

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

I. Call to Order

Board President Donna Carey called the Regular Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., from 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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Arrived at p.m.</u>
Mr. Anthony Alfano	present		
Mrs. Jean Barrett	present		
Mrs. Donna Carey	present		
Mr. Nick Demsak	present		
Mr. Brian Drelick	present		
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present		
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli		absent	
Ms. Clarissa Marotta	present		
Mr. Edward Reinle		absent	
Dr. Michael Ryder	present		
Mrs. Susan Verso	present		

Quorum confirmed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Special Guest(s) Present: Mr. Joseph. Roselle Esq. SPS&K
Ms. Kelly Mitchell, NJSBA

Staff Member(s) Present: Mrs. J. Cimaglia, ES Principal

Community Member(s) Present: @25

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 (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)

1 member of the public spoke.

VI. Executive Session *if needed*

None

VII. Return to Public Session

n/a

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

Mrs. Carey read a statement to the public.

X. Agenda Items:

MEETING MINUTES

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

Motion of adopt: D. Carey Seconded By: R. Hoffman

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

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 of adopt: D. Carey Seconded By: J. Barrett

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

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 ipad 2 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 McKinney-Vento 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: A. Alfano Seconded By: N. Demsak

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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Alfano	X			
Barrett	X			
Carey	X			
Demsak	X	F-7		
Drelick	X			
Hoffman	X			
Lucarelli				X
Marotta	X			
Reinle				X

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
- Eighth Grade Graduation Tuesday, June 17
- Last day of school for teachers Thursday, June 19
- Early dismissal days for all students Tues., June 17, Wed., June 18, Thurs., June 19
- Early dismissal days for teachers Wed., 18 and Thurs., June 19 (*Tuesday will be an early dismissal day for teachers attending graduation.*)

ACTION ITEM(S): C/P-1 –C/P-3

Motion of adopt: J. Barrett Seconded By: R. Hoffman

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

Lucarelli	X
Marotta	X
Reinle	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 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

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

Motion of adopt: D. Carey

Seconded By: B. Drelick

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

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: D. Carey Seconded By: J. Barrett

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

XI. Written Communication

None

XII. Public Comment (Board Policy #0167)

None

XIII. Executive Session

A motion was presented by D. Carey and seconded by A. Alfano that the Hardyston Township Board of Education enters private session at 8:50p.m. to discuss legal contracts and, 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.

XIV. Return to Public Session

All in favor.

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at 9:50p.m.

Roll Call

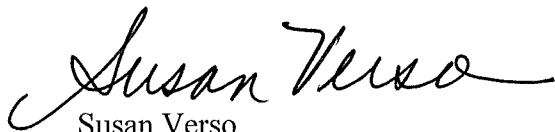
Mr. Anthony Alfano	X
Mrs. Jean Barrett	X
Mrs. Donna Carey	X
Mr. Nick Demsak	X
Mr. Brian Drelick	X
Mr. Ron Hoffman	X
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	n/a
Ms. Clarissa Marotta	X
Mr. Ed Reinle	n/a
Dr. Michael Ryder	X
Mrs. Susan Verso	X

Action following Executive Session if needed: No action 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 D. Carey, and seconded by A. Alfano, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Verso
Business Administrator /Board Secretary