

Northport School Committee Minutes
December 10, 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 at this meeting
3. Consent Agenda - Deb made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
4. Reports
 - A. Superintendent
 - We did not get the Pre-K grant. Only three schools in the state got the grant. They were schools with a higher percentage of free/reduced families.
 - The Superintendent talked about the possible need of purchasing a new van. Two vans will not fit the number of students that will be in the middle school next year. There will also be a large number of middle school students in upcoming years.
 - B. Principal
 - Our annual food drive was a huge success. The students raised 1,317 items for the Northport Food Pantry. They earned two incentives for their hard work. They earned a whole school movie and were able to tape Mr. Martin to the gym wall. Thank you to Ms. Bierwas who organized the event. Her 4th graders did an amazing job counting and sorting all of our items.
 - Our PTG Holiday Bazaar is on Wednesday, December 18th.
 - Our Holiday concert is on Wednesday, December 11th. Thank you to Ms. Dumas who works with our students to put on a magical concert for everyone. She does a phenomenal job with our concerts.
 - Our 5th - 8th grade students are participating in our school Spelling Bee on Thursday, December 12th. The winner will compete in the County Spelling Bee next year.
 - I am working to finalize a contradance residency for our students to participate in this winter.

- Thank you to Mr. Ken for decorating the front entrance. He made the wreaths himself and they look great!
- Basketball season is well underway. Thank you to Rusty and Coach Peter for their hard work in bringing basketball back to Drinkwater. I appreciate their hard work.
- We are working to expand our ELL program as several new students have arrived that will work in the ELL program.
- We are still in the midst of our two new math pilot programs. I will report back on teacher feedback in the coming months.

C. School Committee - Nothing to Report

D. Finance - The Business Manager submitted a financial report to the Board. Deb made a motion to accept the financial report with thanks to Belinda. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

5. School Safety Updates - We are currently updating our emergency bags to ensure that all classrooms have the necessary items in case of an emergency.

6. Policy - N/A

7. Facilities - The pellet boiler has been turned on for the winter season.

8. Pre-K - See Superintendent report.

9. Adjournment - Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at . Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.