

DeRuyter Central School
711 Railroad Street
DeRuyter, NY 13052

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM – Library/Media Center
October 12, 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: Lisa Benedict

Others Present: David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Stephen Rafferty, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Jenny Valenty, Kimberly O’Brien, Don Hathaway, Barb Moade, Sandy Camelbeek, Katy Denkenberger, Barry Sperat, Amy Sperat, Finn Sperat, Jamie Doolittle, Jessica Zech, Brian Wright, Abby Stanton, Chloe Greene, Greg Coon, Bergan Sperat

I. Audit Committee Call To Order

Audit Committee Call to Order

The Audit Committee of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order by District Clerk Welsh at 6:01 pm, who turned the meeting over to School Business Executive Graham-Quirk.

Mrs. Graham-Quirk introduced Mike Debadts of the auditing firm of Raymond Wager, CPAPC

A. Presentation of 2021-2022 External Audit – Auditing Firm of Raymond Wager, CPAPC

Presentation of 2021-2022 External Audit

Topics

- Overview Financial Executive Summary
- Fund Balance
- Variance on the State sources – very common – not to be too alarmed with – something to watch
- Expense side – consistent from year to year and with other districts
- Other operating funds- school lunch fund – had an operating deficit – supplemented through General Fund – something to watch
- Special Aid fund
- Capital fund – not too much activity
- Pension systems
- Summary – Management Letter
- District has a lot of checks and balances
- Corrected items – 3 items corrected from last audit– net positive!
- Mrs. Graham-Quirk – Topics:
 - School Lunch equipment purchases
 - PESH Inspection – all came out great
 - CAP (Corrective Action Plan)
 - Quote threshold increase

II. Audit Committee Adjournment

The Audit Committee Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was adjourned at 6:21 pm by District Clerk Welsh.

Audit Committee
Adjournment

III. 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 6:21 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Regular Meeting Call to
Order

IV. Establish Agenda

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Ackley

RESOLVED That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Established Agenda

V. Presentations

A. FFA Trip to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN w/approval

Students Chloe Greene, Bergan Sperat, Abby Stanton w/Advisor, Greg Coon spoke on the following:

Presentations

FFA National Convention
Trip

Topics

- Dates - 10/25-29/2022
- FFA - Growing next generation of leaders
- National Convention - largest gathering for students
- Workshops include - exploring convention center, meeting new people, community service, make new friends
- 10 students interested – Permission slips/deposits due on Friday – looking at different modes of transportation.
- First year for all

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Ackley

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved FFA National
Convention Trip to
Indianapolis, IN

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the FFA Overnight Trip to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 26-29, 2022.

B. Physical Education Presentation – Weight Room – Update on new Tests and Curriculum – Mrs. Zech, Mrs. Doolittle, Mr. Wright

PE Curriculum
Presentation

Topics

- Mission
- Standards –Old PE, Health, Consumer Science
- 2020 – NYS came out with new Curriculum and Assessment – includes mental health
- 6 New Standards – talk about physical, healthy habits
- Broken down by levels: PK-2, 3-5, Middle School, High School
- How to continue living a healthy life style

- Digital Textbooks
- Functional fitness
- History of weight room
- Want to update it for students, possibly community
- Allocated money from the Federal Funds- would be all covered
- How outcomes have been met
- Make it happen!!

Smart Schools Project

C. Smart Schools – Dr. Brown

Topics

- \$539K for Smart Schools
- Categories of Expenditures
- School Security
- Have 101K left – from old project - must do an amendment (resolution later in meeting)
- Improve main entrance – reconfigure security office, keeping integrity, and all ground floor windows
- November will have project cost
- Committee has been formed with various stakeholders
- Power-point on web – Public Meeting within 14 days
- 6-8 months the district's plan will hopefully be approved for expenditure

Discussion Items

VI. Discussion Items

Camelbeek Donation

A. Camelbeek Donation – Dr. Brown

Topics

- Saving money for many years – how are we going to spend this money
- Free standing Building like “Robin’s Rocket” - with sound for press box
- Building on wheels – modify with windows and make ADA compliant
- May have to work with SED – non-permanent structure has different codes, etc.
- Permits- etc.
- What about electricity – could use a generator??

ARP Funding Update

B. ARP Update – Mrs. Graham-Quirk

Topics

- Review of expenditures:
 - Summer School
 - Enrichment Programs
 - Learning Loss
 - Painted entire inside - balancing items
 - Musical instruments
 - TV studio
 - New designs for classroom design/tables, etc.
 - Redesign LMC

C. Playground Update – Mrs. Graham-Quirk

Playground Update

Topics

- Playground committee - Community Members, Teaching Assistants, Elementary

- Teachers, Administration
- SED in process of approving
- Preliminary overview of the design
- Different sections for different ages
- Different apparatus for different exercises
- Could we use Capital Fund Money – discussion of funding
- Board supports Community Build and funding
- Go forward

VII. Public Comments - None

Board Comments

VIII. Board Comments

- Awesome job everyone – look at all the cool things you are bringing to the Board
- Thank you all for all the hard work
- Team is doing an awesome job

Superintendent Updates

IX. Superintendent Updates

- Thank you BOE – We think the community thinks you get paid
- Thank you to the amazing team
- Talked about the threat
- No Evacuation Drill on Monday
- Kevin will be back to work on Monday
- PESH Inspection – most were very minor

Action Items

X. Board Action Items

A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items

Motion: 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing

Approved Consent
Agenda – Routine Items

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the October 12, 2022 agenda:

1. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting – September 14, 2022
2. Approve Claims Auditor Report for September (attached)
3. Approve Claims Auditor Claim # 23-003 (Sept. 2022)- \$225.25 (attached)
4. Accept Treasurer's Reports (attached)
5. Approve CSE Recommendations (attached)

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved Consent
Agenda – Personnel
Items

C. Consent Agenda – Personnel Items

Motion: 1st: Ackley 2nd: Wiesing

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/appoint the following Personnel Consent Items as set forth on the October 12, 2022 agenda:

1. Resignations

- a. P. Proctor – Musical Choreographer effective 10/13/22

2. Appointments

- a. Teaching Assistant: A. Cook – Teaching Assistant – 4-year probationary appointment – eff. 10/3/22 - \$22,791 prorated
- b. Teacher: M. LaHart – Special Education Teacher– 4-year probationary appointment – eff. _____ - \$43,706 prorated
- c. Substitute: Haley Ferrara – TIP Substitute
- d. Extra-Curricular Advisor: P. Proctor – Musical Assistant Director - \$2,164
- e. Mentors:
 - i. R. Hyde (\$150 – Step 1) for P. Proctor
 - ii. A. Wood (\$150 – Step 1) for A. Cook
- f. Volunteers: Kasey Tsaganos, Erin Hill, Nicole Thomas, Ashley Creecy, MacKenzie Homer, Adrienne Votra, Jessica McCann, Carole Doody, John Bell, Ellen Mauzy, Lori Keefer, Jennifer Dorman, Danielle Darrow, Courtney White
- g. Appointment of Winter Coaches
 - i. R. Barnes – Varsity Boy's Basketball - \$5,089.28
 - ii. S. Meigs – JV Boys' Basketball - \$3,727.53
 - iii. P. Camp – Modified Boys' Basketball - \$2,597.00
 - iv. P. Camp – Modified Girls' Basketball – 2,673.41
 - v. J. Doolittle – Varsity Girls' Volleyball - \$1,991.50
 - vi. J. Degear – JV Girls' Volleyball – 3,801.61
 - vii. K. Meigs – Modifies Girls' Volleyball – 2755.82

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) Abstain: (1) Degear

MOTION CARRIED.

Approved 2021-2022
External Audit

D. Accept 2021-2022 External Audit and Approve Corrective Action Plan

Motion: 1st: Degear 2nd: Ackley

Approved 2021-2022
Corrective Action Plan

RESOLVED, That the Board accept the 2021-2022 External Audit performed by Raymond Wager, CPA, PC as presented (and attached).

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Corrective Action Plan for the 2021-2022 External Audit (attached).

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved District Plans:
Professional Learning
and Shared Decision
Making

E. Approve District Plans

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Degear

RESOLVED, That the Board approve Professional Learning Plan and the Shared Decision Making Plan as per attached.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved AIA
Agreement for Smart
Schools Project

F. Approve AIA Agreement

Motion: 1st: Degear 2nd: Ackley

RESOLVED, That the Board approve AIA Agreement/Fee Proposal with Ashley-McGraw for the Smart Schools Project (Architect Project # 22100).

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Approve Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan

Approved Preliminary
Smart Schools
Investment Plan

Motion: 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing

WHEREAS, The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”) was passed as part of the 2014-15 enacted state budget and was approved by voter referendum during the 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes New York State to issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the District was allocated \$539,745 to finance technology projects in the District; and

WHEREAS, the monies allocated are paid out as refunds to the District upon expenditure of funds under an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”); and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to its allocation of funds through the Act, has developed a Preliminary amendment to the SSIP to expend an additional \$112,000 for High Tech Security improvements.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the preliminary amendment to the SSIP and determined that approval of the preliminary amendment to the SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed preliminary amendment to the Smart Schools Investment Plan to expend an additional \$112,000 for High-Tech Safety and Security is hereby approved.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict)

Dated: October 12, 2022



Signature, Sandra Welsh, DeRuyter Central School District Clerk

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Information provided to the Board: Warrant

XI. Executive Session (If needed)

Executive Session

Motion: 1st: Degear 2nd: Wiesing

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 8:08 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person/corporation and contract negotiations.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

XII. Adjournment

Motion: 1st: Wiesing 2nd: Ackley

Adjournment

RESOLVED, That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 9:51 pm

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Benedict) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted:


Sandra Welsh, District Clerk

