

DeRuyter Central School
711 Railroad Street
DeRuyter, NY 13052

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM – Library/Media Center

October 13, 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 (6:03pm)
Members Absent: None
Others Present: David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Steve Rafferty, Jenny Valente, Kim O’Brien, Katy Denkenberger, Janet Hathaway, Amy Denkenberger, Cassidy Richardson

I. Regular Meeting Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Hathaway. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

*Call to Order
Pledge of
Allegiance*

II. Establish Agenda

RESOLVED, That the Board establish the agenda as presented.

*Established
Agenda*

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

III. Presentations

Presentations

A. Jr./Senior Prom – Ms. Richardson, Mrs. Denkenberger

Jr./Sr. Prom

Topics

- Looked at many venues
- Springside in Fabius – only charging \$500 for venue
- Has lots of area for outside
- Sent ballot to Juniors & Seniors - 89% approval
- Date - Saturday, May 21 – Date has been checked – all cleared.
- Other Details covered: Table/Chairs from CNY Rentals, Shelly’s for catering, DJ-TBD. Trying to keep things as local as possible.
- After prom is different group

Mrs. Richardson – Ski Club- Toggenburg is closed – Labrador or Song

B. 2020-2021 Test Scores – Mrs. O’Brien

2020-2021 Test Scores

Topics

- Increased participation in 3-8 as much - as 34% for 8th Grade
- Decrease in 5th Grade
- Saw significant improvement
- Give students/families credit
- Scores – Level 3-4 pretty good
- 2019-2021 – Every Grade level went up
- ELA Regents Exams – same results – everything increased
- Math Refusals – participation rates up
- Percent Proficient – not as good as ELA
- Percent Proficient Comparison – 7th & 8th grade were close to the prior year
- 4th & 8th Grade Science - scores in elementary really strong
- Living Environment – overall – over 80% pass rate
- Thank you to everyone for their work with initiatives to try to increase participation rate
- Participation rate is due to team work between parents/administration/staff, etc. Better communication.

IV. Discussion Items

Discussion

A. Superintendent Updates

Superintendent Updates

- Dogs on Campus – do we want to have people bring their dogs – not being consistent – 2-3 years ago – said to take signs down. Let common sense prevail – if unruly, disruptive, etc. ask to leave. Must be on a leash. Can’t go into track area – move signs inside track area.
- CRT – we are not teaching Critical Race Theory. Research – NYSED policy outside NYC not teaching CRT – inside NYC - teaching CRT. Colleges do teach CRT. Do we teach about slavery? – yes – part of our history. We teach NYS Standards as part of our curriculum
- COVID – CDC Shifts – good couple of weeks – shout out to principals (esp. Mrs. Valente). CDC changed quarantining rules. Madison County has grant for pool testing – 2300 tests through grant – all came back negative. Can come out of quarantine on the 8th day. Unvaccinated staff is very cooperative and doing pool testing – FHN has testing.

V. Public Comments - None

VI. Board Comments

Board Comments

Topics

- Homecoming was nice
- Nets on the Basketball hoops

VII. Administrative Comment

Administrative Comment

Mrs. Valente presented tokens of appreciation for Board appreciation week from elementary classes

VIII. Executive Session

Executive Session

MOTION, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person(s) or corporation(s).

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the DeRuyter Central School District terminates the employment of Vincent Wright Jr. from the position of Custodian, effective October 13, 2021.

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

Return to Public Session

Terminated employment of V.J. Wright, Jr.

IX. Board Action Items

A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items

RESOLVED, That the Board approve/accept the following Consent Items as set forth on the October 8, 2021 agenda:

1. Approve Minutes – September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Accept Claims Auditor Report
4. Approve Claims Auditor Claim - # 22-003 - \$147.26
5. Accept Treasurer Reports
6. CSE Recommendations
7. Correct Stipend – J. Zech Mentor to \$400 (from \$300 – 8/11/21)
8. Correct Salary – J. Baisley to \$42,432 (from \$44,432 – 8/11/21)

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

Approved Routine Consent Items

B. Consent Agenda – Personnel

1. Resignation

- a. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the resignation of Kelley Hamilton from the position of .5 FTE Music Teacher effective October 4, 2021.

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

Approved Consent Agenda – Personnel

Resignation

2. Appointments

- a. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint the following as set forth on the September 8, 2021 Agenda:
 - i. Kimberly O’Brien Clerk Pro-Tem – 11/3/21 BOE Meeting
 - ii. Kimberly Stanton – Provisional Appointment - Executive Secretary – \$34,402.83 (pro-rated) – eff. 10/12/21

Appointments

- iii. Nichole Doubleday – 52 week probationary – Teacher Aide – \$18,067.75 (prorated) – eff. 9/21/21.
- iv. Rachel Cross – Substitute Teaching Assistant/Aide, Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, Michele Langevin – Substitute Custodian
- v. Julia Mannix, Alexandra Olivo as TIP Substitute Teachers
- vi. Caren Newton, Daniel Newton, Hayley Rousseau, Jolene Payne – Volunteers

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

C. Accept Donation

RESOLVED, That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the generous donation of \$1,500 that was used for the purchase of 9 Haooh Pneumatic Adjustable Height Standing Desks and 12 Fidget Chair Bands from The Mustard Seed.

Accepted Donation

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

Next Meeting –Regular – November 3, 2021 – 6:00 pm – LMC

Items included for review/information: September Warrants

IX. Executive Session (If Needed)

X. Adjournment

Adjournment

RESOLVED, That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 7:30 pm followed by an appreciation cake for the work that the Board does all year for our students.

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

Respectfully Submitted: _____


Sandra Welsh, District Clerk