

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE DeRUYTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is given that the Public Budget Hearing of the DeRuyter Central School District for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure and budgeting of funds for the 2021-2022 will be held in the Elementary Gym of the DeRuyter Central School, 711 Railroad Street, DeRuyter, NY on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Notice is also given that the Annual Meeting and Election to elect Board of Education member(s), and to vote upon the propositions and appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 by voting machine in the Annex Room 406. The following propositions will be up for vote:

Proposition No. 1- 2021-22 School Budget: Shall the Board of Education adopt a budget for the DeRuyter Central School District in the amount of \$11,895,190 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021?

Proposition No. 2- Bus Proposition: Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance two (2) small buses and one (1) large bus at an estimated cost not to exceed \$226,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed \$226,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for the vehicles by the levy of a tax which is hereby approved in the amount of \$226,000, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$226,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

Proposition No. 3- Library Contribution: Shall the annual appropriation for the DeRuyter Free Library within the DeRuyter Central School District be increased from its current level of \$40,117 per year to \$40,696 per year, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District?

Proposition No. 4 – District Wide Summer Recreation: Shall the Board of Education of the DeRuyter Central School District be authorized to expend \$17,500 for the district-wide summer swim and baseball programs administered by the Village of DeRuyter for the 2021-2022 school year, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District?

Proposition No. 5 – Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund: Shall the Board of Education of the DeRuyter Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, “2021 Capital Reserve Fund” created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and to defray the cost of, in whole or in part, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of fifteen (15) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

Notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of monies required for the 2021-2022 school year for school purposes may be obtained upon request on and after April 30, 2021 by contacting the District Clerk at 315-852-3400 x 7403 or welsh@deruytercentral.org. Residents may obtain a copy of the proposed budget at any district schoolhouse or on the District’s website, www.deruytercentral.org, on and after April 30, 2021.

Notice is also given that one member of the Board of Education will be elected due to the expiration of the term of member, Richard Metcalf. The highest vote getter will receive a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2021. The following candidate(s) has/have filed a petition necessary to seek election and will appear on the May 18, 2021 ballot as follows: Jeremy J. Wilken

Notice is also given that the candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. A separate petition shall be required to nominate each candidate. Petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must state the residence of each signer.

Notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., but no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021 except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Notice is also given that the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education has adopted personal voter registration for all eligible voters residing in the DeRuyter Central School District. Any person who is currently enrolled with the Counties of Madison, Cortland, Chenango, and Onondaga will automatically be enrolled in the school personal registration and will not have to register separately with the School District. Any person who is not currently enrolled with the Counties of Madison, Cortland, Chenango, and Onondaga shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon the register until May 7, 2021. He/she must present himself or herself personally for registration and upon proving that he or she is entitled to vote in the District, may have his or her name placed on the register at that time. To be entitled to vote in the District, a person must be a citizen of the United States, must be at least eighteen years of age, and must be a resident of the District for a period of thirty (30) days prior to May 18, 2021. Additionally, unregistered voters may register to vote with the Board of Elections by filing an application online with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”). Information is available at: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. The register of voters will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on any day when the office is open for business from May 5, 2021 to May 12, 2021.

Notice is also given that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 17, 2021, and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 11, 2021 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 P.M. on May 11, 2021, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District through May 17, 2021. Qualified voters who do not want to vote in person because of concerns surrounding COVID-19 and public gatherings may also request an absentee ballot on those grounds as provided by law and Executive Order(s) then in effect. Guidance regarding absentee voting due to concerns related to COVID-19 will be published on the School District’s website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315-852-3400 ext. 7403 or welsh@deruytercentral.org

Notice is also given that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-852-3400 ext. 7403 or welsh@deruytercentral.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on April 22, 2021 [26 days prior to the vote]. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

Dated: April 20, 2021
DeRuyter, NY
By the Order of the Board of Education
DeRuyter Central School District
By: Sandra Welsh, District Clerk