**Northport School Committee Agenda**

**January 8, 2024 Edna Drinkwater School**

**4:00 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

A. Superintendent

\* The old generator is still up for sale. We have had three interested party but not felt it was appropriate to meet their needs. Mark will check with James Kossuth, Northport town manager, to see if he will check with other towns to see if they would be interested in purchasing a generator.

\* Peg has asked to have policy NEPN/NSBA – Code EEBB looked at during the next meeting as it has been submitted to the school lawyers to review.

\* The support staff has requested an excel sheet from the district to see what the current contract amounts are, etc.

\* The signed copy of the school warming agreement between the school and the town has been given to the Board.

\* Our pellet boiler did not start. The compressor needs to be replaced and the pneumatic valves need to be reworked. Siemens sent an approximate estimate for $3100 to repair.

\* The district is still in the process of having the audit completed. The business manager has been working with the Town Treasurer in the process.

B. Principal

\* Winter NWEA – Grades 3 through 6 will be taking the winter NWEA assessment in the areas of reading and math. Winter assessment is optional for schools.

\* Uninterrupted learning time – January – February break is a great block of time for teaching and learning. We have very few activities, holidays, or events so happy learning for all!

C. School Committee

\* Sandy asked the Superintendent about if the increase of the State minimum wage will impact any of our employees. The Superintendent will check with the Business Manager.

D. Finance – The Business manager provided a financial report to the Board. A budget timeline has been given to the Board as the process of developing a budget for next school year begins.

5. School Safety Updates – N/A

6. Policy First Reading

\* Policy NEPN/NSBA – Code EEBB - Use of Private Vehicles – This policy will be reviewed by Drummond & Woodsum. The approval for first reading will be moved to February.

Third Reading – Deb made a motion to approve the following policies in third reading. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

\* 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 superintendent has gotten two estimates regarding the installation of a small window to be put in the kitchen to help with alleviating the temperature in the kitchen. A decision has not been made yet regarding installation.

**Deb made a motion to go into Executive to discuss personnel. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion moved 3-0. The Board went into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:37 p.m.**

8. Hiring of New Superintendent – The Board has offered the position of Superintendent to Peter Gallace. He is currently the Superintendent of North Haven and Matinicus. He will be working on campus on Wednesdays. His start date will be February 1, 2024.

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Next School Committee meeting: **February 13, 2024**