTION ITEM(S): POL-1

Motion of adopt:	_____		Seconded By:	_____	
MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Alfano	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Barrett	_____	_____	_____	_____	
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Hoffman	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Lucarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____	
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XI. Written Communication

XII. Public Comment (Board Policy #0167)

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Roll Call

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Mr. Nick Demsak _____
Mr. Brian Drelick _____
Mr. Ron Hoffman _____
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli _____
Ms. Clarissa Marotta _____
Mr. Ed Reinle _____

Dr. Michael Ryder _____
Mrs. Susan Verso _____

Action following Executive Session if needed:

XV. Adjournment

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