**Northport School Committee Agenda**

**December 12, 2023 Edna Drinkwater School**

**6:00 pm Regular School Committee Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

2. Citizen Comments – No Citizens present

3. Consent Agenda – Deb made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular School Committee meeting

4. Reports - \*The Superintendent request to add a discussion regarding use of personal vehicles by staff members for school business. (Add after school safety.)

A. Superintendent

\* Ken is back and everyone is very glad to see him!

\* The 131st legislature will be considering 40 different education bills this session. Some bills include minimum pay for support staff, minimum pay for teachers, requiring personal finance to qualify to get a high school diploma, determining teacher ratios at technical centers, suspension of students, and underfunded amount of special education support for minimum receiving schools.

\* The Waldo Country Safety Task Force group has tabled the Mutual Aid Agreement until the next meeting in January. We will review it again in February.

\* The Belfast Waterworks is not going to purchase the generator. We will check with MAC Electric to see if they have any possible buyers.

B. Principal

\* We have some upcoming events that we are very excited about. Tomorrow, Dec. 13th @ 2:00 is our Winter/Holiday Concert. Thank you to Ms. Dumas who has been working tremendously hard preparing our students. Also, thank you to Ms. Dove for having students decorate for the concert. Also, on December 21st we will have our Annual PTG Holiday Bazaar. All of our students get to go shopping for the holidays for their families. Thank you to all of the parents and community members who have dropped off items for that.

\* Last Friday, December 8th, was our 2nd Annual Star Party. There were approximately 75 people here over the two hours to gaze at the stars and planets. (Students were very excited to see the rings of Saturn.) Thank you to Ms. Chapman who graciously stayed to keep the hot chocolate full and to Ms. Dumas who made the best star cookies ever! Kids and families had a great night.

\* Sue Beeman from the Belfast Rotary came to the school and presented us with a check for $2500 to start a clothing closet here at our school for students who might need winter clothing. Ms. Hawthorne, Social Worker and Ms. Gurney, school nurse, have offered to get that program going. They will be working on how students can access the closet.

\* I called Maine Fire regarding the sprinkler system and sent back the signed agreement. The repairs need to be done in warm weather. When they call to schedule in the spring we will set that appointment for after July 1st so it can be budgeted in next year’s budget.

\* The students, families, and staff donated over 1300 items to the Northport Food Pantry at our annual Food Drive in November. Thank you to everyone that was able to donate to this wonderful cause.

\* The first trimester is already over. Report cards went home last week.

C. School Committee

\* Superintendent interviews will take place next week.

D. Finance – The Business Manager submitted the monthly financial report. The work on the audit will begin in the coming months.

5. School Safety Updates – Emergency Plan Approval – Deb made a motion to approve the emergency plan. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

\*\* **Discussion regarding use of personal vehicles by staff members for school business.**

6. Policy – Deb made a motion to approve the following policies in second reading. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Second Reading

\* Policy NEPN/NSBA Code: JHB - Truancy

\* Policy NEPN/NSBA Code: JKAA – Physical Restraint and Seclusion

\* Procedure NEPN/NSBA Code: JKAA-R – Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

7. Facilities –

\* The new snow plow contractor did a great job plowing for the first storm.

Deb made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Next School Committee meeting: **Monday,** **January 8, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.**