

NORTHPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 5, 2023 Edna Drinkwater School
6:00 pm Regular School Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – Mark called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. Citizen Comments – No Citizens were present
3. Consent Agenda – Deb made a motion to approve the agenda. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular School Committee meeting

4. Reports

A. Superintendent

* We currently have 89 students (grades K-8) and 64 students (grades 9-12).

* The MSMA conference is on October 26th. All board members would like to register for the conference. The Superintendent will register the board.

* Starbright Cleaners will be hired to clean the school in the evenings. They will work 3 hours per week, 4 days per week. They will also cover for the custodian during various times throughout the week.

* The generator is installed and ready for use in case of emergency.

B. Principal

* The opening of school went well. Students are glad to be back. Teachers have done a great job preparing classrooms and Ken and Dillon did a fantastic job preparing the school during the summer.

* Open House/Spaghetti Dinner will be on September 20th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The book fair will also be that week.

* I met with the PTG and they are excited and ready to go for the year. Their goals are recruitment of new members and fundraising.

C. School Committee

* Mark has been in contact with Maine School Management. They have had 7 inquiries requesting applications. Peg has offered to continue as the Special Education Director for the remainder of the school year. The Board agreed.

D. Finance

* The Business Manager submitted the financial report to the Board.

* The auditor has scheduled October 25th and 26th for the beginning of the school audit.

5. Transportation

* Belfast Area High School will dismiss at 1:30 on the first Friday of each month. Northport high schoolers will be picked up when our bus can get there after the elementary run. Some special education students will be picked up and transported by the Drinkwater van.

6. School Safety Updates – Security Cameras, Doors, Trainings

* Sargent Brown did another initial ALICE training for new staff and for staff that hadn't been trained yet.

* The Board looked at new safety protocols for the locking of classroom doors in the event of an active shooter/lockdown.

7. Policy –

Third Reading – Deb made a motion to approve the following form. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

1. Form NEPN/NSBA Code: IJJ-E – Challenge of Instructional or Library-Media Materials

(accompanies IJJ Instructional Library – Media Materials Selection)

Second Reading – Deb made a motion to approve the following policy. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Policy NEPN/NSBA Code: BHC – Board Relationships and Communications with Staff

First Reading – Deb made a motion to approve the following policy in first reading. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Policy NEPN/NSBA Code: ECA2 – Outside School Security Cameras

8. Facilities

* See above for generator update.

* Lynn's Tree Care is coming to meet with Todd to give an estimate for the removal of the fallen trees on the Beach path.

Deb made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Next School Committee meeting: **October 10, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**