

6:00 PM – MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Board President Brian Drelick called the Special Meeting Minutes of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., from the Cafeteria of the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. President Brian Drelick read the Open Public Meetings Act statement:

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Donna Carey	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Nick Demsak	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Brian Drelick	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Ron Hoffman	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Ms. Dana Kalczuk	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Ms. Clarissa Marotta	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mr. Edward Reinle	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Ms. Kelly Stoll	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.

Quorum confirmed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Community Member(s) Present: 2

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) (please limit to agenda items only)

T. Alfano, 30 Tannery Hill Drive, Hamburg, NJ
D. Milligan, 37 Mountain Rd., Hamburg, NJ
J. Altieri, 14 Bracken Hill Rd., Hamburg, NJ

V. Workshop

O/B-2

1. Reapprove 2026-2027 Budget

Motion to amend the Tentative Budget approved on March 24, 2026, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the tentative 2026-2027 school budget for submission and approval to the Executive County Superintendent as follows:

The Hardyston Township Board of Education has proposed programs and services in this budget in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The Hardyston Township Board of Education approves this “tentative” budget to be presented to the Sussex Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval prior to advertising in the New Jersey Herald and on the district’s web site. The budget will be approved by the County Superintendent prior to the public meeting. The budget will be revised, if necessary, at the public hearing on April 28, 2026 (reschedule date is May 12, 2026).

The motion further provides authorization to the Superintendent and SBA to modify the budget shown below, if necessary, based on the final preparation of this budget for approval.

Appropriations			26-27
	Total General Current Expense (Fund 11)		\$14,117,072
		Total Capital Outlay	\$78,673
	Charter School Tuition (Fund 10)		\$105,331
		General Fund Total	
	Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)		\$1,698,187
	Repayment of Debt (Fund 40)		\$781,194
		Total Appropriations	\$16,780,457
Revenues			26-27
	Local Tax Levy		\$12,048,799
	Misc. Revenue		
	Interest on Main Reserve		\$18,000
	Interest on Cap Reserve		\$18,000
		Total Revenue from Local Sources	\$12,084,799
St Sources	School Choice		\$127,939
	Transportation Aid		\$573,473
	Special Ed Aid		\$724,867
	Security Aid		\$91,690
	Adjustment Aid		\$0
	SEMI		\$0
	ExtraOrdinary Aid		\$235,000
		Revenue from State Sources	\$1,752,969
Otr Sources	Budgeted Fund Balance		\$463,308
	Withdrawal from Capital Reserve (10-307)		\$0
	Withdrawal from Maint Reserve (10-310)		\$0
		Total Operating Budget (Fund 10 & 11 & 12)	\$14,301,076
	Title 1	(Updated 75% for Budget)	\$67,983

	Title IV	(Updated 75% for Budget)	\$4,567
	IDEA	(Updated 75% for Budget)	\$117,675
	PreSchool Expansion Aid		\$1,507,962
		Special Revenue Funds (Fund 20)	\$1,698,187
		Debt Service / Bond Repayment (Fund 40)	\$781,194
		Total Revenues	\$16,780,457

This budget incorporates the following revenue measures:

- There will be an increase in the General Fund Tax Levy of 6.65%.
- Taxes to be raised for the 2026-2027 School Budget: General Fund \$12,048,799 and Debt Service \$781,194.

O/B-4

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardyston Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$191,416 to sustain existing programs and student services without reductions.

O/B-5

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardyston Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of \$334,443. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health care.

Motion of adopt: B. Drelick	Seconded By: N. Demsak			
MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carey	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Demsak	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Drelick	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Hoffman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kalczuk	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Lucarelli	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Marotta	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Reinle	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Stoll	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

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

None

VII. Executive Session *if needed*

None

VIII. Return to Public Session

Motion to the Board of Education will return to public session at _____ p.m.

None

Roll Call

Mrs. Donna Carey _____
Mr. Nick Demsak _____

Mr. Brian Drelick _____
Mr. Ron Hoffman _____
Ms. Dana Kalczuk _____
Mrs. Susan Lucarelli _____
Ms. Clarissa Marotta _____
Mr. Ed Reinle _____
Ms. Kelly Stoll _____

Ms. Monica Rowland _____
Mrs. Susan Verso _____

Action following Executive Session if needed:

None

IX. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by B. Drelick, and seconded by S. Lucarelli, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Verso
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary