

DeRuyter Central School  
711 Railroad Street  
DeRuyter, NY 13052

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
6:00 PM – Library/Media Center  
**January 11, 2023**

**Public Comments at Board of Education Meetings** – The DeRuyter Central School Board of Education welcomes comments from the public. This is why we provide “Public Comments” as part of our regular agenda. In fairness to everyone, we ask the public to please abide by the following conditions: **1)** The Board reserves the right to limit the comments of individuals to **three (3) minutes**; **2)** It is not appropriate to comment on individual staff members or about personnel matters during public session. We ask that such concerns be addressed initially with the appropriate administrator (usually one of our Principals or Business Administrator); **3)** Your next step should be to address this matter with the Superintendent; **4)** If you are still dissatisfied, please ask the Superintendent to request that this matter be discussed by the Board of Education in Executive Session.

**Members Present:** Melanie Ackley, Lisa Benedict, Daniel Degear, Dean Hathaway, Jodi Wiesing

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Stephen Rafferty, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Jenny Valente, Katy Denkenberger  
Donald Hathaway, Joyce Sears

**I. Regular Meeting Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Hathaway. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Establish Agenda**

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Benedict

**MOTION** That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Established Agenda

**III. Presentations - None**

**IV. Discussion Items - None**

**V. Public Comments - None**

**VI. Student Comments – Olivia Lidell**

Student Comments

**Topics**

- Student Council will be meeting soon
- Would like to talk about a backpack rule change
- Thursday is Volleyball senior night
- Down payments for trip
- Prom Committee will be meeting soon

**VII. Board Comments**

Board Comments

**Topics**

- Thank you Olivia for your comments

## VIII. BOCES Board Updates

### Topics

- Annual meeting with Matt Cook
- Fire Class – taught at BOCES through a state fireman program
- Additional program – Madison County area – Engineering Tech (Chip Tech)
- Chiefs meeting spoke about the Additional Programs
- Transportation should not be a problem
- Programs will fill up very fast
- Promotion of the programs is very important

BOCES Board  
Updates

## IX. Superintendent Updates - Old Business/New Business

### Topics

- New Media Center furniture – Thank you Amanda for procuring the Federal Funds
- Elementary Table Legs on the way
- Board would prefer a horseshoe set-up for their meetings
- Sandy Retirement
- Working with Civil Service – Exempt position
- Thank you Katy for your hard work at both districts

Superintendent  
Updates

### A. Continued Update on Projects

#### Topics

- Bid Opening – Shock – Usually bids are higher and we have to adjust our scope to accommodate the bids, but opposite happened – Upstate LLC was the lowest
- \$54677 on a 100,000 COP – need to stay electrical – lighting Small gym big gym cafeteria
- Planning to get it done April Break (1 week)
- Theater lights update – spot light
- Possibly basement
- Increase Outlay to 250K and 500K for large district – advocate in State Ed
- Rachael May letter – We still will get the money even though she is not our Senator any longer
- Worked with DASNY – forms have been submitted (daunting task)
- Day Automation – Card readers
- Playground – demo/design – fine tuning dates
- Will be speaking about this – will close down the playground during the Summer – by the end of August, we should have a brand new playground
- Doing Community Build/Demo
- Checked w/legal/insurance – conversations to be had – no replacement parts – ok to sell

### B. Committee on Communication Platforms

#### Topics

- Bargaining units – reorganization – take more on/give out more appreciate it more
- Communication platforms – parents and BOE members
- Important – Shared Decision Making – Could do top-down – Don't believe in it
- Jenny Valente – just reached out – to get committee together – what is working, survey parents, staff – just the beginning
- Parent Square (can span Elementary and Secondary) – BOCES Aidable

- C. Fire Program – through Madison County
- D. New Policies – February Agenda – Mr. Degear and Mrs. Wiesing – can call you in 15 mins. early – what would you like – Feedback – simple ones – email
- E. Community Walk – Continue with walking in the building

**Topics**

- Return to winter community walk the building – Supervisory Custodian to train in emergency training
- Staff Day – 2ndary Mental Health
- Thru Madison County
- Good Samaritan?? –Good Samaritan law covers
- Part of the health program???
- Schedule – Summer??? Want to be available – mission – expanding- going deeper and deeper into training.

Action Items

**X. Board Action Items**

**A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items**

Approved Routine  
Consent Items

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing

***MOTION***, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the January 11, 2023 agenda:

1. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 13, 2022 (attached)
2. Approve Claims Auditor Report for December (attached)
3. Approve Claims Auditor Claim # 23-006 (Dec. 2022)- \$157.75 (attached)
4. Accept Treasurer's Reports (attached)
5. Budget Transfer dated 12/31/22 - \$771,621.46 (attached)
6. Accept Extra-Classroom Audit for 2021-2022 (attached)
7. Approve Extra-Classroom 2021-2022 Corrective Action Plan (attached)
8. Approve CSE Recommendations (attached)

**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved Personnel  
Consent Items

**B. Consent Agenda – Personnel Items**

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Ackley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing

***MOTION***, That the Board approve/appoint the following Personnel Consent Items as set forth on January 11, 2023 agenda:

**1. Resignation**

- a. S. Welsh – Retirement Resignation as Superintendent's Secretary/District Clerk – effective June 30, 2023

**2. Rescind Appointment**

- a. P. Camp – Girls' Modified Basketball Coach  
(passed at the October 12, 2022 mtg.)

### 3. Appointments

- a. K. P. Crandall – Enrichment Program Personnel - \$30/hr
- b. B. Agazzi-Poncica – Enrichment Program Substitute - \$30/hr
- c. M. Letsch – Enrichment Program Personnel - \$30/her
- d. A. Cook – Bus Monitor - \$14.29/hr
- e. D. Amidon – Scorekeeper - \$20/game
- f. A. Denkenberger – Teaching Assistant–eff. 1/1/23 - \$22,790 (prorated)
- g. W. Woods – Volunteer
- h. B. Wright – Girls’ Modified Basketball Coach -2022-2023 school year \$2,597

**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### C. Tenure Appointment

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ackley

**MOTION**, That the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoint Samantha Filippi to tenure in the tenure area of Elementary Teacher effective January 22, 2023.

Discussion:

Started in Pre-school, is a creative thinker and awesome team member

**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Information provided to the Board: December Warrants, Revenue Status Report, Appropriate Status Report

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

#### XI. Executive Session (If needed)

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing

**MOTION**, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 6:57 for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person/corporation and contract negotiations.

**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:05 pm

#### XII. Adjournment

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Ackley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Benedict

**MOTION**, That the Regular meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 8:06 pm.

**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra Welsh, District Clerk

Appointed S. Filippi to  
Tenure

Executive Session

Adjournment