

DeRuyter Central School  
711 Railroad Street  
DeRuyter, NY 13052

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2019

**Members Present:** Brandi Compton, Dean Hathaway, Richard Metcalf, Bradley Mierke, Jodi Wiesing  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** David Brown, Sandy Welsh, James Southard, Stephen Rafferty, Jenny Valente, Kim O'Brien, Linda Lidell, Jan Hathaway, Charlie Thornton, Katy Denkenberger, Kevin Springer, Stephanie Critelli-Locke, Jan Hathaway

### 5:00 – Governance Workshop – Dr. Brown

#### I. Regular Meeting Call To Order – Moment of Silence

The Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order by President Hathaway at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held in memory of the 911 tragedy.

#### II. Establish Agenda

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

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

#### III. Approval of Minutes –August 8, 2019 Regular Meeting

*RESOLVED, That the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2019.*

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

#### IV. Presentations

A. Grades 3-8 Test Scores; Regents Scores – Mrs. O'Brien

Mrs. O'Brien presented the Grades 3-8 Test Scores and the Regents scores. Pointed out a few things that could have affected test scores: 1) this is only 1 measure of student performance; 2) refusal rates impact the overall picture, they are not representative of the whole grade level; 3) Scores are presented in percentages; 4) all ELA/Math tests were taken on the computer; 5) tests have changed.

Items discussed:

Governance  
Workshop

Call To  
Order/Pledge of  
Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Established  
Agenda

Approved Minutes  
– 8/8/19

Presentations

Grades 3-8 Test  
Scores/Regents  
Scores

Refusal rates: reasons for refusal; how to handle; focus groups.

B. Memorandum of Agreement – NYS DMV – Dr. Brown

If approved, students can take the written test here at DCS and if they pass, can take the certification to DMV and get their permit. Great opportunity for Rural Schools. The program could start mid-October.

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

V. Discussion Items

A. Updated 5-year projection – Mr. Southard

Explained what was updated from the 2018-2019 draft. The final will be a little different when audit is done as it will reflect what our projected actual final numbers are.

B. Transportation Request

There was a request from community members to resume transportation of students in the Village with pick-up points at the Town Hall and Post Office.

There was a question of potential impact. State Aid – can only receive aid on kids a mile and half out. Mr. Southard will look into the actual impact and this topic will be revisited in October.

Dr. Brown recommended continuing to run the cold weather bus.

C. Poland Soccer Tournament – Dr. Brown

Dr. Brown explained there have been discussions regarding students/transportation for the Poland Soccer Tournament annually held over Columbus Day Weekend. Wanted to know if the Board would consider allowing parents/guardians to take the children to the campground/motels the night before the game. Traditionally this tournament is very important to the community.

The Board would like liability issues checked with the lawyer and permission slips, etc. reviewed by the lawyer.

D. Animals in the Classroom – Agriculture – Mr. Rafferty

Mr. Rafferty was asked by the Ag. Teacher, Ms. Bass, about expanding her curriculum to include rabbits. He explained to the Board that last year, Ms. Bass brought a dog to her classroom that was being trained as a service animal. She would like to expand the experience to bunnies. She has cages that were donated. Mr. Rafferty explained that the teacher is very hands-on – would like to give students more experience with feeding, cleaning up after, grooming, etc.

*MOA w/NYS  
DMV*

*Discussion Items*

*5-year Project*

*Transportation  
Request*

*Poland  
Tournament*

*Animals in the  
Classroom*

The Board is in favor of the expansion.

E. Policy # 7511 – Immunizations – Dr. Brown

This policy is based on law. Dr. Brown attended a law conference hosted by our attorneys and learned that once something is law, you don't need policy. Will ask for expulsion of Policy # 7511 in October.

*Immunization  
Policy*

VI. Public Comments

*Public Comments*

L. Lidell spoke on behalf of the Sports Boosters about the Poland issue and that it becomes a community event.

*Board Comments*

VII. Board Comments

*Administrative  
Comments*

The Board thanked Mr. Hathaway for attending the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school!!!

VIII. Administrative Comments

*Action Items*

Dr. Brown spoke about the OCM BOCES Crown Road Campus, Liverpool. Currently it is rented by BOCES and potentially would like to purchase the building. This will be going for capital project vote in November.

Dr. Brown also informed the Board that the application process for the search for new District Superintendent for BOCES will be closing next week.

Mrs. O'Brien spoke about a great opportunity that she and Dr. Brown were involved with which area school districts and OCM BOCES are partnering with SUNY Cortland called the Teacher Immersion Program. This program will help districts with the shortage of substitutes by providing/ guaranteeing districts with 1 substitute for one to two days per week.

*Accepted Claims  
Auditor Report*

IX. Board Action Items

A. Financial

1. Accept Claims Auditor Report

*RESOLVED*, That the Board accepts the Claims Auditor Report for the period of August 6, 2019 through August 27, 2019 as per attached.

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

*Approved Claims  
Auditor Claim*

2. Approve Claims Auditor Claim

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approves Claims Auditor Claim 20-002 in the amount of \$105.00

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

**B. CSE Recommendations**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board has no objections to the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special programs and services consistent with such recommendations for the following student(s): 685000251, 685000282, 610405136, 610382773.

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

**C. Volunteers**

**RESOLVED**, That the Board appoint the following volunteers: Soccer: Eric Skeele, Sean Meigs, Kristen Romagnoli, Mike Radziwon (effective August 19, 2019), Jessica McCann.

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

**D. Surplus Equipment**

**RESOLVED** That the Board declare the following equipment as surplus:

1. Van (C-3) – 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SE – 71,572 Miles – Vin# 2D4RN4DE6AR114570
2. Bus # 91 – 2010 Chevrolet 4500 (34 passenger) – 73,804 Miles – Vin # 1GB9G5AG4A1147255

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

**X. Public Comments - None**

**NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2019**

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

**RESOLVED** That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:36 pm for the purpose of discussing information that may lead to the discipline of a particular student.

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

Approved CSE  
Recommendations

Appointed  
Volunteers

Surplus  
Equipment

Next Meeting –  
10-16-19

Executive Session

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:56 pm

Return to Public Session

**IX. Items for Board Action**

**F. Personnel**

*RESOLVED, That the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the resignation of Sonia Butts from the position of Teacher Aide effective October 18, 2019.*

Items for Board Action

Accept Resignation – S. Butts.

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

**XII. Adjournment**

*RESOLVED, That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 8:03 pm*

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



– Sandra Welsh, District Clerk