

Northport School Committee Minutes
February 13, 2024 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 6:00 p.m.

The Superintendent requested an executive session to discuss contract negotiations for personnel.

2. Citizen Comments - No Citizens present
3. Consent Agenda - Deb made a motion to approve 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

- Ms. Long and Ms. Waterhouse have been working to switch over state reports and data so the new Superintendent can access Northport DOE reports.
- The Superintendent is going to check with the Support Staff Association and the Board for possible dates to begin negotiations.

B. Principal

- Schedule for Upcoming Events: 2/14 - Middle School students delivering Valentines to local residents of senior housing and the Belfast Soup Kitchen, 2/19-2/23 is Winter Break, 2/28 - First grade swimming begins at the Y, 2/28 - Drinkwater 3rd grade will be on the weather segment of WMTW weather segments, 3/7 - MLTI Conference for students in Grades 5-8, & 3/8 - End of the 2nd trimester.
- Thank you to the staff for working so hard. They have been very flexible in helping to cover classes and duties. They are amazing.
- The Winter NWEA local assessment ends this Friday. Students in grades 3-6 took the assessment. The spring assessment will be for grades 3-8.
- Mr. Martin asked the Board for more clarification regarding the Use of Facilities policy due to several requests made to use the building.

C. School Committee

- A resident asked Sandy about the possibility of a Pre-K program.

D. Finance

- The Business Manager submitted a financial report to the Board.

5. School Safety Updates - None

6. Policy

First Reading

- * Policy NEPN/NSBA – Code EEBA - Use of Private Vehicles

7. Facilities - None

8. Pre-K

- The DOE will be transferring the responsibility of 3 and 4 year olds with disabilities from Child Development Services (CDS) to local school districts. All schools will be responsible by the Fall of 2027. O/T, P/T, Speech & Language will need to be provided by school districts. The Superintendent is recommending that next year be a year to research different models and gather information to possibly implement a Pre-K the year after next.

9. 2024-2025 Budget: Staffing Changes & Facilities Projects

Deb made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to MSRS Chapter 13 §405 6D.

. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next School Committee meeting: **March 12, 2024**