

DeRuyter Central School  
711 Railroad Street  
DeRuyter, NY 13052

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM – Elementary Gym  
**March 10, 2021**

**Members Present:** Dean Hathaway, Daniel Degear, Bradley Mierke, Jodi Wiesing  
**Members Absent:** Richard Metcalf  
**Others Present:** David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Stephen Rafferty, Jenny Valente, Kim O'Brien, Katy Denkenberger, Brandi Compton

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

The Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order by President Hathaway at 6:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

**Call to Order  
Pledge of  
Allegiance**

### II. Establish Agenda

**RESOLVED**, That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Degear  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**Established  
Agenda**

### III. Presentations - None

### IV. Discussion Items

**Discussion Items**

#### 1. Budget Update – Mrs. Graham-Quirk

##### Topics

- Tax Cap – change for better
- This year is 6.45
- Building budget – good shape – final approved budget in April
- Trying to be fiscally responsible- not using the Federal Money that should be coming in
- Many others are building budgets without federal aid money so there will not be a cliff
- Goal is to make sure we are ok in the next few years in case the state doesn't come through
- One more year of a good tax cap
- Would it make sense to go to 5.5?
- Increased Moody's rating from A3 to A1 – Good news
- Should start creating a Capital Reserve Fund – will need voter approval
- Should go at the higher tax cap.
- Sound shells – can we put this in the budget

2. Initiative on Internet from BOCES – Dr. Brown
3. High Speed Communication CoSer – Dr. Brown

**Topics**

- Items 2 and 3 are essentially the same
  - Service from BOCES for internet
  - Direct to CNYRIC – 3 year agreement – switches, etc. brings 4 BOCES together -Cayuga, Citi, OCM, TST, if one goes down, one of the others will pick up
4. 2020-2021 Capital Outlay Update – Dr. Brown

**Topics**

- Folding doors, carpeting in LMC – if any extra, then look at carpet in elementary gym seating. Create committee to look at BCS and create a 5-year capital outlay plan
  - Looking for volunteers
  - Shout out to Kevin Springer for all his hard work and keeping on top of everything
5. NYSPHSAA Designation

**Topics**

- Received NYSPHSAA Designation of absolutely no disqualifications
6. Review of Policies #3420 and #5633

**Topics**

- Reviewed policies – by law, every school district needs to have a gender neutral bathroom for students.

**V. Public Comments - None**

**VI. Board Comments**

**Topics**

Very fortunate to have this Administrative team. They are doing a really great job. We are way ahead of the game. Kids are fully back – our community is fortunate to have you.

**VII. Administrative Comments**

**Topics**

- Closing legal RFP is March 26, 2021 – need a Board representative – Mr. Degear volunteered
- Our sports teams – Volleyball and Boys' Basketball are undefeated – Girls' Basketball

**Board  
Comments**

**Administrative  
Comments**

– very good record at 5-2

- About to start Fall 2 – want to use fairgrounds – neighboring districts- 2 spectators/athlete
- Move for DeRuyter to have 2 as well
- Graduation is June 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm
- Prom/Graduation

Action Items

## VIII. Board Action Items

Consent Agenda

### A. Consent Agenda Items

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items:

1. Approve Minutes – 2/9/21
2. Accept Claims Auditor Report
3. Approve Claims Auditor Claim - # 21-008 - \$124.00
4. Accept Treasurer's Reports
5. Approve Budget Transfer
6. CSE Recommendations

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

### B. Personnel

Appointed TIP  
Subs

#### 1. Appoint Substitutes – Teacher Immersion Program

**RESOLVED**, That the Board appoint Faith Saragossi, as Substitute Teacher, Substitute Teaching Assistant/Aide through the SUNY Cortland/OCM BOCES Teacher Immersion Program.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

#### 2. Appoint Daily/Long Term Substitute

Appointed D.  
Sayler LTS

**RESOLVED**, That the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoint Danielle Sayler as a daily Certified Substitute Teacher effective March 11, 2021 and as Long Term Certified Substitute (for Jamie Doolittle) effective approximately April 5, 2021 through June 30, 2021 at a salary of \$43,600 prorated.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

#### 3. Appoint Volunteer Coach

Appointed J.  
Zech as  
Volunteer Soccer  
Coach

**RESOLVED**, That the Board appoint Jessica Zech as Volunteer Soccer Coach.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Degear  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**C. Financial**

**1. Approve Initial Legal Notice for 2021-2022 Budget Vote/Board Election**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the Initial Legal Notice for the 2021-2022 Budget Vote/Board Election as attached.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**2. Approve BOCES Final Services Commitment for 2021-2022 with Madison-Oneida BOCES**

**MOTION**, That the Board Final Services Commitment for 2021-2022 with Madison-Oneida BOCES for Career & Technical Ed-Non Component at a cost of \$9554.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**3. Approve Agreement with OCM BOCES regarding High Speed Communication**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the DeRuyter Central School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") desires to enter into a thirty-six month service agreement with the Onondaga- Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereinafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the OCM BOCES to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to New York State Education Law §1950(4)(jj), those services being lit fiber for high speed communications services in Co-Ser 60 I.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of DeRuyter Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the District and not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the annual amount of \$46,963.00 and associated CNYRIC charges with such amount to include annual OCM BOCES support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges, and with such support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges included at the current rate and subject to change as established in the OCM BOCES budget or mandated by any federal, state or local authority.

This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. The District will be liable to OCM BOCES for early cancellation or withdrawal from this agreement to the same extent that OCM BOCES is liable to any vendor(s) of these services, including liability for applicable penalties or liquidated damages, and the District also be liable for costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred by OCM BOCES as consequence of any such early cancellation or withdrawal. Payment will be made as part of a regular annual OCM BOCES contract for services. Further, this agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of Education of OCM BOCES. This contract will be for a maximum period of thirty-six months commencing on or about July 1, 2021 and continue through June 30, 2024.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**Approved Initial  
Legal Notice**

**Approved  
BOCES Final  
Services –  
Madison-Oneida  
BOCES**

**Approved  
Agreement  
w/OCM BOCES –  
High Speed  
Communication**

#### 4. Award RFP for Auditing Services

**RESOLVED**, That the Board award the RFP for Auditing Services (3 years) to Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. LLP as per the RFP (attached) effective July 1, 2021.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

#### 5. Award Bid – Smart Schools

**RESOLVED**, That the Board award Electrical Construction Bid for the Smart Schools Project to Garnet Technology Solutions, Inc. as per attached.

Discussion: Switches, etc. previously purchased through e-rate.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

#### D. Appoint Election Inspectors

**RESOLVED**, That the Board appoint Judy Browngardt, Sandy Camelbeek, Roxanne Groves, Bonnie Ziegler and Sandy Welsh as Election Inspectors for the Annual School District Budget Vote/Board Member Election to be held on May 18, 2021.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

#### D. Policy

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of revised policy # 3420 – Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of new policy # 5633 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

#### E. Transportation Requests

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve transportation requests for the 2021-2022 school year to the Truxton Academy Charter School from Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Enders and Mr. & Mrs. Adam Daley.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Degear  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

Awarded RFP to  
Mengel Metzger  
Barr & Co

Award Electrical  
Construction Bid  
to Garnet Tech. –  
Smart Schools  
project

Appointed  
Election  
Inspectors

Approved 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading – Pol.  
#3420

Approved 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading – Pol. #  
5633

Approved  
Transportation  
Requests to  
Truxton  
Academy  
Charter School

**F. Approve Appendix H (Communicable Diseases) of the District Safety Plan**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve Appendix H (Communicable Diseases) of the District Safety Plan.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**G. Approve 2021-2022 District School Calendar**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the 2021-2022 District School Calendar as per attached.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**H. Surplus Items**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board declare approximately 40 chalk boards (mostly 4' x 8') as surplus.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**IX. Public Comments - None**

**NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2021**

**X. Executive Session (If Needed)**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board enter Executive Session at 7:27 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

The Board returned to public session at 8:31 pm.

**XI. Adjournment**

**RESOLVED**, That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Degear  
**Vote:** Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Metcalf)

**Approved  
Appendix H for  
the District Safety  
Plan**

**Approved the  
Official 2021-  
2022 District  
School Calendar**

**Declared chalk  
boards as surplus**

**Executive  
Session**

**Return to public  
session**

**Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sandra Welsh, District Clerk