

DeRuyter Central School
711 Railroad Street
DeRuyter, NY 13052

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM – Library/Media Center
April 5, 2022

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, Daniel Degear, Dean Hathaway, Jodi Wiesing
Members Absent: Bradley Mierke
Others Present: David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Kim O’Brien, Jenny Valente, Katy Denkenberger, Taylor Bass, Brydee Rounsaville, Abigail Stanton

I. 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 6:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

**Call to Order /
Pledge of
Allegiance**

II. Establish Agenda

RESOLVED, That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

**Established
Agenda**

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

III. Presentations

A. FFA State Convention overnight trip - May 2022 /Approval – Brydee Rounsaville, Abigail Stanton.

**FFA Presentation
– States**

States – East Syracuse – 27 attending
Team building, confidence building

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the FFA overnight trip to the State Convention in May, 2022.

**Approved FFA
Field Trip to
States in
Syracuse, NY May
2022**

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

IV. Discussion Items

Discussion Items

A. Arts Pilot Program – Dr. Brown

Arts Pilot Program

Topics

- ✓ New Pathway for graduation
- ✓ Visual arts/music program – DCS has been asked to pilot the program

- ✓ Still looking into it – SED is not yet ready for schools to participate
- ✓ Does not take away from the normal pathways, regents, etc.
- ✓ Another option for students who may not be able to be successful in the normal pathways
- ✓ More to come

B. Graduation – Saturday, June 18, 2022- 10:00 – District Funded Robes – Dr. Brown

Topics

- ✓ Principals discussing going to 1 color for robes
- ✓ Students pay for a lot toward graduation, i.e. robes, honor cords, etc.
- ✓ Schools across country – discussions regarding colors, gender identification, etc.
- ✓ Honor cords – should be purchased by district
- ✓ Board is in favor of district purchasing robes, honor cords, etc.
- ✓ School has 2 colors – offer the 2 colors to each student – Let the students choose which color to wear.
- ✓ Reminder – Graduation is Saturday, June 18, 2022 – 10:00 am

C. Driver’s Education – Mr. Rafferty

Topics

- ✓ Teachers finishing course work
- ✓ Working on curriculum – for Summer – coincides with Summer School
- ✓ Trying to get hard numbers – ball-park 15-25
- ✓ Letters getting ready to go out – on web, Facebook, school messengers
- ✓ May need to outfit both vans
- ✓ Working on getting a simulator
- ✓ Will be able to teach 5-hour course
- ✓ Summer will be free as will the 5 hour course
- ✓ Stick to enrolled students

V. **Public Comments** - None

VI. **Board Comments**

Mrs. Wiesing and Dr. Brown spoke to class of doctoral students from St. John Fisher – great experience

Mr. Degear - uptick in Mental Health issues. County will provide counselors in schools. Reach out to county.

VII. **Superintendent Updates/Administrative Comment**

- ✓ Utica National School Safety ward – Dr. Brown, Mrs. Welsh – Program is designed to keep schools safe by reviewing safety policies, procedures, etc. DCS received the highest honor – Titanium with Honors – as well as a \$500 check that can be used in our Safety Budget.
- ✓ Budget is late so no update.
- ✓ Mock Crash- Mr. Rafferty – 5/20 – 9:00 am – out front. Mrs. Newton working with Madison county sheriff’s department, etc. There will be a presentation after the mock crash.

VIII. **Board Action Items**

A. **Consent Agenda – Routine Items**

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the April 5, 2022 agenda:

Graduation 2022

Driver’s Education

Board Comments

Superintendent’s Comments

Board Action Items

Approved Consent Agenda – Routine Items

1. Approve Minutes – March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Accept Claims Auditor Report – March 2022
3. Approve Claims Auditor Claim - #22-009 - \$139.51
4. CSE Recommendations

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

B. Consent Agenda – Personnel

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/accept the following Personnel Consent Items as set forth on the March 8, 2022 agenda:

1. Approve extended, unpaid maternity leave through June 30, 2022 – B. Lancaster.
2. Accept resignation – Rebecca Hagman as School Counselor – eff. 3/29/22.
3. Appoint Julia Wick as Long Term Substitute School Counselor effective March 23, 2022 – salary - \$57,757 (prorated).
4. Appoint Danielle Wood as Long Term Substitute Teacher (English 7-8 – for K. Meigs’ maternity leave) effective approximately May 2, 2022 through June 30, 2022 – salary - \$43,432 (prorated).
5. Appoint Mary Shamblen as Certified Daily Substitute Teacher –eff. 4/4/22
6. Appoint Mary Shamblen–ENL Teacher–4-yr. probation – eff. 4/5/22 - \$50,382
7. Appoint Julia Windhausen as substitute nurse - \$95/day.
8. Amend Spring Coaching Salaries passed at the 3/8/22 BOE meeting:
Varsity Baseball – Jared Tiffin - \$3,654.41
Varsity Softball – Ric Barnes - \$3,583.96
Modified Softball – Sheri Smith - \$2,153.00
Varsity Track – Tom Moade - \$3,783.86
Golf – Russ Smith – \$4,108.64
9. Accept Resignation – Shawna Straight as Teaching Assistant – eff. 4/4/22.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

C. Approve Agreements

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Inter-Municipal Agreements between DeRuyter Central School and Cincinnati Central School for the services of Shared School Business Executive and School District Treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year as per attached.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

D. Establish Scholarship

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the establishment of an annual scholarship in memory of Lynn H. Mowers as per the attached criteria.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

E. Approve AIA Document

RESOLVED, That the Board approve AIA Contract with Ashley-McGraw Architects (\$15,000) regarding the ARP project - Playground Renovations (as attached).

**Approved Consent
Agenda –
Personnel**

**Approved Inter-
Municipal
Agreements**

**Established
Scholarship – L.
H. Howers**

**Approved AIA
document –
Playground
Renovations**

Discussion

- ✓ Committee is being set up to get all of the ideas for the drawings, etc.
- ✓ Next, give the ideas to Architect
- ✓ ARP money

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

F. Transportation Request

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Transportation Request to the Truxton Charter Academy from Mr. & Mrs. Chad Reed for 2 children for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

Next Meeting –Regular – April 18, 2022 – 5:00 pm – LMC

Items included for review/information: March Warrants

IX. Executive Session (If needed)

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:01 pm for the purpose of discussing employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:32 pm.

X. Adjournment

RESOLVED, That Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Ackley 2nd: Wiesing
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Mierke)

**Approved
Transportation
Request**

Executive Session

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra J. Welsh
Sandra J. Welsh, District Clerk