

Northport School Committee Minutes
April 9, 2024 Edna Drinkwater School
6:00 pm Regular School Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum - The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

2. Citizen Comments - No citizens present at the meeting.

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

- There is grant money available from the state for preschool development. He is hoping that it will be available next year as well.
- Mr. Gallace met with the Northport Town Select Board regarding the school budget.

B. Principal

- Eclipse Day was a great event at Drinkwater. The Middle School teaching team designed activities that the MS students could teach to the younger students. The elementary students made eclipse models, heard a readers' theater about the different legends and folk tales regarding eclipses, and learned how to use their safety glasses. At the end of the day the entire school went to the basketball court to watch the beginning of the eclipse. Some parents and families stayed to continue watching. It was a great day. Thank you to Ms. Silvey and Ms. Vail and to the middle school students for their hard work.
- Today, author Jennifer Jacobson visited our school. She talked with all of our students about being an author and how she creates her characters and books. Students asked great questions and she was very impressed with our students and our school.
- Next week is vacation week.
- The PTG Family Feud night has been rescheduled to April 25th.
- The State NWEA testing window opens on April 22nd. We will start testing in May. 3rd - 8th grade students are tested in Math and Reading. 5th and 8th grade students are also tested in Science.

- Kindergarten screening will be on May 24th.

C. School Committee - The June Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th directly after the Town Meeting.

D. Finance - The Business Manager presented the April financial report.

5. School Safety Updates - No Updates

6. Policy - Deb made a motion to accept the two following policies that are in the 2nd reading. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- A. [Community Use of School](#) (No changes were made.)
- B. [Private Vehicles to Transport Students](#) - 2nd Reading
- C. [Private Vehicles for School Use](#) - 2nd Reading
- D. Substitute Employees

7. Facilities

- The window in the kitchen is being installed over April vacation.
- The greenhouse/playground area is being excavated to provide more drainage over April vacation as well.

8. 2024-2025 School Calendar - Deb made a motion to approve the calendar. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

8. Executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations and renewal with personnel pursuant to MSRS Chapter 13 §405 6D. - Deb made a motion to go into executive session at 7:00 p.m. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:47 p.m..

9. Principal contract renewal - Deb made a motion to renew the principal's contract for a period of three years, through June 30, 2027. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.