

Northport School Committee Minutes
May 14, 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.
2. Citizen Comments - No Citizens Present
3. Consent Agenda - Deb made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Superintendent asked to make two changes to the agenda. 1. To move the Special Education report to after the Consent Agenda and 2. To nominate a new teacher for the 2024-2025 school year after the Facilities report.
 - A. Approval of Minutes of Regular School Committee meeting
4. Reports
 - A. Superintendent
 - All contracts have been completed and signed for next year.
 - The state is still offering up to \$50,000 for a Pre-K grant for next year. If we plan on applying we will need to do that by May.
 - MSMA visited several weeks ago to do a site inspection and submitted a report to the district.
 - B. Principal
 - The principal and staff would like to thank our Parent/Teacher Group for their kindness during Teacher Appreciation Week. Their generosity was very much appreciated.
 - The staff is working very hard as we prepare to end our school year. There are end of year activities such as Wellness Wednesday and Field Day that teachers are planning, end of year State Testing, the 8th Grade moving on ceremony (June 4th at 5:30 p.m), etc. The traditional Community BBQ will be on June 5th at 5:00 p.m.
 - The State Through Year Assessment has begun. We will be testing until May 23rd with make-up testing after that.
 - Our first ever Wellness Wednesday will be tomorrow. Thank you to Amanda Gurney, our nurse, Peggy Shea, Phys. Ed. Teacher, and Lindsay Hawthorne,

Social worker for planning a wonderful day for our students. The day will focus on students learning about healthy choices and being active.

- 5th-8th graders will be attending a technology conference at the University of Maine on Thursday, May 23rd. It will be another great opportunity for students to be on a University campus.
- A schedule of end of year events was given to the Board.

C. School Committee - Nothing to report

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

5. School Safety Updates - Nothing to report

6. Policy - Deb made a motion to accept the three following policies in 3rd/2nd reading. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

A. [Private Vehicles to Transport Students](#) - 3rd Reading

B. [Private Vehicles for School Use](#) - 3rd Reading

C. Substitute Employees - 1st Reading

7. Facilities - Nothing to Report

New Hire Contract - Deb made a motion to nominate Carson Hope as the first grade teacher beginning in August 2024. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

8. Probationary Teacher Contracts

Deb made a motion to nominate the following teachers for a 2nd year probationary contract. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

- Greta Brown
- Ann McClellan

9. New Continuing Teacher Contracts

Deb made a motion to nominate the following teachers for a continuing contract. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

- Kerri Bartlett
- Melissa Silvey
- Peggy Shea
- Amanda Gurney

10. Special Education Updates

- The Special Education Director reported back from a conference she attended.
- Waldo County Hospital will no longer be able to offer contracted Occupational Therapist services next year.
- She presented information regarding the transition from preschool moving from CDS to local school districts.

11. Adjournment - Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.