

DeRuyter Central School
711 Railroad Street
DeRuyter, NY 13052

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM – Library/Media Center
August 10, 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 still dissatisfied, please ask the Superintendent to request that this matter be discussed by the Board of Education in Executive Session.

Members Present: Lisa Benedict, Daniel Degear, Jodi Wiesing

Members Absent: Melanie Ackley, Dean Hathaway

Others Present: David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Stephen Rafferty, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Jenny Valente, Katy Denkenberger, Kimberly O’Brien, Donna Barber, Kevin Springer

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 Vice President Degear. The pledge immediately followed.

II. Establish Agenda

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Benedict

RESOLVED That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley)

MOTION CARRIED.

III. Discussion Items

A. Community Eligibility Program – Mrs. Graham-Quirk

Topics

- Approved for CEP
- Concerned - numbers were teetering low.
- Notified in July – approval for Breakfast and Lunch again for the 2022-2023 year

B. 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct – with possible approval – Mr. Rafferty

Topics

- Gave history
- Committee: Joe Drake, Anna Jarvis, Lisa Stearns, Sheri Smith, and Meghan Morgan
- Detection and deterrence, canine search
- Tobacco Policy – vaping – consequences
- Fail 1 and Fail 2 Revisions
- Student Discipline

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Established Agenda

Discussion Items:

Community Eligibility Program

2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct

- Dress Code,
- Separate Entrance for MS/HS
- Cell phones
- Removed COVID-19 Provision
- After School Enrichment
- Time line – approval tonight – with understanding that changes may have to be incorporated

Motion: 1st: Degear 2nd: Benedict

Approved 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct

RESOLVED That the Board approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented with the understanding that changes may have to be made.

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Facilities Update – Mr. Springer

Facilities update

Topics

- Soccer field – 1st year of installation – perfect
- Contributing factors for the clover – hot, dry Summer
- Been watering – 25k – 30k of water each time – made huge difference
- Cross contamination – most out of our control
- Spoke with representative – suggested to top seed
- Fertilizer has been applied – using the spike aerator
- Mowed with Ferris mower because it cuts higher – washed each time prior to mowing
- Night Supervisor – has really stepped up – took on responsibilities during the summer – all classrooms have been done
- Student Summer Workers – 4 weeks – painted trophy cases by large gym
- Differences in the gym floor
- Lighting to be done in the next Capital Outlay project

IV. Public Comments - None

V. Board Comments

Board Comments

Topics

- Mrs. Benedict -Impressed with Rocket Land – Art Show – Amazing
- Mrs. Benedict – thanked Dr. Brown and Mrs. Graham-Quirk for extra training
- Mr. Degear – surplus equipment – can we get that advertised and out of here?
- Mr. Degear – BOE Retreat – Aug. 28, 2022 – Goals for BOE and Admin. Team
- Mrs. Wiesing – Update on Bus Driver Situation
- Mr. Springer – waiting to hear from one sub. Mechanic will be driving every day, Mr. Springer will also be driving every day.
- Mr. Springer – Not enough drivers anywhere, rigorous requirement to become a bus driver

VI. Superintendent Updates

Superintendent updates

- Safety Summit – Mrs. Graham-Quirk and Dr. Brown met with a rep from a security company– looking to increase building safety
- Utilize the smart school money

- Counseling Team – creating new crisis procedures
- Yearbooks arrived today – took longer seniors wanted to wait – thank you to Mrs. Barber and Mr. Merkle
- Last month talked about Elementary Counselor – offered and accepted. Received grant \$500k over 5 years for mental health
- Met with Kitchen team/Senator May’s office regarding funding
- Ag teacher resigned – great opportunity!!! We have 6 applicants for that position.
- Will be needing long term sub – Elementary Teacher
- Mrs. Young – stroke – hopefully home on Thursday
- Update on Driver’s Education

VII. Board Action Items

A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items

Motion: 1st: Benedict 2nd: Wiesing

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the August 10, 2022 agenda:

1. Approve Minutes: July 13, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting, July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Approve Claims Auditor Report for July (attached)
3. Approve Claims Auditor Claim # 23-001 (July 2022)- \$93.50 (attached)
4. Budget Transfer # 1 - \$199,892.31; Budget Transfer # 2 - \$20,695.32
5. Approve 2022-2023 Initial AS-7 Contract w/OCM BOCES as attached
6. Approve CSE Recommendations (attached)

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Consent Agenda – Personnel Items

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Benedict

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/appoint the following Personnel Consent Items as set forth on the July 13, 2022 agenda:

1. **Resignations**
 - a. T. Bass Pelcher – Agriculture Teacher and FFA Co-Advisor – effective August 8, 2022
 - b. N. Doubleday – Teacher Aide – effective August 10, 2022
2. **Appointments**
 - a. “Rocket Land” Nurse – J. Vadala – 7/5/22- 8/11/22 - \$216/day
 - b. “Rocket Land” Teacher – K. Stenger – 7/5/22-7/14/22 - \$295/day
 - c. “Rocket Land” Teacher – E. Brown – 7/5/22 – 8/11/22 - \$295/day
 - d. Bus Driver – S. Rouse – 52 week probationary –salary - \$13,111
 - e. H.S. Science Teacher – B. Quackenbush – 3 year probationary, eff. 9/1/22 – salary - \$68,381
 - f. S. Cline – Substitute Caller for 2022-2023 – stipend - \$4,657.50
3. **Leave of Absence** – Brittany Lancaster – Elementary Teacher – unpaid leave of absence effective 9/1/22 through 6/30/23.
4. **Create Position** – Elementary Counselor – effective 9/1/22

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action items

Approve Routine
Consent items

Approved
Personnel
Consent items

D. Approve 2022-2023 Tax Warrants

Motion: 1st: Benedict 2nd: Degear

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2022-2023 Tax Warrant as per attached.

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Approve Safety Plans

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Benedict

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2022-2023 Building Level Safety Plan as attached and District Level Safety Plans (CONFIDENTIAL – not attached).

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Information provided to the Board: District Level Safety Plan, Building Level Safety Plan (CONFIDENTIAL)

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2022

VIII. Executive Session (If needed)

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Benedict

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:12 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person or corporation and contract negotiations.

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: 1st: Benedict 2nd: Wiesing

RESOLVED, That the Regular meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Hathaway, Ackley) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved 2022-2023 Tax Warrants

Approved Safety plans

Executive Session

Return to public session

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Sandra Welsh, District Clerk