

DeRuyter Central School
711 Railroad Street
DeRuyter, NY 13052

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM – Library/Media Center
July 14, 2021

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: Daniel Degear, Dean Hathaway, Bradley Mierke, Jodi Wiesing, Jeremy Wilken
Members Absent: None
Others Present: David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Steve Rafferty, Jenny Valente, Katy Denkenberger, Joyce Sears, Gabriel Newton, Melissa Newton, Mitchel Judd, Kelly Morgan, Donald Hathaway, Rick Lambert

I. Regular Meeting Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order by President Hathaway at 6:09 pm. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

II. Establish Agenda

RESOLVED, That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

Established Agenda

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Mierke 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

III. Presentations - None

IV. Discussion Items

Discussion Items

A. DeRuyter Firemen’s Honored Citizen Award – Dr. Brown

Topics

- Thank you to the BOE for tireless hours etc.
- On June 25, 2021, the Tromptown Fire Department presented the 2021 Honored Citizen Award plaque to the entire Staff of DeRuyter Central School for their efforts and dedication to the students of the district during the pandemic

B. COVID 19 Regulation Update – Dr. Brown

Topics

- Last July (2020) Board meetings were being zoomed and were looking at an unbelievable September. On 8/15/20- SED gave guidance for opening
- Opened PK-8 everyday – masked. 9-12 hybrid

- February 2021 brought all students back – about the only district in the area to do so
- Still don't know a lot yet
- Will continue to update BOE/staff. Decisions are made with consultation of State Ed. and Health departments
- Rick Lambert – Question – Big Gym – big enough for students when raining? Which county do we work with? Madison – work with the main county.

Public Comments

V. Public Comments

Topics

- Mr. Lambert questioned teaching CRT (Critical Race Theory)
- Dr. Brown responded No Curriculum on CRT
- Mr. Lambert's 8 year old granddaughter asked him if Donald Trump was a bad president. She would not tell him where she heard it
- Need further understanding of where it came from
- Mr. Lambert questioned why we were advertising problems with Truxton Charter School. Dr. Brown explained there are no problems with the school, only financial challenges for DeRuyter
- Mr. Lambert asked for enrollment number – 358
- Mr. Lambert asked who the DFA Union President was – Melissa Wheatley

Board Comments

VI. Board Comments

Topics

- Mr. Hathaway announced that Mitchell Judd has completed his Eagle Scout project (flower box under the school's kiosk) and Mr. Hathaway has signed-off on the required paperwork.

VII. Administrative Comments

Topics

- Dr. Brown - Federal Grant money received - Classrooms are being re-painted, small gym and LMC being carpeted. New doors coming in mid-August
- Dr. Brown – Board Member of Rural Schools – attended conference – learned about a grant through Cornell University where students look for grants, write/apply and the school gets the money. Will update when more is known
- Principals Rafferty and Valente introduced new staff, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Sears

Administrative
Comments

Action Items

VIII. Board Action Items

A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items

Approved Consent
Agenda – Routine Items

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the June 14, 2021 agenda:

1. Approve Minutes – 6-9-21 Regular Meeting; 6-22-21 Special Meeting
2. Accept Claims Auditor Report
4. Approve Claims Auditor Claim - # 21-012 - \$206.25
5. CSE Recommendations
6. Approve 2021-2022 AS-7 – Contract w/OCM BOCES (Initial Request)

7. Declare equipment as surplus – as per attach list from N. Haws
8. Approve Safety Plan for 2021-2022

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Mierke
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

Approved Consent
Agenda – Personnel

B. Consent Agenda – Personnel

1. Appointments

- a. ***RESOLVED***, That the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint the following as set forth on the July 14, 2021 Agenda:

- i. Molly LaHart – 2021 Summer School Teacher - \$100/day.
- ii. Taylor Gibbons – 2021 Summer School Teacher - \$234.82/day.
- iii. Samantha Borgert – 2021 Summer School Teacher - \$236.58/day.
- iv. Kristen Romagnoli – 2021 Summer School Teacher - \$241.98/day.
- v. Jessica Vadala – 2021 Summer School Nurse - \$209.62/day.
- vi. Amy Denkenberger – 2021 Summer School TA - \$16.38/hr.
- vii. Yvonne Fish – 2021 Summer School TA - \$16.74/hr.
- viii. Angela Wood – 2021 Summer School TA - \$16.38/hr.
- ix. Lisa Clark – 2021 Summer School Sub. Teacher - \$30/hr.
- x. Kelly Isbell – 2021 Summer School Sub. TA - \$16.38/hr.
- xi. Karen Crandall – 2021 Summer School Sub. TA – 16.56/hr.
- xii. Cynthia Hakes-Shoemaker – 2021 Summer School Bus Driver – hourly rate as per contract.
- xiii. Theodore Fuller – 2021 Summer School Bus Driver – hourly rate as per contract.
- xiv. Amy Calhoun – 2021 Summer School Bus Driver – hourly rate as per contract.
- xv. Greg Coon – 2021 Summer School Sub. Bus Driver – hourly rate as per contract.
- xvi. Janene Kascha – Permanent Appointment – Executive Secretary effective 6/22/21 (due to successfully completing the probationary period)
- xvii. Arthur Kirk – Reinstate employment effective June 14, 2021
- xviii. Sandra Cline – Substitute Caller - \$3,105
- xix. Erin Brown – Musical – Costumes - \$1291.68
- xx. Cassandra Guidarelli – 4-year probationary appointment – School Social Worker – effective 8/31/2021 ending 8/30/25 - \$53,082
- xxi. Brittany Lancaster – 4-year probationary appointment – Elementary Teacher – effective 8/31/2021 ending 8/30/2025 - \$48,645
- xxii. Joyce Sears – 4-year probationary appointment – Elementary Teacher – effective 8/31/21 ending 8/30/2025 - \$46,982
- xxiii. Shannon Barry – 4-year probationary appointment – Elementary Teacher – effective 8/31/21 ending 8/30/25 - \$44,857
- xxiv. Destani Travis – 4-year probationary appointment – Elementary Teacher – effective 8/31/21 ending 8/30/25 – \$44,132
- xxv. Melissa Newton – 3-year probationary appointment – Health Teacher – effective 8/31/21 ending 8/30/24- \$52,082
- xxvi. Brian Wright – 4-year probationary appointment – Physical Ed. Teacher – effective 8/31 ending 8/30/25 - \$44,982
- xxvii. Matt Skeeel – Boys’ Varsity Soccer Coach - \$3,677.93
- xxviii. Mike Radziwon – Girls’ Varsity Soccer Coach - \$3,444.48
- xxix. Tom Moade – Cross Country Coach – \$3,359.58
- xxx. Kate Meigs – Girls’ Modified Soccer Coach - \$2,174.75

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Mierke
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

2. Create Positions

RESOLVED, That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools create an additional Civil Service Position of Custodian effective July 1, 2021.

Discussion: In budget? Utilizing Federal Grant Money – will revisit. Same for the Food Service position.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Mierke
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLVED, That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools create an additional Civil Service Position of Food Service Worker effective July 1, 2021.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Mierke
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

2. Position Appointments

RESOLVED, That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint Sarah Snyder to a 52-week provisional/probationary appointment as Custodian effective July 1, 2021 at a salary rate of \$32,674.48.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Mierke 2nd: Degear
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLVED, That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint Karen P. Crandall to a 52-week probationary appointment as Food Service Worker effective July 1, 2021 at a salary rate of \$16,107.

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

C. Establish Scholarship

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the establishment of an annual scholarship in memory of Noel (Kitt) Warren beginning with the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$1,000.

Discussion: not correct name – must do research

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Wilken
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

IX. Public Comments

Donald Hathaway thanked the Board and Administration for their efforts and dedication.

Mr. Mierke welcomed Mr. Wilken to the Board.

Next Meeting –Regular – August 11, 2021 – 6:00 pm – LMC

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 6:33 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Created Custodian
Position

Created Food Service
Position

Appointed S. Snyder as
Custodian

Appointed K. P. Crandall
as Food Service Worker

Established Scholarship
– K. Warren

Public Comments

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Degear 2nd: Mierke
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

XI. Adjournment

RESOLVED, That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Executive Session

Motion: CARRIED 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Mierke
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted: _____


Sandra Welsh, District Clerk