

DeRuyter Central School  
711 Railroad Street  
DeRuyter, NY 13052

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
6:00 PM – Library/Media Center  
**December 8, 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, Kim O’Brien, Charles Thornton, Katy Denkenberger, Taylor Bass, Olivia Lidell, Jillian Race, Peyton Burrows, Charles Thornton

**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 6:01 pm. 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 1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 0

**III. Presentations**

*FFA Presentation*

A. FFA – Member Leadership Series presented by Olivia Lidell

*Member Leadership Series*

**Topics**

- Date: January 29-30, 2022
- Syracuse On-Center
- Cost/member - \$95
- Approximately 25 members going
- So far only regulations – masking required
- Well over 100 schools (state-wide) attending

B. After-School Enrichment Program – Mr. Thornton

*After-School Enrichment*

➤ **Topics**

- Program started in November 2021
- Presented ideas on the afterschool program – learn as they play – play as they learn
- Provides academic/social-emotional activities
- Benefits: academic, social/emotional, prevention, health & wellness

- Team Members
- Funding Source
- Survey – what clubs would you like
- Schedule of options for students
- Talked about different clubs
- Snacks provided each day
- Questions?? How many high schoolers? Battle of books – 8
- Did an initial survey – any intention for another survey, student participation?  
More student voices.

**IV. Public Comments - None**

**V. Board Comments**

*Board Comments*

Mr. Mierke – **Topics**

- Proud parent moment - Hannah – 2016 Graduate - received final certification for Elementary teacher and has received multiple job interviews

Mrs. Wiesing – **Topics**

- Weekend meals? Not offered this year – cost would be astronomical.
- Michigan – never make the same mistake.
- Thankful for our SPO – his relationships, etc.
- Purchasing a wand (safety feature)

Mr. Hathaway – **Topics**

- NYSSBA – would like to spend about 90 minutes on Board Development – Will send survey to BOE members and build program after that.

**VI. Administrative Comment**

*Administrative  
Comments*

A. Superintendent Updates  
**Topics**

- Madison County no longer quarantining-therefore no contact tracing
- Cortland County is still quarantining/contact tracing
- Facilities Board Sub-committees – need a 5-year projection
- Welcome back Amanda
- Thank you BOE for allowing me to serve as NYSSMA President. There has never been a superintendent to also serve as president
- This past weekend - 500 All-State students attended the Winter NYSSMA Festival. All were masked and vaccinated. Gave all a little hope for normalcy
- DPT will be reconvening – agreed to meet afterschool w/o pay. Would a BOE member like to be on the DPT committee

**Administrative Updates – Mr. Rafferty**

**Topics**

- Reported on the uptick of improper cell phone usage
- Meeting with all students to go over the cell phone policy – clarifying etc.
- Will be sending letter to parents asking for reinforcement of policy
- Consistency has been a problem. Will reinforce with staff at staff meetings

**Other:** District Clerk Welsh read a Thank You from the food pantry for the generous donations by the staff through “Cookies with a Cause”

*Action Items*

## VII. Board Action Items

### A. Consent Agenda – Routine Items

*Consent Agenda –  
Routine Items*

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

1. Approve Minutes – November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Accept Claims Auditor Report
3. Approve Claims Auditor Claim - # 22-005 - \$143.39
4. Accept Treasurer Reports
5. CSE Recommendations
6. Approve Application for Corrected Tax Roll – P & W Rommevaux as per attached.
7. Approve MOA w/DFA regarding Teacher Attendance (Social Worker) as per attached
8. Accept 2021-2022 Tax Collector’s Report as per attached.

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

### B. Consent Agenda – Personnel

*Personnel Items*

1. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools accept the following resignations as set forth on the December 8, 2021 Agenda:

- i. Cassandra Guidarelli, School Social Worker – Effective November 23, 2021
- ii. Brenda Thomas - Teaching Assistant/Sophomore Class Advisor – Effective November 30, 2021
- iii. Bailey Coon, Teaching Assistant/FFA Co-Advisor – Effective December 31, 2021

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

2. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appoint the following as set forth on the December 8, 2021 Agenda:

- i. **3-Year-Old Enrichment Program Staff** effective 10/12/21  
DFA Members: \$30/hr – Samantha Bogert  
CSEA Members: \$20/hr – Angela Wood
- ii. **Extra-Curricular Advisor** - Coby Merkle – Class of 2024 (Sophomores) - \$2,153 (prorated), effective December 1, 2021; Pam Gallerani – Co-Advisor – Ski Club - \$116.49
- iii. **Substitutes:**  
Nicole Ferraro – Substitute Teacher through the TIP Program  
Robin Lucas – Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, Substitute Teaching Assistant/Aide
- iv. **Volunteers** – Jaiden Degear, Kyle Forshee, Bailey Coon

- v. **Long-Term Certified Substitute Teacher** – Molly LaHart – eff. approx. 12/22/21 through approx. April 4, 2022 (for B. Lancaster LOA) - \$42,434 (prorated).

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

3. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools amend the appointment of Cassidy Richardson as Ski Club advisor \$232.98 (passed at 6/9/21 Regular Board Meeting) to Co-Advisor - \$116.49.

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

### C. Policy

*Policy Consideration*

1. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Revised Policy # 1510 – Bylaws – with the correction of the number needed for a quorum from 5 to 3.

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

### D. Public Hearing/Regular Meeting (May 10, 2022) Time Change

1. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the time change of the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting (May 10, 2022) from 6:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

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

### E. Approve FFA Overnight Field Trip

*Approved FFA  
Overnight Field Trip*

1. **RESOLVED** That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the FFA overnight field trip to the Member Leadership Series January 29-30, 2022 at the Syracuse On-Center for approximately 25 students.

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

*Next Meeting*

**Next Meeting –Regular – January 12, 2022 – 6:00 pm – LMC**

Items included for review/information: November Warrants

### IX. Executive Session

*Executive Session*

1. **RESOLVED** That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:09 pm for the purpose of discussing a specific person.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:32 pm

***Be It Resolved*** That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to send a letter to an individual identified in Executive Session.

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

**X. Adjournment**

***RESOLVED*** That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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

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

  
Sandra J. Welsh, District Clerk

*Return to Public Session*

*Approved Resolution to send letter.*

*Adjournment*