

DeRuyter Central School  
711 Railroad Street  
DeRuyter, NY 13052

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM – Library/Media Center  
August 11, 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, Kim O’Brien, Katy Denkenberger, Janet Hathaway, Colleen Ladd, Alyse Yackel, Doreen Yackel, Rick Lambert, Brandi

### 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 6:03 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 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

*Presentations:*

### III. Presentations

*Driver Education  
Program*

#### A. Driver Education Program – Mr. Rafferty – Power Point

##### Topics

- Use the Federal Funds
- Presently can take permit knowledge tests here. Then take the passing grade to DMV to get their permit
- Benefits of Driver’s Education Program
- Course Requirements
- Only 2ndary teachers can teach the Classroom portion
- Course Designation
- Vehicle requirements
- Student requirements
- DTSE Teacher qualifications
- Expenses
- Decisions – When to offer course, partner with another district, offer pre-licensing course (5 hour course), Pay for teacher certification? Interest in our staff?
- Good service for the students and community
- Check Costs – See about staff interest – if 2 are interested, we would hire 2

#### IV. Discussion Items

- A. November 10, 2021 Board Meeting Date Change – to November 3, 2021 – ok to advertise
- B. COVID 19 Regulation Update – Dr. Brown  
Topics
- Last month state indicated they would have guidance
  - As of last week – no guidance from the State Health Dept.
  - Weekly meetings with County Health Department
  - Met with Commissioner of Education and other Superintendents
  - Commissioner pushing the Health Dept. and Dr. Zucker to give guidance
  - Commissioner will send letter with recommendations to school districts next week
  - Certain things will be either mandated, recommended or guided
  - Decisions more than likely will be local
  - Goal – to have students here 180 days
  - No remote learning this year
  - Testing protocols need to be discussed
- C. 2021-2022 Code of Conduct – Mr. Rafferty  
Topics
- Carried over from last year
  - Items to be updated: COVID Addendum, Fail 1, Fail 2, etc.
- D. Graduation Date – June 2022 – Dr. Brown –  
Topics
- Originally scheduled for 6/19 at 2:00
  - Recommend to move date to Saturday June 18 at 10:00 am
  - Board in favor of moving.

#### V. Public Comments

- Topics
- Mr. Lambert - Vaccine not approved by FDA
  - Mr. Lambert - Masks – only good mask is the N95
  - Mrs. Ladd questioned if there was another meeting to discuss COVID, would the public be allowed? Public is always allowed at Board Meetings.

#### VI. Board Comments

- Topics
- Nice of the Governor to give us his 2 week notice

#### VII. Administrative Comments

- Topics
- Section III Athletic Service Award – Sheri Smith
  - Back to School Ice Cream Social 8/13/21– supply give-away; PTO will be here also. Question – Will FHN be attending to promote enrollment? FHN needs to help promote
  - BOE ID's/Access (safety committee)
  - Yearbooks
  - Excited for new carpeting – delayed – Mid September
  - Elementary Doors are coming
  - Cameras

#### Discussion Items

*Change of November  
BOE Meeting Date to  
November 3*

*COVID Update*

*Code of Conduct*

*Graduation 2022  
Date Change*

*Public Comments*

*Board Comments*

*Administrative  
Comments*

## VIII. Board Action Items

### A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the August 11, 2021 agenda:

1. Approve Minutes – 7/14/21 Reorganization Meeting; 7/14/21 Regular Meeting
2. Accept Claims Auditor Report
4. Approve Claims Auditor Claim - # 22-001 - \$127.88
5. CSE Recommendations
6. Change threshold amount – Fixed Assets - \$5,000
7. Budget Transfer – June 2021 - \$292,447.98 (attached)
8. 2021-2022 Tax Warrant (attached)

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiesing  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

### B. Consent Agenda – Personnel

#### 1. Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED**, That the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools accept the following resignations as set forth on the August 11, 2021 Agenda:

- i. Dana Cole – English as a New Language Teacher – eff. 8/31/21
- ii. Linda Newkirk – Retirement - Executive Secretary – eff. 8/13/21
- iii. Ken Hammond – Business Teacher – eff. 8/31/21
- iv. Rebecca Prentice – Teaching Assistant – eff. 8/31/21
- v. Melanie Lynch – School Counselor – eff. 8/31/21

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

#### 2. Appointments

- a. **MOTION** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint the following as set forth on the August 11, 2021 Agenda:

- i. Stephen Shepherd – Secondary Science – 4-yr. probation - \$44,432 – eff. 8/31/21
- ii. Jade Baisley – Secondary Science – 4-yr. probation - \$44,432 eff. 8/31/21
- iii. Barbara Agazzi-Poncia – Foreign Language – 4-yr. probation - \$49,132 – eff. 8/31/21
- iv. Kelley Hamilton - .5 FTE Music - \$60,582 (\$30,291) – eff. 8/31/21
- v. Robert Doss – Business – 4-year probation - \$50,107
- vi. Danielle Wood – Non-Certified Sub. Tchr./Sub. TA/Aide (pending fingerprint clearance)
- vii. Officer Karl VonKnoblauch – Safety Committee

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

Consent Agenda –  
Routine Items

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Personnel

- b. **MOTION** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint the following mentors as set forth on the August 11, 2021:

- i. Julie Arno – Step 3 - for Stephen Shepherd - \$500
- ii. Julie Arno – Step 3 – for Jade Baisley - \$500
- iii. Samantha Bogert – Step 1 – for Shannon Dorrance - \$300
- iv. Jennifer Ladd – Step 3 – for Joyce Sears - \$500
- v. Kate Meigs – Step 1 – for Melissa Newton - \$300
- vi. Regina Raleigh – Step 2 – for Destini Travis - \$400
- vii. Andrew Scherrer – Step 1 – for Cassie Guidarelli - \$300
- viii. Shala Wykstra – Step 1 – for Brittany Lancaster - \$300
- ix. Jessica Zech – Step 1 – for Brian Wright - \$300
- x. Kylie Stenger – Step 1 – for Kelley Hamilton - \$300
- xi. Jennifer Jones – Step 2 – for Robert Doss - \$400
- xii. Maureen Alger – Step 3 – for Counselor TBD - \$500
- xiii. Anna Jarvis – Step 3 – for Barbara Agazzi-Poncica - \$500
- xiv. Jamie Mody – Step 2 – for ENL TBD - \$400

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Wilken 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

- c. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint Brian Wright as Boys' Modified Soccer Coach for the Fall 2021 sports season at a stipend of \$2,152.80.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

### 3. Leave of Absence

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**RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the maternity leave of absence of Amanda Graham-Quirk from approximately October 18, 2021 to approximately December 3, 2021.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

## IX. Public Comments - None

**Next Meeting –Regular – September 8, 2021 – 6:00 pm – LMC**

Items included for review/information: 2020-2021 Revenue Status Report, 2020-2021 Appropriation Status Report, June 2021 and July 2021 Warrants

## X. Executive Session (If Needed)

Executive Session

**RESOLVED** That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:13 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

**Motion:** CARRIED 1<sup>st</sup>: Degear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

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

**XI. Adjournment**

***RESOLVED*** That That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**Motion:**

CARRIED

1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke

2<sup>nd</sup>: Wilken

**Vote:**

Yes: 5

No: 0

Absent: 0

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



Sandra Welsh, District Clerk