

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2026
7:00 PM – MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

I. Call to Order

Board President Brian Drelick called the Special Meeting of the Hardyston Board of Education to order on June 17, 2026 at 7:03 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:

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

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		absent x	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		absent x	arrived at _____ p.m.
Ms. Kelly Stoll	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Ms. Monica Rowland	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.
Mrs. Susan Verso	present	x	absent	arrived at _____ p.m.

Quorum confirmed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Special Guest(s) Present: None

Staff Member(s) Present: None

Community Member(s) Present: None

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

None

V. Regular Agenda Items

PERSONNEL

P-1

Resolved, that the Hardyston Board of Education approve an extension of contract for Monica Rowland as Interim Superintendent, at a daily rate of \$650.00, as outlined in the attached contract, which was reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, for the period beginning July 1, 2026. Ms. Rowland will continue as Interim until such time when the new superintendent is released from her current duties, but no later than June 30, 2027.

P-2

Motion to approve the following individuals for the 2026 Extended School Year Programs for the period June 29, 2026 through July 30, 2026:

Renata Wilowska, Paraprofessional, 3.5 hours per day @ \$15.92 per hour

Sandra Popovic, Paraprofessional, 3.5 hours per day @ \$15.92 per hour

Michael Balunis, Paraprofessional, 3.5 hours per day @ \$15.92 per hour

P-3

Motion to rescind employment of Laryssa Verde as Paraprofessional for the 2026 ESY. Ms. Verde will not be able to work during the month of July due to personal reasons.

P-4

Motion to approve Olga Struble as part time ESL teacher, MA, Step 1, (.62), at a rate to be determined upon ratification of the agreement, for the period September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

P-5

Motion to rescind employment of Amanda Matz as full time Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027. Mrs. Matz asked to be considered as a substitute teacher for the upcoming school year.

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 – P-5

Motion of adopt: N. Demsak

Seconded By: R. Hoffman

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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>
Kalczuk	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lucarelli	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Marotta	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reinle	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Stoll	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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.***Roll Call**

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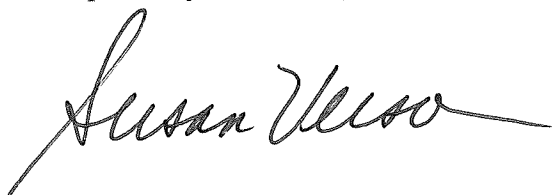
Action following Executive Session if needed:

IX. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion required of the Hardyston Township Board of Education as this time, a motion was presented by N. Demsak, and seconded by D. Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Verso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan Verso
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary