

DeRuyter Central School  
711 Railroad Street  
DeRuyter, NY 13052

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
6:00 PM – Elementary Gym  
**January 28, 2021**

**Members Present:** Dean Hathaway, Bradley Mierke, Daniel Degear, Richard Metcalf, Jodi Wiesing  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** David Brown, Sandy Welsh, Amanda Graham-Quirk, Sheri Smith, Ed Stafford, Michelle Stafford, Cassidy Richardson

**I. Special Meeting Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

*Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance*

The Special Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education was called to order by President Hathaway at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

**II. Establish Agenda**

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

*Established Agenda*

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

**III. Discussion Items**

*Discussion Items*

1. Athletics – Dr. Brown

**Topics**

- Governor **only** gave 1 week to figure out how to start athletics
- 1st practice could be Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> with first competition on Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Season would go through March 14<sup>th</sup> – crossover of Fall 2 starting March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Athletes can do both seasons with some communication and collaboration
- Many meetings with County Health Department, Sectional League Leaders, and League members
- If we play, will follow strict guidelines set by State/County and enforced by DCS Athletes
- Positivity rate must remain below 5% to continue to practice/play
- Positivity rate 5-8% - practice only
- Positivity rate 8% and above – practice/play on pause
- All athletes, coaches, officials, etc. must wear a mask at all times. If athlete cannot tolerate the mask, they will need to speak to their Coach, AD, Principal or Superintendent
- Dr. Rahner (FHN) – expectation for any athlete who previously tested positive should have physical to ensure they are healthy and show no lung/heart issues
- Many different opinions from counties on playing only in their own county, region, league or section.
- Our league (CCL) has decided to play only varsity sports for winter sports – no decision for Fall 2 as yet
- CCL is not permitting spectators – Senior night was discussed

- Working with our Tech Department to get a mounted camera in the LargeGym to be able to stream our home games
- Sheri Smith (AD) is working on process for game nights including score keepers, locker room usage, safety, water bottle rules, temperature checks, masking rules, athletes coming dressed
- Sanitize between each practice and every game.
- Thank you to Sheri Smith for her time and leadership
- In case the Board wanted to know, Dr. Brown is supporting the start of Athletics
- Opposing team if anyone being positive – all athletes are quarantined and possibly others in attendance

### Discussion

Mr. Degear congratulates Dr. Brown and Ms. Smith for finding a way to make it happen – proud of the team here. Thank you.

Ms. Smith

- Section III - 6 Practices/ waived the 7 day rule
- Recommending 3 games/week – and try to stay away from back to back games
- League discussion – keep us in our pod to stop clusters
- Officials – Assignors are comfortable with amount of officials and are asking them to abide by our masking rule

### IV. Public Comments

Question on streaming – How accessible?? No answers yet

Question on Spectators – this season – no guidelines from Madison County

### V. Board Action Items

#### A. Approval of Winter Sports

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve participation in Winter Sports effective February 1, 2021.

*Approval of Winter Sports*

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

#### B. Appoint Coaches

**RESOLVED**, That the Board appoint the following coaches for 2020-2021 Winter Sports (prorated one-half season): Abstain - dd

*Appointed Winter Coaches*

Ric Barnes – Varsity Boys’ Basketball - \$2,363.98  
Paul Barnes – Volunteer  
Sean Meigs – Volunteer  
Jamie Doolittle – Varsity Girls’ Volleyball - \$2,318.55  
Jessica Degear – Volunteer  
Kristen Romagnoli – Varsity Girls’ Basketball - \$2,080.00

**Motion:** CARRIED                      1<sup>st</sup>: Wiesing                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mierke  
**Vote:**                      Yes: 4                      No: 0                      Abstain: 1 (Degear)

**VI. Public Comments**  
**Topics**

*Public Comments*

Mr. Mierke – public comment – Daughter is ½ through sophomore year in college because of the credits earned at DCS. Make sure all know about this opportunity – can save almost a full year of college.

Mr. Hathaway’s as well as Mr. Degear’s sons received extensive credits from DeRuyter – saved about \$30K

Dr. Brown –

- “Congratulations to all. That’s why I came back – saw something special and magical.”
- Congratulations on bringing 9-12 students back full time – So fortunate. But must do it right – can open the flood gates for more activities.

Ms. Smith - stress to athletes/parents – must be honest about how the athletes are feeling each day.

**NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2021**

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a particular person or corporation

*Executive Session*

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

Mr. Degear left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**RESOLVED**, That the Regular Meeting of the DeRuyter Central School Board of Education be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

*Adjournment*

**Motion:** CARRIED                      1<sup>st</sup>: Mierke                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Metcalf  
**Vote:**                      Yes: 4                      No: 0                      Absent: 1 (Degear)

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



Sandra Welsh, District Clerk